

# Volunteer Outside

## THIS SUMMER



### OUTDOOR EDUCATION LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM

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# 2025 OUTDOOR EDUCATION LIT INFORMATION

## Overview

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's Outdoor Education program is seeking volunteers, ages 13-17 for the Leader in Training (LIT) program. LITs work alongside day camp counselors to teach campers, play games, hike, fish, canoe and more. The LIT program is a great way to build confidence and gain experience leadership skills. Teens must be motivated, enthusiastic, creative and willing to work with children in the outdoors.

The LIT program runs during the summer at Indian Village Day Camp and Camp Terra. LITs have the opportunity to choose at least three weeks to volunteer with us. A \$30 participation fee will be due by the first date of attendance.

## Summary of Responsibilities

Assist the camp director and counselors in organizing outdoor recreational activities for youth ages 6-12. Assist youth in arts and crafts, games and outdoor activities. Help ensure the safety of program participants at all times. Assist in maintaining organization of site by completing assigned tasks. Follow instructions effectively and efficiently, requiring minimal guidance. Take the initiative to assist site staff in daily duties. Maintain a thorough knowledge of all policies and procedures and follow them at all times. Assist in the supervision of youth while on excursions. Maintain a positive environment for program participants. Strive to be a role model for program participants. Perform other duties as assigned. LITs work primarily in a park facility, both indoors and outdoors, in various weather conditions.

## Required Skills

LITs must have a desire to work with youth and to interact in a positive manner with all ages and backgrounds of children. This position requires a desire to develop leadership skills, problem-solving abilities and decision-making skills. LITs must have the ability to motivate self, peers and youth in an enthusiastic manner. LITs must be reliable, honest, creative and willing to follow through on all assigned tasks.

## Education, Experience and Qualifications

Must be between 13-17 years of age. Experience working with youth in areas such as babysitting, scouts, church groups, sports or any other volunteer work is preferred. Qualified applicants must possess a clean and professional appearance and attitude and be comfortable working with the public.

## Application & Interviews

Applications can be found online at <https://forms.gle/6W6ooP8uQXayVYC59> and must be completed by March 31.

All new LITs are required to interview; applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview time. Returning LITs in good standing do not need to interview. Interviews will take place April 8-10. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program by the end of April. Schedules will be available in May.

## Orientation

All LITs are asked to attend **ONE** orientation session, either May 20 or 21 from 6-8 pm. Additional information will be available closer to the date.

Questions?

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