



4-H Camp Wabasso
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The deadline to apply to be a CIT III or CA is May 1, 2018.

Dear CIT III and Counselor Assistant Applicants,

The purpose of our CIT III (15 year olds) and Counselor Assistant (16 year olds) programs is to provide participants with training on how to use effective leadership, educational, and social skills to work more effectively with children at camp and throughout life. A counselor's role is to ensure a safe, fun, and educational environment for all campers.

The leadership skills include:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Goal setting
- Outcome achievement
- Decision making
- Strong relationship building
- Confidence building
- Caring and Compassion
- Responsibility and Respect
- Organization

The skills for leading children include:

- Communication (with a special emphasis on listening and teaching positive behavior and values)
- Handling undesired behavior and conflicts in positive ways
- Leading games and activities
- Teaching skills in sports, nature, crafts. and other areas
- Presenting and speaking in front of small and large groups
- Safety Awareness
- Teambuilding
- Creative Thinking
- Problem solving

Participants will also learn about how a camp operates, the roles and duties of camp administrators and staff, and how camps serve children.

The CIT III program runs for two weeks; the first week, CIT III's take a leadership course as one of their four options as a residential camper. The second week the CIT III's will shadow counselors in courses and assist them in activities and programs. They will also take an advanced leadership course. CIT III campers must be enrolled as a paid camper for the first week; there is a 50% reduction in cost for the second week.

The Counselor Assistant program runs for six weeks (on a probationary week-to-week basis) and is free of charge. Counselor Assistants will develop their skills beyond the CIT III level and have the opportunity to assist in leading classes. This is an unpaid position, but gives the camper excellent experience to become a Junior Counselor the following summer.

Camp is about learning by doing, so leadership participants learn skills in a safe environment through a variety of fun and challenging activities, workshops, and discussions. They will have opportunities to work directly with campers under the mentorship of the camp leadership staff, getting practice in leading groups and teaching games and skills. They will also participate in weekly surveys to help improve camp and programming.

The Leadership Program is for young people (15 and 16 years of age) who are highly motivated, ready to work and play hard, and can demonstrate the additional ability and responsibility of accepting the challenges of leadership.

Unfortunately, we have a limited number of spaces in our program; not all who apply will necessarily be accepted. Please complete the application and choose CIT III or Counselor Assistant (depending on age) and return to Stephanie Graf at the address above. Applicants will be interviewed in person or by telephone. If you have any questions, please call 315-788-8450.

Certifications - Provide name of certificate, expiration date, and sponsoring unit:

Swimming (Organization, level achieved, date): _____

CPR/First Aid _____

Outdoor Living Skills _____

Other Training/Certifications _____

Camp Skills - Use the #1 to indicate the activities you could teach, #2 to indicate those activities you could assist, or #3 to indicate those activities in which you could participate.

	Arts and Craft
	Backpacking
	Boating
	Canoeing
	Climbing/Rappelling
	Creative Writing
	Drama
	Ecology Activities
	Fishing
	Games
	Hiking

	Nature Crafts
	Nature Identification
	Orienteering
	Outdoor Cooking
	Outdoor Education
	Outdoor Living
	Photography
	Singing
	Story Telling
	Swimming

Personal Statement (use additional sheet if necessary):

1. Why do you wish to be a Counselor-in-Training, or Counselor Assistant? _____

2. What do you feel you can contribute to the program? _____

3. How will you contribute to making camp a better and safer place for all children? _____

4. Why do you want to attend 4-H Camp Wabasso this summer? _____

5. Have you ever attended 4-H Camp Wabasso or any other similar summer camp? _____ How many years? _____

6. Have you taken CIT I, CIT II, and/or CIT III at 4-H Camp Wabasso? CIT I _____ CIT II _____ CIT III _____

Thank you. We look forward to reviewing your application.