



CHICO AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING Educational Program Description

DEFINITION

Learn to lead activities for youth including large group games and crafts, manage small groups of children and learn positive reinforcement skills at various camps run by the Chico Area Recreation and Park District. The Counselor-In-Training program is for the benefit of the trainee only. A CIT will be under close observation of a regular CARD employee.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be at least 13 years of age by the start of camp, no exceptions; have some knowledge of games, sports, and be enthusiastic about working with children.

REQUIREMENTS

- Complete an application and return to the CARD Office by April 11th.
- Attend parent information meeting on April 23rd at 6:00pm in the Arts and Crafts room at the CARD Center.
- Attend interview on May 2nd from 4:00-5:30pm in the Arts and Crafts room at the CARD Center.
- Participate in the CIT Training on June 1st from 9:00am-4:00pm.
- CIT's must participate in the program for a minimum of two, 40-hour weeks (Weeks do not need to be scheduled consecutively).
- Complete a registration form and make the payment of \$30 for the program.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

1. It is the responsibility of the CIT to check with the camp director each day for a list of your duties.
2. Meet during the week with the site Director and Leader
3. Report all occurrences to your Leader
4. Your leader is responsible for the children; always present concerns to the leader. Do not take action on your own.
5. You are at the day camp to assist the leader and gain knowledge in order to become a leader someday.
6. Stay involved and be enthusiastic at all times. If you are having fun, the kids are also having fun.
7. Be sensitive and patient with the children (remember when you were their age).
8. Have fun and be safe.
9. Be a positive role model to the children.
10. During the week you will plan and implement one small group and one large group activity. You will be evaluated on both.