

May 11, 2023



Dear 4-Her,

Hardin County 4-H needs youth your age to become Counselors in Training. To become a counselor when you are older, you must complete the CIT training program. The camp counselor training program is broken into two training sessions: Orientation and Basic Skills session and a Leadership and Self Development session. The system was designed to provide the information you will need to know before becoming a camp counselor.

Please read this entire letter carefully.

Youth can serve as a CIT after completing 8th grade. Youth typically serve as a CIT for 2 years. As a sophomore in high school, youth will be able to apply for a counselor position. All counselors must complete both CIT training sessions before they may serve as a counselor. Teens will be able to serve as a counselor for 3 years. Those who are seniors will be considered “last year counselors.”

ORIENTATION and BASIC SKILLS – This session addresses the role and duties of a counselor. It provides a solid foundation on which to build your repertoire of counselor skills. Youth in 8th grade must take this course to become a CIT this summer. Attend ONE of the following:

Sessions are scheduled for: Tuesday June 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., OSU Extension Office
Friday, July 7, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., OSU Extension Office

LEADERSHIP & SELF DEVELOPMENT - This session focuses on the leadership skills you need as a camp counselor and on the counselor’s role in helping campers grow through their camping experience. You will learn communication skills and how to foster positive camp environments. We recommend taking this class after 9th grade, but anyone may attend who has completed orientation. Attend ONE of the following:

Sessions are scheduled for: Tuesday, June 27, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., OSU Extension Office
Friday, July 7, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., OSU Extension Office

If you completed either class last year, you do **not** need to repeat that class again. Sign up for your class at <http://go.osu.edu/hardincit>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at raines.74@osu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Raines".

Amanda Raines
4-H Youth Development Educator
OSU Extension-Hardin County
419-674-2297
raines.74@osu.edu