

Somers Day Camp Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Description

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program is a volunteer position that provides young people with the opportunity to acquire professional work experience and leadership skills through the summer camp program.

Responsibilities with Campers

The CIT's will be subject to the same code of behavior and policies as regular program staff and will participate in all aspects of camp life. Under the supervision of a senior counselor they will:

- Make the camp a fun place to be, helping to plan and prepare games and activities.
- Supervise cleaning, meals, and bathroom breaks.
- Help provide a safe and supportive atmosphere for campers.
- Help campers resolve conflicts.

- CIT's will always work with a Counselor and/or camp administrative staff.
- CIT's are not permitted to supervise campers alone or to implement disciplinary action towards any campers.
- CIT's will work with the camp administrative staff to learn the basics of child development, programming, and supervision procedures and policies, etc.
- CIT's will work with staff to develop and co-lead workshops or games.
- CIT's will participate in informal and formal activities with campers.

How are CIT's Chosen?

New applicants must fill out a Town of Somers Volunteer Application and return it to the Recreation Department with two letters of reference. An informal interview will take place in person at the Recreation Department offices. CIT's are chosen based on their application, references, experience, skills and an informal interview. The age requirement for a CIT is 13-16.

CIT Schedules

The maximum number of weeks that a CIT will be scheduled during the summer is four unless otherwise noted by the Somers Recreation Department. New CIT's will be scheduled for one introductory week. Upon successful completion of the initial week, additional weeks will be scheduled. CIT schedules will be dependent on camper enrollment and staffing ratios. Returning CIT's schedules for the summer will be communicated prior to the first day of camp.

CIT's are not paid positions. CIT's are responsible for any expenses related to Camp such as field trip costs.

How to Apply

The application and two letters of reference can be returned via mail, email or dropped off at the Somers Recreation Department, 619 Main Street, Somers CT 06071.

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The deadline to apply for the Summer Camp 2024 Counselor-in-Training program is May 17th.