

The CIT Program

What is a CIT?

A Camper-in-Transition (CIT) is a returning camper invited to attend camp during their transition summer between Service Camper and Counselor. CITs will have the opportunity to participate as a camper in activities and evening programs, as well as having an expanded role in assisting counselors in cabins. One activity period will be dedicated to a CIT class tailored to help develop the skills needed to excel as a potential future counselor. CIT tuition is a 50% discount per week.

What are the requirements to be a CIT?

- CIT candidates are chosen from the previous summer by the directors based on their Service Camper performance and evaluations.
- CITs need to have tremendous enthusiasm, initiative, and a positive attitude about working with children of all ages.
- CITs are to be good role models for all campers by supporting the Chatuga Guidelines (*see back*) and participating enthusiastically in work, activities and special events
- CITs attend for a two-week session.

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- Each CIT will be assigned to a Greens building (Lakeside 1 & 2, Hilltop 1 & 2, etc.) to assist during cabin clean-up, Rest Hour (if needed), and Call-to-Quarters.
- Cabin housing will be with the assigned Greens cabin if possible.
- CIT's will receive a CIT T-shirt on Opening Day.
- One daily activity will be CIT training dedicated to:
 - Best practices in communicating and working with campers
 - Ideas and best practices for being an effective helper to counselors
 - Leadership qualities, including how to recognize and develop them
- Other activities will be selected as a camper.
- After Taps, free time may be in the Rec Hall or dining hall porches.
- Evening curfew will be 11:15 pm except on Stay-in Nights for all campers and staff.
- On Trip Day, a CIT specific trip will be scheduled (Session C trip is Roller Skating).
- An in-person evaluation will be completed at the end of the session for potential future counselor employment.

What are the benefits of being a CIT?

- You will have the opportunity to spend another summer at camp.
- You will gain experience and develop skills that will benefit you in all walks of life.
- You will receive extra compensation your first summer as a counselor and go to the top of the *new* staff seniority list.

How to Become a CIT?

- Complete the CIT application and return by mail or scan/email to office@campchatuga.com