



Camp Tapawingo

Counselor in Training Application 2025

Dear prospective Counselor in Training,

We are all looking forward to another fantastic summer at Camp Tapawingo 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, and that they made life-long friends at the CIT sessions. We 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 Sarah Roberts
1103 W Lake Ave
Peoria, IL 61614

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

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. CIT I (those entering grades 9-10) must attend all of the two week session (June 15-27) and go home over weekends. CIT II (those entering grades 11-12) must attend training week (June 8-13). Exceptions are taken on a case-by-case basis and typically given only if you have attended the same level of CIT the previous summer. You will also choose apprenticeship weeks. Spots for CIT II apprenticeship weeks fill quickly - get your application in early for the best chance to get your preferred apprenticeship week.

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,

Sarah "Freckles" Roberts
Manager of Outdoor Experiences



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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?

Session you are applying for:

Counselor in Training I - grades 9-10 at Camp Tapawingo

Sunday, June 15 - Friday, June 27, 2025

Counselor in Training II - grades 11-12 at Camp Tapawingo

Training Week: Sunday, June 8 - Friday, June 13, 2025

Please **RANK** your choice of apprenticeship weeks with 1 being most desirable. We guarantee TWO apprenticeship weeks for all accepted applicants and will assign others as space permits.

Sunday, June 15 - Friday, June 20

Sunday, July 20 - Friday, July 25

Sunday, June 22 - Friday, June 27

Sunday, July 13 - Friday, July 18



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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	_____backpacking	_____badge work
_____canoeing	_____swimming	_____archery	_____shelter building
_____team building	_____primitive camping	_____orienteering	_____leading songs
_____night activities	_____outdoor cooking	_____horseback riding	_____fire building
_____arts & crafts	_____leading games	_____high/low ropes courses	

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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CIT II applicants only: CIT IIs must pick a focus area in which to develop their skills, such as horseback riding, aquatics, survival skills, or arts. CIT IIs must have prior experience in that area and be able to teach without assistance. What area would you like to focus on? What prior skills, training, or experience do you have in that area?

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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