

# Peoria Park District Summer Day Camps COUNSELORS IN TRAINING



The Peoria Park District is excited to offer a Counselor In Training (CIT) Program! Our American Camp Association accredited summer camps are proud to offer this option to those that have aged out of traditional camp and are ready for their next challenge. 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. CITs will have the opportunity for skill development, 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

**Locations:** Lakeview, Proctor, and Ancient Oaks Day Camps

**Fees:** \$75 per session

**Application:** Visit [www.peoriaparks.org/camps](http://www.peoriaparks.org/camps) to apply

**Required Leadership Training Night:** Thurs May 28, 5-7pm

**Questions:** Contact [camps@peoriaparks.org](mailto:camps@peoriaparks.org) or 309-681-3546

## Applications

In order to ensure a great mutual fit for the CIT and camps, all CIT candidates will complete an online application and a Zoom interview with camp directors. Registration will not be available unless selected.

- Applications and interviews will begin in early January, with acceptance decisions going out on a rolling basis
- Spots are limited and competitive, application does not guarantee enrollment

## Who is a CIT?

A CIT is someone who is kind, responsible, enthusiastic, ready to learn, and has a *genuine desire to be at camp* and help others. They should enjoy working with children ages 5-8.

Previous camp experience is a plus, but not required. This is not the best fit for someone who wants to sit on the sidelines.

## What to Expect

CITs will assist in the day-to-day operations of camp, under guidance of counselors

- Be a positive role model and example to campers
- Assist in the set-up, clean up, and leading of activities
- Engage with and play with campers
- Assist with lunch or snack time
- Help plan special activities or games
- Attend leadership development sessions
- Participate in all aspects of the program
- Be a team player and encourage others
- Ask questions and try new things
- 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, use kind language, and be helpful.

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. More info can be found in the CIT guide on our website.

## 2026 Sessions

Registration is for the entire session. Partial sessions are not available. Accepted CITs may register for multiple sessions across multiple camps, as space allows. CIT should plan to be at camp at least 9am-3pm.

SESSION A	SESSION B	SESSION C	SESSION D	SESSION E
6/1-6/5, 6/8-6/12	6/15-6/18, 6/22-6/26	6/29-7/3, 7/6-7/10	7/13-7/17, 7/20-7/24	7/27-7/31, 8/3-8/7
Ancient Oaks Lakeview Proctor	Ancient Oaks Lakeview Proctor	Ancient Oaks Lakeview Proctor	Ancient Oaks Lakeview Proctor	Ancient Oaks Lakeview