



Camp Widjiwagan

Counselor in Training Application 2026

Dear prospective Counselor in Training,

We are looking forward to another fantastic summer at Camp Widjiwagan 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 CIT. Many camp alums say that participation in the CIT program brought them life-long friends and gave them leadership skills they use now as adults. We hope you find the same meaning in your experience.

Being a Counselor in Training requires working closely with peers, campers, 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 campers 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 Widjiwagan must submit the following:

- Completed application
- Camp activity lesson plan (A suggested outline attached at the end of application)
- Two letters of reference from **non-family** members
 - Teachers, troop leaders, and coaches are all great people to ask!

All application materials must be sent together and should be sent to either of the following address:

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois
c/o Abigail Smith
3020 Baker Dr.
Springfield, IL 62703

OR

Scan and send to asmith@girlscouts-gsci.org

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. We encourage prospective CITs to complete their applications as soon as possible, as we have a limited number of spots. Once your application is approved, you will receive registration links via email.

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,

*Fidget**

Abigail "Fidget" Smith, Program Coordinator and Camp Director



Please ensure proper spelling and type or print CLEARLY!

Full name

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

Parent/Guardian's Email address *(Acceptance letters will be emailed, so please double-check for accuracy.)*

Grade entering in fall 2026

Troop Number/ Individual Girl Scout

Number of years you have been attending GSCI camps: _____

Why are you interested in being a CIT at Camp Widjiwagan?

What are you hoping to learn or gain from this experience?

Session you are applying for:

- Training Week** (required unless approval given by Camp Director)
 - June 15-19th

- Apprenticeship Weeks** (pick one)
 - June 22-26th
 - June 29th-July 3rd
 - July 6th-10th
 - July 13th-17th



Applicant Questions: (Include a separate piece of paper if more room is needed)

Tell us about an experience at camp that was particularly memorable to you and why?

What qualities or skills do you have that would make you a good CIT?

List any previous work or volunteer experience working with children and what you like most about working with kids?

Rank your interest and confidence in teaching the following activities (1, 2, or 3) with 1 being your most preferred and 3 being the least preferred.

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<input type="checkbox"/> canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> archery	<input type="checkbox"/> shelter building
<input type="checkbox"/> team building	<input type="checkbox"/> primitive camping	<input type="checkbox"/> orienteering	<input type="checkbox"/> camp songs
<input type="checkbox"/> night activities	<input type="checkbox"/> outdoor cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> fire building	
<input type="checkbox"/> arts & crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> camp games	<input type="checkbox"/> high/low ropes courses	



References: Ask an individual (not a family member) who has knowledge of your character and abilities to write a letter of recommendation. Include the letter in the email with your application, and camp activity 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. Please include enough details so that another person could pick up your directions and lead the activity themselves. Reference the suggested outline for the lesson plan of a camp activity on page 5 of the application, to ensure you have all necessary information.

Note: if accepted as a CIT, your activity may be presented to campers.

Why did you pick this activity? What are you hoping to accomplish by teaching this activity?

By signing this, I agree that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that a letter of recommendation and a lesson plan of a camp activity must be received by the Camp Director via email (asmith@girlscouts-gsci.org) or by mail for my registration/application to be considered.

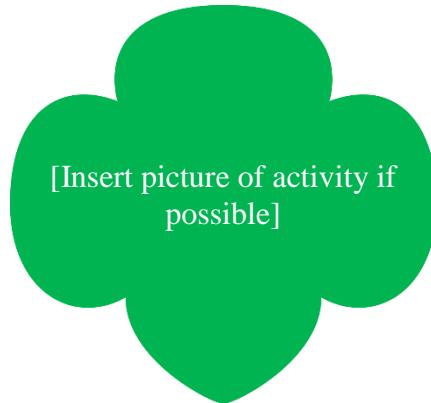
Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____



Suggested Camp Activity Outline

[Name of Activity]



Activity Objective: [Explain what the activity aims to accomplish or teach your campers]

Age of Participant: (What age or Girl Scout level would the activity be best suited for?)

Materials Needed:

- [List ALL materials needed for the activity]
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Instructions: [Write very detailed step by step instructions for facilitator (person leading activity)]

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

Step 5:



Facilitator Notes:

[Leave any notes you think would be necessary for someone to effectively lead this activity that are not already listed in the step by step instructions. These could include questions to ask in a group debrief after the activity or notes on what needs to be done to set up the activity.]