
CAMP WALDORF

Counselor - In - Training Program

Information for Students and Parents

Thank you for your inquiry about Four Winds Waldorf School's Summer Camp Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program. Our Counselor-in-Training program is divided into two 4-week sessions: June 20th - July 21st (no camps are scheduled for July 4th-7th) and July 25th-August 18th. Camps are held from 8:30am - 12:00pm and CIT's are expected to be present from 8:00 am -12:30pm to help with the set-up and clean-up. This is a leadership-training program for students entering 7th grade or above.

CIT's learn about camp counseling, assist in the programs, help counselors care for campers and, do many daily camp chores in the kitchen, classroom and grounds as well as help organize some of the special activities. The primary goals of the program are to help participants recognize themselves as leaders, teachers, and positive role models, and to understand what goes into making camp an unforgettable experience for the young people in our care.

CIT's must enjoy working with children, embrace and work with the fun and challenges of some intense situations, be willing to take initiative and work hard, display outstanding character, and be enthusiastic, creative, self-directed leaders.

CIT's are chosen based on their application, experience, skills and/or certifications, recommendations and an informal personal interview. The CIT program is open to any student entering 7th grade or above, whether or not they are enrolled at Four Winds Waldorf School. The program can accommodate two students.

Unlike other CIT programs, Camp Waldorf does not charge a camp fee for this opportunity. We will provide a small weekly amount of pocket money so that CIT's may use it on their time off or put some away in savings. This is not a summer job to earn money for high-school/college. Rather, we feel that this is an important opportunity to understand what it means to be responsible, self-motivated leaders; an essential quality for future successes in schooling or careers.

Please read the enclosed page of expectations, rules, and understandings. We understand that as a CIT you live in that sometimes-awkward world between adulthood and childhood, camper and staff, and that you give up a lot of freedom to work in a community such as camp. However, please keep in mind that even the director and camp leaders have a long list of rules to follow. Believe it or not, a new level of freedom and creativity can arise out of such a highly structured life as everyone operates under the same set of rules, demanding respect for one another.

If this program interests you, please return the enclosed application no later than April 29th to the Four Winds Waldorf School office. Also, please take some time to read over the reference forms, and give them along with self-addressed envelopes to three people who know you well (i.e. teacher, employer, family friend, etc.) Please do not use family members as references. We will be choosing candidates for interviews by May 13th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Marianne Fieber at 630.836.9400.

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