

Counselors-in-Training

The goal of the Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program is to provide young teenagers, age 15, with the opportunity to be mentored by counselors and staff and to learn the leadership skills that are necessary for them to act as role models for children younger than themselves.

CITs will be assigned to a specific age group for the duration of Summer Safari Camp session, and through hands-on experience, will have the opportunity to interact with counselors and instructors in the operation of the Summer Safari Program. CITs will have an extensive amount of direct interaction with campers and as such should be friendly and approachable.

Application information and procedures

For an application, please contact Eve Mittendorf at 803.213.2003 or emittendorf@icrc.net.

Applications will be accepted from March 15–April 30, 2018

This program is only open to applicants who are 15 years of age. You must be 15 years of age by May 1, 2018.

Applicants must participate in 8 of the 11 weeks of Summer Safari Camp (June 11–August 21) and have no more than 3 absences in order to receive certification and a letter of recommendation.

All applications should be submitted to:

Eve Mittendorf
Administrative Services Director
Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission
5605 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29212
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**You may also apply by fax:
803.772.6865**



CITs will:

- Attend a mandatory training session.
- Shadow counselors and instructors.
- Interact directly with the younger children on a daily basis.
- Act as a role model and older friend for the participants.
- Help run activities and keep the participants engaged.
- Assist in selected activities.
- Help provide general supervision of participants and learn and follow established safety procedures.
- Assist in the organization of lunch break and lunchtime activities.
- Learn by assisting counselors and instructors in the organization and preparation of all activities. These responsibilities include:
 1. Greeting participants daily and assisting with check-in procedures.
 2. Assisting participants in locating activities and traveling between program activities.
 3. Escorting participants to various locations as necessary.
 4. Helping to maintain equipment and storage areas.
 5. Retrieving and returning lost and found items as necessary.
 6. Performing various miscellaneous tasks as requested by counselors, instructors, and supervisors.

CITs are expected to:

- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of program hours in order to assist with check-in procedures.
- Dress in appropriate attire, including wearing the official program shirt.
- Act in a manner appropriate of a role model for children in the program.
- Adhere to specified program rules.
- Treat the participants in a professional and appropriate manner.
- Remember that all information concerning participants is **CONFIDENTIAL**.
- Complete assignments and follow procedures (as outlined in the CIT handbook).
- Discuss any problems, concerns, suggestions etc. with the Program Director.