



CAMP NAMANU

2-Year Counselor in Training (CIT) Program

2022 Application



What is the CIT Program?

Camp Namanu’s **2-year** Counselor in Training (CIT) program transitions youth from campers to potential staff members. CITs follow a dynamic leadership curriculum designed to teach them about child development, behavior management, communication, decision-making and leadership. These young leaders receive mentoring and feedback, gain meaningful real-life experiences, and are empowered to make and live by their own good decisions.

**An application and interview are required to be considered for our CIT program. This is a competitive program and therefore not all applicants are guaranteed acceptance. But we highly encourage any and all interested youth to apply.*

Program Dates & Fees

There are separate program fees due each summer. If applicant is accepted, a \$75 non-refundable deposit due at registration and payment plans are available for the remaining cost. Contact our registrar if you have questions or concerns about the deposit or payment plan options. We do offer financial assistance for CITs.

	YEAR ONE: CIT 1 (2022)	YEAR TWO: CIT 2 (2023)
Cost	\$1,050	\$1,200* <small>*Based on 2022 session fees, subject to change.</small>
Dates	Session 5, 6, & 7: July 31 st - Aug 5 th , Aug 7 th - 12 th , & Aug 14 th - 19 th	Session 1, 2, 3, & 4: 2023 Dates TBD (late June-late July)

Camp Fire Columbia reserves the right to cancel, modify or limit any programs as determined by the council.

NOTE: CITs return home between each session.

Application Requirements and Qualifications

Applicant must:

- Be 15 -18 years old and entering the 11th or 12th grade in Fall 2022.
- Be able to make a commitment to the entire 7-week course over two summers.
- Submit a completed application with:
 - Applicant and Guardian contact information – we will use this during the application process to share updates.
 - 2-3 references, this could be a teacher, coach, employer, etc. Make sure to let your references know ahead of time they may receive calls or emails from Camp Namanu regarding this application.
 - Thoughtful responses to the essay questions.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Has a desire to work with youth and learn the fundamentals of camp.
- Has experience practicing leadership skills with youth or peers.
- Has an appreciation of the outdoors.
- Exhibits attitudes and behaviors that help build the self-esteem of self and others.
- Has the ability to take direction from peers and adults.

Important Dates to Remember

- **December 15th, 2021** – Application Due by 5:00 PM to Gina “Sprout” Sander gsander@campfirecolumbia.org
- **December 30th, 2021** – In-person Group Interviews
- **January 15th, 2022** – Notify Applicants

Complete and return your application to the Camp Director, Gina “Sprout” Sander gsander@campfirecolumbia.org no later than 5:00 PM on DECEMBER 15th, 2021.



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Applicant's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Pronouns: _____ Grade in Sept/2022: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Years at Namanu: _____ How did you learn about Camp Namanu? _____

Please select which e-mail address(es) you would like correspondence/notifications sent to:

Applicant E-mail _____ Name: _____

Guardian E-mail _____ Name: _____

Guardian E-mail _____ Name: _____

Interview Availability: We will do our best to place applicants in their 1st preference time slot. We will confirm interview slots by December 20th, 2021. :

Thursday, December 30th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 1st choice 2nd choice

Thursday, December 30th 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 1st choice 2nd choice

I live out of state/or need an alternate interview option

Volunteer or Paid Employment Experience:

Dates of Service	Employer/Organization	Position Held	Supervisor Name

List any other extracurricular activities, classes, or leadership experiences you would like us to know about:

References: Please list contact info for two to three people who can provide a reference for you (i.e. teacher, coach, etc):

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Guardian's Signature: I am aware that _____ (applicant name) is applying for the CIT Program at Camp Namanu. If selected, I will support them through the program.

Signature _____ **Date** _____



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Essay Questions

Please type your answers to the following questions and attach them to your application. Answers will be evaluated based on content, not length.

1. Why do you want to participate in the CIT program at Camp Namanu? What are your goals if enrolled in the program?
2. What was your most rewarding experience working with youth? And most challenging?
3. Tell us about a time you experienced a conflict with your peers (at school, work, socially, etc.). What do you wish you had done differently? What are you most proud of? What was the outcome?
4. As a CIT you will no longer be a typical camper, this means at times you will still experience the “magic” of camp and at other times you will be creating the magic for others. What do you think will be most challenging about this transition? Most rewarding? How do you plan to cope with this transition?