

2026 COUNSELOR IN TRAINING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Become a role model and have the best summer of your life! The CIT leadership program is designed for teens with a genuine interest in engaging with others. You will develop leadership and communication skills, gain experience in planning activities, and assist in instructing summer campers. CIT leaders will be held to high expectations. A positive, cooperative attitude is a critical attribute for this unique opportunity. CIT leaders 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 at the St. Charles Park District once participants are eligible for employment. **If you have any questions, contact Kara Guizzetti at 630-513-4326 or kguizzetti@stcparks.org.**

Who can apply to be a CiT leader?

Ages 12-15 looking to learn and/or advance leadership skills.

Why should I apply?

This program is a fun and active program where you will build relationships, broaden your coaching skills and gain confidence as a leader.

What does a CiT leader do?

You will make new friends, participate in team-building games, engage and lead campers in daily activities, participate in field trips and enjoy time at the pool.

What is included in the fee?

Fee includes field trips, supplies for the week, t-shirt AND the opportunity to become a great leader!

How do I apply?

Applications are available online at stcparks.org under 'Forms' on the 'Activities' tab. Complete and submit your application by April 15.

How does the application process work?

All submitted applications will be reviewed, and interviews will be scheduled by a Camp Supervisor and CiT program Counselors.

Does everyone who applies get to be a CiT leader?

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 a Camp Supervisor and given instructions on how to complete the registration process in person.

Where do I submit my 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 by Wednesday, April 15. Late applications will not be considered. Interviews will be scheduled in April.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade (Fall 2026) _____

Address _____ T-shirt Size _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What leadership skills do you already have? What skills would you like to learn from this program?

What does it mean to work as a team? _____

What qualities do you think a good leader should have? _____

Who in your life is a good leader (role model) and why? _____

List any experience working with others. *For example: babysitting, sports, community service, scouting, etc.*

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

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____