

Viles Arboretum
Outdoor Discovery Camp
Counselor in Training Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Counselor in Training (CIT) at Viles Arboretum Outdoor Discovery Camps.

Working alongside our camp counselors, CITs will:

- Assist counselors with games, crafts, hikes, and nature-based activities
- Engage with campers and model positive, respectful behavior
- Support transitions between activities and daily routines
- Pitch in with set-up, clean-up, and general camp organization
- Help campers feel welcome and included
- Get to explore nature, learn new things, and gain real-world experience in teamwork, communication, and responsibility.

Who should apply to be a CIT?

- Teens, aged 14-17, who are excited to learn, help others, and spend time outdoors
- Future counselors, teachers, scientists, leaders, or anyone curious to try it!
- Those who are dependable, positive, and ready to be a part of a team

Applicants are encouraged to complete this application themselves. We love hearing directly from you - your voice, your experiences, and your excitement for camp matter to us. Parents and guardians are welcome to help as needed, but the responses should reflect the applicant's own thoughts.

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Applicant Information

Name:

Date of Birth:

Grade Entering in the Fall:

School:

Home Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Availability

Please indicate which camp sessions you are available to work. Preference may be given to applicants who are available the full summer.

- July 6-10, 8am-5pm
- July 13-17, 8am-5pm
- July 20-24, 8am-5pm
- July 27-31, 8am-5pm
- August 3-7, 8am-5pm

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Phone Number:

Email Address:

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Experience & Interests

Describe your experience working with younger children (babysitting, camp, volunteering, helping with siblings, etc.). If you have not, please share why you are interested in working with children.

Describe any other work, volunteering, responsibilities, etc. that you have done.

What activities, sports, clubs, etc. have you participated in at school or in your community?

What do you enjoy doing outdoors and in nature?

What are some of your hobbies and interests?

Have you attended any camp programs, whether at the Arboretum or elsewhere? If so, please share some of your experiences.

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Skills & Strengths

What are some of your skills and strengths - what are you good at?

Share your experience working as part of a team and/or in a leadership role.

What skills and experience are you hoping to gain as a CIT?

What would you do if a camper was feeling left out or frustrated during an activity?

References

Please provide one reference, that is not a family member, who can tell us about your character and work experience.

Name:

Relationship:

Phone and/or Email:

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Applicant Agreement

I understand that the Counselor in Training role is a leadership learning experience and that I am expected to be dependable, respectful, and a positive role model for campers and peers.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent / Guardian Acknowledgement

I understand the expectations of the Counselor in Training program and give permission for my child to apply and participate if accepted.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:
