



Counselor in Training Leadership Program Summer 2012

Thank you for your interest in Gold Arrow Camp's Counselor in Training Program! We are committed to providing returning campers a program where they can learn leadership skills as well as gain hands-on experience working with younger children. It is imperative that those participating in the program have a strong desire to learn, be active in their cabin, and serve as positive role models for our younger campers and throughout the camp community. This program is designed for returning campers who are interested in learning what it's like to be a counselor and who have an interest in working as a counselor when eligible to apply.

To ensure a positive experience for our CITs and the camp as a whole, we have a very limited number of CIT positions available in each session. All CITs must apply to the program and, unfortunately, not all applicants will be accepted. Additionally, returning CITs will not automatically be accepted back into the program each summer. During the summer, CITs are evaluated on their performance. Based on feedback from counselors, campers, and the CIT Directors, CITs may or may not be invited to return the following summer.

An outline of the program requirements has been provided below. Please review all information prior to submitting an application.

Eligibility:

Only returning Gold Arrow campers may apply.
Grades: 10-11

Sessions:

Session #1 June 24 - July 7
Session #2 July 8 - July 21
Session #3 July 22 - August 4
Session #4 August 5 - August 18

Due to the limited positions available, each CIT (new and returning) may only attend one CIT session per summer.

Tuition:

The tuition for 2012 CITs is \$2,150

Application Process:

1. All new CIT applicants must submit an application. Those interested in returning will complete an update. Both of these must be signed before being returned.
2. For new applicants, a recommendation form must be completed by a supervisor, teacher, coach, or someone who has knowledge of your work with children. This form must be sent directly to our office from the person completing the reference.
3. Deadline for the application is **November 15, 2011**.
4. Interviews for eligible applicants will be conducted in December and January.

Quick Facts:

- CITs live in and work with our youngest cabin groups.
- CITs go with their cabin to Shaver.
- Workshops will be held one to two times per week, facilitated by the CIT Directors.
- CITs will also help with program areas during certain activity periods.
- CITs help plan and set-up camp special events: dance, carnival & banquet.
- CITs are accountable to cabin counselors and CIT directors.

CIT's will attend workshops and help with special event preparation. However, the main focus will continue to be working with the younger campers and developing leadership skills that will better enable participants to help with their cabin group. Many CIT's have found this program to be a very positive experience and use this experience to further their leadership skills at school, after school jobs, and as an addition to their college applications.

Please take note that the CIT program is not for everyone. If your goal is to hang out with your camp friends and wakeboard all day (like when you were a camper), then the CIT program is probably not the right choice. If you are eager to learn more about being a counselor, are interested in becoming a counselor when eligible, and look forward to having a rewarding summer, applying for the CIT program may be just what you're looking for!

If you have any questions regarding the CIT program, please contact the GAC office at (800) 554-2267 or mail@goldarrowcamp.com.

Thanks for your interest!

Gold Arrow Camp Staff