

**DAKOTAS CONFERENCE CAMPING PROGRAM
C.I.T. JOB DESCRIPTION**

A. Before Camp Begins:

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

B. Camp Registration:

1. Warmly greet the campers and help them with registration.
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 the 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. Help campers complete their camp evaluation sheets and hand them to the dean.
9. 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

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 C.I.T.

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

Answer: You must be at least three years older than the campers to serve as a C.I.T., have approval of the dean and a recommendation from your pastor or youth leader. 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: It is recommended you attend C.I.T. training camp being held at Wesley Acres and Lake Poinsett this year. Your camp dean should provide training and it is recommended you attend one of the deans and counselors trainings being held this spring.

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

Answer: To be a positive role model for the campers. Encourage the campers to be on time, participate in events and help the campers experience God/Christ/Spirit throughout their camping experience.

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

Answer: Elementary/Youth (grades 4-8) camps. C.I.T.s need the 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.

Contact the camping office at 605-996-6552 or info@dakcamps.org if you have any questions.

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 2016.
I have talked to the Dean of the camp and have his/her approval.

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 _____

PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

PASTOR'S NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

PASTOR'S PHONE: _____

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