



C.I.T. Counselors in Training

Ages 14-17yrs (age determined as of January 28th, 2019)

Starting January 28, Canton Parks and Recreation will be inviting applications for Counselors in Training program that will be held at our summer camps June 24th-August 23rd between the hours of 9am-3pm Monday-Friday.

Note: There are a limited number of spaces for this program. Spaces will be filled on a rolling basis and may close at any time.

Criteria for Acceptance into the program

Ideal candidates should enjoy children, be enthusiastic, responsible, and mature. Interested individuals must complete the following steps to be admitted into the program.

___ Must submit an application packet which will include a completed C.I.T application and a reference form completed by a coach, teacher, principal.

___ After the packets have been received candidates will be contacted for a brief interview at the Parks & Recreation Office

___ Successful candidates will be sent an acceptance letter into the program. Upon receipt of the acceptance letter, candidates will be required to submit a registration fee of \$65.00 per week, with a minimum required enrollment of 3 weeks (by June 14th).

What is the C.I.T. Experience?

The C.I.T experience is one with an emphasis on learning and individual growth. With that in mind, it is our mission to work with each C.I.T. to help them develop and reach goals by the end of the summer. Some of the program highlights are below:

*C.I.T.'s will get hands on experience working with children from ages 3-13yrs in a fun, fast paced, summer camp environment. C.I.T.'s admitted into the program will be placed at either our Explorers Day Camp or Tiny Tots Pre-School Camp. Note: You may indicate age group preference on your application materials but placements will not be guaranteed.

- * C.I.T.'s will be assigned a Recreation Leader "Mentor" throughout the duration of the summer
- * C.I.T.'s will report directly to the Camp Supervisor
- * C.I.T.'s will participate in weekly leadership workshops that will include team building, activity planning, and leadership training.

Benefits of Becoming a C.I.T.

- *Have the opportunity to work with children, impact lives in a positive way, and create memories that last a lifetime!
- *Excellent resume builder (great for college applications)
- * CIT's that perform well may be given preference in the hiring process when Counselor positions become available and the CIT is of working age.

Special Considerations

- *While we fully understand a parent/guardian should be the strong backbone of any C.I.T. we encourage parents/guardians to have a limited role in this program. After all this is a leadership program and in order for C.I.T.'s to be successful they must be given the opportunity to be independent, responsible, and able to advocate for themselves. Teaching responsibility is one of the main goals of our program, so please support our efforts by encouraging your young adult to handle all C.I.T. business on their own!
- *Time off and vacations are discouraged due to the nature of our summer camp programs. They are nine weeks long and we are looking for full commitments. Any time off must be agreed upon and approved in advance by the Recreation Coordinator. This time will be included in the acceptance letter into the program.

Application packets may be submitted starting **January 28th, 2019** to the Parks and Recreation Office (40 Dyer Ave Canton, CT 06019) - Attention: Lexi Polasek. For any questions please contact the Recreation Coordinator lpolasek@townofcantonct.org or 860-693-5808.