

Peoria Park District Summer Day Camps COUNSELORS IN TRAINING



The Peoria Park District is excited to introduce our new Counselor In Training (CIT) Program! Our American Camp Association accredited summer camps are proud to offer this new option to those that have aged out of traditional camp. The CIT Program is a chance for 14-15 year olds to learn and practice hands on skills in leadership, teamwork, problem solving, organization, and more. CITs will work with camp staff in providing a fun and safe summer camp experience to younger campers, while also having fun! CITs will have the opportunity for skill development, job shadowing within PPD, resume workshops, and other professional development. It will be challenging, rewarding, and most of all- fun!

General Information

- Ages:** 14– 15, by start of session
- Session Length:** two weeks, open M-F 7:30am-5:00pm.
- May register for multiple sessions
- Locations and fees:** Lakeview Day Camp: \$190/session
Proctor Day Camp: \$120/session
Ancient Oaks Day Camp: \$200/session
- Questions:** Contact camps@peoriaparks.org or 309-681-3546

Applications

We take fun seriously and hope prospective PPD CITs do too! In order to ensure a great fit for the summer, all CIT candidates will complete an online application and a Zoom interview with Camp Directors.

- Applications and interviews will begin in early January, with acceptance decisions going out beginning February 10.
- Applications will be accepted afterwards if space allows, as spots are limited per session.
- Applications can be found at peoriaparks.org/camps
- After the application process, if selected, CITs will be able to register for their chosen sessions.
- Spots are limited, application does not guarantee enrollment

Leadership Training

All selected CITs will be required to attend a pre-summer CIT Leadership Training on Wednesday, May 28 from 4pm-6pm held at Lakeview Recreation Center. CIT manuals, shirts, and name badges will be provided during training.

What to Expect

A CIT is someone who is kind, responsible, enthusiastic, and has a genuine desire to be at camp and help others. Previous camp experience is a plus, but not required. A CIT can expect to:

- Be a positive role model and example to campers
- Assist in the set up, clean up, and leading of activities
- Assist counselors with keeping camp storage areas organized
- Engage and play with campers
- Assist with camper crowd control
- Assist with lunch or snack time
- Help plan special activities, such as water day
- Attend leadership development sessions
- Participate in all aspects of the program
- Be a team player and encourage others
- Ask questions and try new things
- Network with CITs from other PPD camps
- Have so much fun!

CIT Responsibilities

CITs are not staff members, they are paying participants in their own tier. They will not be alone with campers or discipline campers. They are expected to show respect to all, stay safe, and use kind language. In order to keep our programs safe, if a CIT fails to follow these guidelines, or is a negative influence, they will be dismissed from the program without refund.

CITs should come prepared for the day and leave electronic devices at home. Phone use is not permitted during camp. A guardian will sign them in and out of camp daily.

Sessions

Registration will not be available until application process is complete and candidate is accepted. CIT can register for multiple sessions. Most Mondays will include Professional Development at the Noble Center or other PPD locations, transportation will be provided from camp.

*No camp on 6/19 or 7/4. Registration is for the entire session, no discounts or prorates for days not attended

CIT Session A 6/2 - 6/6, 6/9 - 6/13	CIT Session B 6/16 - 6/20*, 6/23 - 6/27	CIT Session C 6/30 - 7/3*, 7/7 - 7/11	CIT Session D 7/14 - 7/18, 7/21 - 7/25	CIT Session E 7/28 - 8/1, 8/4 - 8/8
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