

Counselors-In-Training (CITs) at Wagner Ranch Nature Area Summer Nature Camp 2022

Job Description:

Counselors in Training (CITs) is open to 8th and 9th grade campers who are interested in learning the skills to become leaders, role models and Counselors at Nature Camp. CITs will attend camp activities as well as CIT-specific instruction and will be part of the team running the activities. This is a volunteer position and CITs do not pay for the time they are working as CITs

CITs must be able to attend Nature Camp Orientation date tbd, at the Wagner Ranch Nature Area. This will include required First Aid training.

CIT's must be able to attend every day of camp, Monday-Friday, from 8:30am to 3:30pm, during the week for which you are working. They will be working as part of the camp leadership, not attending the camp as a camper.

In the mornings at Nature Camp, CIT's will assist the Naturalists and Counselors set-up for & discuss that day's program and will then assist staff with leading the campers in the day's activities. Each day of the week will have a unique theme, along with different materials, crafts and activities for that theme (ie - ponds and creeks, trees and birds, native plants and plantings, and a Friday bbq). After lunch, CIT's will work with campers (and staff) on a variety of afternoon nature-themed-activities. Full day campers depart camp at 3pm. CIT's stay until 3:30 to join a staff meeting from 3-3:30 to review the day's events. This is an excellent time for staff to hear feedback from CITs and for the staff to provide feedback to the CITs to help develop their skills, including safety, supervision, and handling challenging situations.

Any student who is ready to be a leader, enjoys having fun with younger kids, and appreciates being in nature should sign up for this CIT program at Nature Camp. This is an exceptional learning opportunity. Being a prior CIT is one of the factors in selecting Counselors but it is not a guarantee of being selected as a Counselor in future years.

As with all camp attendees, CITs at Nature Camp wear "camping-worthy" clothing and shoes (no sandals) that may get wet or dirty. Bring a small backpack with a refillable water bottle, a snack and a lunch. Arrive wearing sunscreen & a mask, but also bring sunscreen in your backpack, to reapply mid-day. On very bright days, a hat is also recommended.

Qualifications:

- Must be going into 8th or 9th grade.
- You embrace a love of nature and wildlife.
- Able to attend Nature Camp Orientation date tbd, at the Wagner Ranch Nature Area.
- You are respectful, accountable, and responsible. (Humor/light-heartedness also appreciated.)
- Prior volunteer experience at the Nature Area is preferred.