



Camp Kiwanis

Counselor in Training Application 2025

Dear prospective Counselor in Training,

We are all looking forward to another fantastic summer at Camp Kiwanis and are excited that you are interested in joining us to develop your leadership skills, have fun, and take on the responsibility of becoming a Counselor in Training. Many Tapawingo alumni say their CIT summers were the most fun and impactful of their life. We hope to have the same results at Camp Kiwanis and believe you'll find it to be similarly impactful and can't wait to see what you bring to the table.

Additionally, being a Counselor in Training requires working closely with peers, girls, and staff who vary in age, race, culture, values, nationality, and backgrounds in order to make the camp experience a positive and memorable one for all campers. CITs serve as role models for younger girls, and are leaders at camp. Being a Counselor in Training requires a serious and strong commitment to Girl Scout values and an appreciation for every member of the camp community. For this reason, we require an application for all CITs.

Any teen wishing to become a Counselor in Training at Camp Tapawingo must submit the following:

- Completed application
- Camp activity lesson plan (instructions on page 3)
- One to three letters of reference from a **non-family** member.

All application materials must be sent together and should be submitted to:

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois
c/o Kelsey Parker
2001 Roundbarn Rd Ste C
Champaign, IL 61821

OR Send via email to kparker@girlscouts-gsci.org

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. CITs should be prepared to attend a training day during the week of June 2nd, regardless of which week they apply for. Those unable to make that training should still apply and work with the camp director to go through the training independently.

We can't wait to see what this summer has in store! Thank you for your interest and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kelsey "Cupcake" Parker
Camp Director, Camp Kiwanis



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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY!

Full name

Email address **(Acceptance letters will be emailed, so please double-check for accuracy.)**

Grade entering in fall 2025

Troop Number/ Individually Registered Girl Scout

Number of camp sessions* you've attended with GSCI: _____

**Sessions typically offered are half or full week camps*

What camp session that you have previously attended was the most impactful for you?

How has that session prepared you to be a CIT:

Why are you applying to be a Counselor in Training? What do you hope to gain? What can you provide?



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Applicant Questions: (Include on a separate piece of paper if needed)

With what age level/groups do you have the most experience working?

What do you like about working with kids?

What would you do if a camper refused to do an activity with the rest of the group?

Imagine that cliques have developed among the campers and that two campers have been completely excluded. How would you go about solving the problem?

Skill Areas: Number areas in which you have: 1. Interest 2. Experience 3. Ability to assist teaching

_____nature hikes/games	_____astronomy	_____fire building	_____badge work
_____canoeing	_____swimming	_____archery	_____shelter building
_____team building	_____primitive camping	_____orienteering	_____leading songs
_____night activities	_____outdoor cooking	_____horseback riding	
_____arts & crafts	_____leading games	_____backpacking	

References: Ask one to three individuals (not family) who have definite knowledge of your character and abilities to write you a letter of recommendation. Include the letter(s) with your application, and camp lesson plan.

Camp Lesson Plan: Attach a camp activity lesson plan that you feel would be appropriate at camp and would best show who you are and the impact you want to have on campers. Include all possible details in the lesson plan so anyone could lead it. Note: if accepted as a CIT, your activity may be presented to campers.

Why did you pick this activity? What impact are you leaving?



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By signing this, I agree that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that 1-3 letters of recommendation and a camp activity lesson plan must be submitted in order for my registration/application to be considered.

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

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