

C.I.T. Counselors in Training

Ages 14-16yrs (age determined as of June 29th, 2026)

Plainville Recreation is inviting applications for our Counselors in Training program that will be held at our summer camps June 29- July 31 between the hours of 9:45am-3:30pm Monday-Friday.

Note: There are a limited number of spaces for this program to ensure safe ratio numbers at camp. Not all applicants will be selected for this role.

Criteria for Acceptance into the program

Ideal candidates should enjoy children, be enthusiastic, responsible, and mature.

Interested individuals must complete the following steps to be admitted into the program.

- Must submit an application packet which will include a completed C.I.T application and a reference form completed by a coach, teacher, principal.
- After the packets have been received candidates will be contacted for a brief interview at the Recreation department.
- At this time candidates must submit a payment of \$175 for this five-week program. This fee includes a CPR/First Aid certification through the American Red Cross.

What is the C.I.T. Experience?

The C.I.T experience is one with an emphasis on learning and individual growth. With that in mind, it is our mission to work with each C.I.T. to help them develop and reach goals by the end of the summer. Some of the program highlights are below:

- *C.I.T.'s will get hands-on experience working with children from ages 7-12yrs in a fun, fast paced, summer camp environment. C.I.T.'s admitted into the program will be placed at our Day Camp. Note: You may indicate age group preference on your application materials, but placements will not be guaranteed.
- * C.I.T.'s will report directly to a Head Supervisor of their assigned age group
- * C.I.T.'s will participate in weekly leadership workshops that will include team building, activity planning, and leadership training.

Benefits of Becoming a C.I.T.

- *Have the opportunity to work with children, impact lives in a positive way, and create memories that last a lifetime!
- *Excellent resume builder (great for college applications).
- *CIT's that perform well may be given preference in the hiring process when Counselor positions become available, and the CIT is of working age.

Special Considerations

*While we fully understand a parent/guardian should be the strong backbone of any C.I.T. we encourage parents/guardians to have a limited role in this program. After all this is a leadership program and in order for C.I.T.'s to be successful they must be given the opportunity to be independent, responsible, and able to advocate for themselves. Teaching responsibility is one of the main goals of our program, so please support our efforts by encouraging your young adult to handle all C.I.T. business on their own!

*Since this program is five weeks long we understand if there are any vacation conflicts or appointments that may require the CIT to take time off. We ask that any time off is approved in advance by the Recreation Coordinator.

Application packets may be submitted to the Recreation Office (50 Whiting St, Plainville) - Attention: Courtney Hewett or via email at hewett@plainville-ct.gov. For any questions, please contact the Recreation Director at hewett@plainville-ct.gov or 860-747-6022.



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Counselor in Training Application 2026

Applicant's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

1. Why would you like to be in the CIT program?

2. What characteristics do you have that would make you an exceptional CIT?

3. What experiences have you had that would help you be an excellent CIT?

4. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? Special talents?

5. Which age group would you feel most comfortable with?

7-8yrs 9-10yrs 11-12yrs No preference

To be considered for the CIT program you must complete the following requirements by the deadlines:

___ Applicant must complete this application form

___ Have a non-relative (coach/teacher) complete a reference letter for you

Application and reference letter need to be submitted together in an envelope to the Recreation office or via e-mail to hewett@plainville-ct.gov. All materials need to be received by May 4, 2026 to be considered for the program. Upon receipt of completed forms you will be contacted for an in person meeting to discuss eligibility for the program.

Successful candidates will receive an admission letter C.I.T. which will go into greater detail about training dates and commitment requirements. At this time candidates must submit a payment of \$175 for the five-week program. With this cost C.I.T.s will be invited to become certified in CPR and First Aid, receive a CIT t-shirt, and weekly additional training.

For any questions, please contact Courtney Hewett, Recreation Director at hewett@plainville-ct.gov or call 860-747-6022.