

The Madison County 4-H Camp Counselor-in-Training Program

What is it?

Our C.I.T. Program is an opportunity for 4-H members who have completed 8th grade to explore the possibility of being a camp counselor in the future by assisting with roles before and during camp and interacting with current counselors. By signing up to be a C.I.T. you are volunteering to help with the leadership of many activities before and at camp. You are also indicating to us as camp staff and counselors to pay particular attention to your leadership and teaching skills. At the same time, you will have the opportunity to work more closely with counselors to see if this position is something you would like to apply for in the future.

What are the expectations?

In addition to the basic expectations that we have of all campers to have a positive attitude and respect for others, we expect that C.I.T.'s will utilize their leadership skills to help in any way needed at camp and prior to camp. Examples of leadership skills would include the following:

- Good communications with counselors
- Help solve problems (in cooperation with the counselor)
- Be a role model for campers (in language, behavior, dress, attitude and everything else)
- Have a positive attitude about all activities, the weather, everything
- Volunteer to help out in any situation: workshops, cabin time, special tasks
- Treat everyone with respect always
- Take initiative, see what needs to be done and does it rather than waiting to be asked
- Take responsibility for supervising some camp tasks: Dining hall clean-up, cabin clean-up, Clover bud day camp, camp evaluations, etc.
- Don't hesitate to ask questions or ask for help when you need it.

Requirements to be a C.I.T.:

- Must be able to attend camp the entire time: June 6-9, 2019
- Must register for 4-H camp as a regular camper and check the box stating you wish to be a C.I.T.
- Be a member of "Good Standing" within the Madison County 4-H program.
- Must have interest in being a camp counselor for the following year

To Apply:

- ❑ On the camper registration form, those that will complete 8th grade at the end of the 2018-2019 school year and are 13 years old as on January 1, 2019 can check the box on the form stating that they wish to be a C.I.T.
- ❑ Those that indicated they want to be a C.I.T. will not have to attend any training other than a short meeting at camp, which will be announced at camp, where they will receive specific details on their role at camp, as well as information to apply to be a camp counselor in November/December of that year.



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