

2012 Twilight Park Youth Programs

Counselor In Training / Leadership Program

- **What** - Our Counselor in Training (CIT) Leadership Program for young Teens is a leadership development and counselor training program with team building activities, leadership & counselor training and hands on experience with community projects and children supervision. The CIT's are lead by an adult CIT Leader with experience with these programs in camp settings. This program is not only for Campers who have grown up through the ranks of summer camp and want to learn more about what it takes to be a great Counselor it is also for the young teen who wants to make a community contribution while having fun and developing skills they can use in high school and life
- **Typical Activities for the CIT:**
 - Learn camping, hiking and nature skills (participate in your own CIT overnight camping trips)
 - Learn Basic first aid, pool safety skills and CPR
 - Enjoy fun activities & social events with other CIT's
 - Have hands-on experience working with our younger campers and or community projects
 - Assist staff with the arts & crafts, tennis, swim, theater and or nature programs
 - **Design, plan, and execute your own children's program or community service project with your fellow CIT's**
 - Practice team building, creative thinking, and conflict resolution activities
 - Learn about age characteristics, counseling techniques, group dynamics and organizational skills
- **Qualifications** All CIT's and Junior Counselors must live in one of the Tri Parks (or children of Park Staff) complete an application, provide two references, and submit working papers. They must be available during one of the training periods and agree to participate for at least 2 weeks.
 - **Junior CITs** are volunteers and are usually 13 or 14 year old or a 15 year old with limited experience working with children in a camp or daycare environment. Mature 12 ½ year olds will be considered for the program after participating as a camper in our Youth Program.
 - **Senior CITs** are 15 or 16 year olds that have at least one successful summer season of CIT camp experience. These Teens can earn a small hourly salary for their work with the fee based Play Groups.
- **Donations :** We ask that Parents help us cover our staff and overhead costs involved in maintaining the CIT program by providing a \$100 per week donation. We recommend a maximum of \$300 for the Senior CIT's. Potentially there may be additional optional special programs or training fees. Special considerations for multiple Teen CIT families.

Other Youth and Teen Programs

- **Teen Program Goal-** to provide resident Tri Park and visiting teens with opportunities to meet and socialize with other Teens in a safe and fun environment and to provide opportunities for employment or community service.
- **Teen Program:** There will be evening fun nights planned by the Teens and their Helpers with snacks provided, occasional field trips, camp outs and pool parties and the resume and pocketbook builders help by providing employment and community service opportunities. if you have an idea or would like to be a sponsor contact Paula Canning Canningpaula@aol.com
- **Children and Family Programs:** What's summer without s 'more around the camp fire, pool parties, camp outs, movie night and other good wholesome fun for the children and adults alike. Each of these events has an individual, family or group sponsor and we would love to have everyone involved. See the calendar for the upcoming event and if you have an idea or would like to be a sponsor contact Sarah Post spost123@aol.com.

For additional information about **any** of the Youth Programs contact
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