

Camp Tamarack

Counselor in Training (CIT) Program

A Camp Tamarack CIT is a 15-16 year old camper who wants to build on her/his existing skills. CIT's live with peers and together learn what it means to be a leader while working with younger children. In order to do this CITs need to make a contribution to camp through specific work projects and assisting staff in different program areas. Young women will be CIT's for girls and young men will be CIT's for boys.

GOAL

To provide an opportunity for campers who are 15-16 years of age to develop leadership, counseling and teaching skills while at Camp Tamarack.

HOW DOES CAMP PLAN TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL?

- 1 Offer instruction in skills required for an effective leader, counselor and teacher.
- 2 Supervise practical application of leadership, counseling and teaching skills.
- 3 Assist CIT in developing an individualized learning plan.
- 4 Provide feedback to the CIT as to how they are doing.
- 5 Encourage responsibility through participation in camp duties.
- 6 Introduce ways of developing good work habits and attitudes through example.
- 7 Provide free time to develop personal interests, relax, appreciate the environment and community in which they are living in.

TUITION

We expect every CIT to make a valuable contribution to camp and in recognition of this we offer a 10% discount. This discount will be taken off your tuition unless you request that it be donated to our Camper Scholarship Fund. The Camper Scholarship Fund supports those that can't afford otherwise to attend Camp Tamarack.

DAILY SCHEDULE

A typical CIT day is a busy one. Your day will begin with breakfast at 8am or possibly at 7am if it's your turn to help feed the horses. Every day involves attending a variety of activities, completing daily responsibilities, and special assignments.

PROGRAM CONTENT & STRUCTURE

CITs work in each of the different program areas. These include but are not limited to the horse program, ropes course, waterfront, arts & crafts, and sports. Each CIT will attend regular CIT meetings in addition to spending the day in chosen program areas. CIT's will work with cabin groups of differing ages in order to observe and practice skills.

They will take part in learning opportunities covering topics such as child behavior, group dynamics, leadership, team building, teaching techniques, and counseling skills.

Responsibilities may include cabin supervision, program planning, and instructing with the help of a counselor depending on what is appropriate for any given CIT. We encourage CIT's to become certified in first aid and CPR prior to coming to camp. All CIT's will work with supervision from activity leaders, their CIT counselor, and from the directors.

Camp Tamarack Counselor in Training (CIT) Application

Please return to: Camp Tamarack Attn Ashton PO Box 97 Sisters, OR 97759

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Session(s) Applying for: _____

What program areas would you most like to assist in?

What are some skills that you can bring to the program?

What activities have you participated in through school and other organizations?

Activity

Where

How long

What camp experiences do you have?

Camp

Location

Years Attended

What are some of your experiences working with children, helping plan programs, and/or providing leadership?

The following people have agreed to act as a reference:

Name

Address

Phone

1. _____

2. _____

I have read the goals, objectives and information provided about the CIT program. I understand what will be expected of me and would like Camp Tamarack to consider accepting me into the CIT program.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____