

C.I.T FORM

Please return to the Conference Camping Office

I am interested in being a Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) at camp in 2018.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ Phone: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ SEX: M F AGE: _____
(AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD)

DATES AVAILABLE: _____ GRADE IN FALL: _____
(AT LEAST THE 10TH GRADE)

CAMPSITE:

Lake Poinsett Camp _____
Storm Mountain Center _____
Wesley Acres Camp _____

AGE LEVEL:

Elementary/Youth (grades 4-8) _____
Mentally/Physically Challenged _____

Have you been a C.I.T at one our Dakotas UM Camping sites? ____ Yes ____ NO

If yes, what years were you a C.I.T? _____

PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

PASTOR'S NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

PASTOR'S PHONE: _____

MAIL TO:
Camp and Retreat Ministry
122 W. Franklin Avenue, Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55404

E-MAIL: info@dakcamps.org

DAKOTAS CONFERENCE CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRY
COUNSELOR- IN-TRAINING
JOB DESCRIPTION

A. Before Camp Begins:

1. Joyfully accept the challenge and pray regularly for the camp.
2. Communicate with the camp site director or camp dean.
3. Stay in touch with the camp site director or camp dean. Study and prepare any material assigned to you.
4. Attend meetings and/or pre-camp training event as planned by the camp staff or camp dean.
5. Become acquainted with the campsite.

B. Camp Check-in:

1. Warmly greet campers and families. You will help them with check-in.
2. Help campers find their cabins and bunks, and help them become acquainted with the campsite and other campers.

C. During the Camp Experience:

1. Uphold and help interpret any rules and procedures for the camp.
2. Get acquainted with your campers, paying particular attention to any special needs or problems.
3. Be an active participant in all camp activities, assisting the dean and counselors and encouraging campers to participate in all camp activities.
4. Provide leadership to the campers and lead them in games and camp activities as suggested by the camp dean.
5. Clean all areas you use. Convey an attitude of respect for camp property, staff, food and camp neighbors. Tell site staff immediately about any facility problems.
6. Share any discipline problems with a counselor or the dean. C.I.T.s will always maintain proper contact with campers.
7. Help campers prepare to return home. Do not make promises to stay in touch with campers via text or other electronic means; be appropriate in replies to campers if they contact you.
8. Complete the counselor evaluation and hand it to the camp dean or send it to the camp office immediately after camp.

D. Following Camp:

1. Take time to share insights, joys, and struggles with the staff.
2. Contact the camping office if you have any suggestions or concerns.

Common Questions about the Counselor-In-Training (C.I.T.) Program

We are glad you are interested in the C.I.T. program. The following questions and answers will give you a better understanding of what it means to serve as a Counselor-In-Training.

Question: What does a C.I.T. do?

Answer: A C.I.T. is a person who believes they are called by God to share their faith, abilities, and love with other people. We are looking for people who will take their leadership responsibility seriously while still enjoying the campers and camp. A good C.I.T. understands the camp experience is about helping campers grow in their faith and leadership. It's not about drawing attention to you.

Question: How old do I have to be to work as a C.I.T.?

Answer: You must be at least 16 years old and three years older than the campers to serve as a C.I.T. 8th and 9th graders may only serve in elementary camps.

Question: How many people can be a C.I.T. at a specific camp?

Answer: Our policy is to have up to one C.I.T. per twenty campers or two per cabin (one male & one female).

Question: Is there any training for the C.I.T.s?

Answer: Your training will be with the camp site director and/or the camp dean.

Question: What are my responsibilities as a C.I.T.?

Answer: To be a positive role model for the campers with a strong emphasis on camper safety. You will assist the counselor, camp dean, and camp staff in supervising all camp activities and to encourage campers to experience Christ, Creation, and Community while attending camp.

Question: What camps need C.I.T.s?

Answer: Elementary/Youth (grades 4-8) camps. C.I.T.s need the site directors and camp dean's approval before registering and must be at least three years older than the campers.

Question: Does it cost anything to be a C.I.T.?

Answer: Yes. The first time you serve as a C.I.T. you pay half the cost of the camp. You pay one-fourth the cost of the second camp you serve as a C.I.T. and service three or more times as a C.I.T. is free.

Question: Yes, I want to be a C.I.T, what is the next step?

Answer: Complete the form above and mail or email this form to the camping office at, Camp and Retreat Ministry, 122 W. Franklin Avenue, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55404 or email at info@dakcamps.org. Once the camping office receives the form, you will be contacted that you have been approved to register for camp.

Contact the camping office at 855-622-1973 or info@dakcamps.org if you have any questions.