

## **2020 COUNSELOR IN TRAINING APPLICATION**

Become a role model and have the best summer of your life! The Counselor-In-Training program is designed for older kids with a genuine interest in engaging with younger campers who wish to develop leadership and communication skills, gain experience in planning, and instruct a variety of activities. CITs are held to high expectations. A positive, cooperative attitude is a critical attribute for this unique opportunity. CITs will be mentored and assisted each day all summer long. Program participation is based on an application and interview process. This program does not guarantee a paid position as a counselor once participants are eligible for employment. **If you have any questions, contact Kara Guizzetti-Reif at 630-513-4326 or [kguizzetti@stcpark.org](mailto:kguizzetti@stcpark.org).**

### **Who can apply to be a CIT?**

Any responsible student entering grades 7-10 looking to learn/advance leadership skills and enjoys working with children.

### **Why should I apply?**

The CIT program is a fun and active program where you will build relationships, broaden your leadership abilities, gain confidence and become a mentor to younger campers.

### **What does a CIT do?**

Learn from experienced camp counselors, engage and lead campers in daily activities, participate in team-building games, make new friends, enjoy field trips and go swimming at Otter Cove Aquatic Park and Swanson Pool.

### **What is included in the fee?**

Fee includes all field trips and pool admissions AND the opportunity to become a great leader!

### **How do I apply?**

CIT applications are available online at [stcparks.org](http://stcparks.org) under 'Forms' on the main page. Complete and submit your CIT application by April 6.

### **How does the application process work?**

All submitted applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled by the Pottawatomie Camp Supervisor.

### **Does everyone who applies get to be a CIT?**

No. The Park District would like to accommodate all applicants, but there are a limited number of spots available. You are not guaranteed a position in the program.

### **How will I know if I am accepted?**

If accepted, you will be contacted by the Pottawatomie Camp Supervisor and given instructions on how to complete the registration process.

### **Where do I submit my CIT application?**

After completing the form, drop it off in person at the Pottawatomie Community Center, 8 North Avenue or email it to [kguizzetti@stcparks.org](mailto:kguizzetti@stcparks.org) by April 6. Late applications will not be considered. Interviews will be scheduled throughout April, beginning the week of April 13.

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2020) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

Have you previously been a CIT? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a CIT? *Include skills you would gain from this position* \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you think you can contribute to the program? \_\_\_\_\_

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What qualities do you think a good counselor should have? \_\_\_\_\_

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What types of activities do you enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_

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What experiences have you had working with others? *For example: babysitting, sports, community service, scouting, etc.*

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Is there anything else about yourself you'd like to share? \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_