



Hello LIT and CIT Applicants for summer of 2022,

I hope the school year is off to a good start and you are doing well with whatever format the fall school season is taking. Camp is looking ahead toward summer 2022!

Included in this packet is information on applying for the Camp Wapsie Leadership Development Program. Leader-In-Training (LIT) and Counselor-In-Training (CIT) programs are steps along the process. If you are interested in these great programs, please complete the enclosed application and return it by **October 30th**. Selection into the program is based on your application and references. The application is an opportunity for you to show us who you are, what you have accomplished, not who you think we want you to be. Please take your time completing the application and select two references who can speak about your personality, work ethic, and potential to successfully complete the LIT or CIT program.

The LIT and CIT programs require a serious commitment, not only to YMCA Camp Wapsie and its goals and mission, but more importantly to you as well. Successful completion of the programs should result in personal growth and skills development to help you in your future. Carefully read all of the enclosed information. The application must be filled out completely and include your parent/guardian's signature. We plan to announce Leadership program participants by early December.

A **\$75.00 non-refundable** deposit will be required at the time of acceptance. (Please **do not send** deposit with this application.) The remaining balance will be due four weeks prior to the start date of your program. If you had a credit from 2021 programs that can be applied upon acceptance into the program. Program prices are listed below to help with planning. We offer tiered pricing for all our summer programming, which includes LIT and CIT. Tier A most accurately reflects the true cost of camp. Tier B is partially subsidized. Tier C is more subsidized. After LIT and CITs are chosen you will choose your tier when you fill out your forms and register for the program.

	Tier A	Tier B	Tier C
LIT (3 weeks)	\$809	\$759	\$709
CIT (4 weeks)	\$916	\$866	\$816

Our tiered pricing system in no way influences the experience our campers receive. We simply feel it is important to share the true cost of running YMCA Camp Wapsie and provide options to meet your family's budget. **Financial assistance beyond tiered pricing is available for those that qualify.** The scholarship application information can be found on the Camp Wapsie website or by contacting the camp office.

If you have any questions, please call 319.435.2577.

Take Care,

YMCA Camp Wapsie Staff

**YMCA CAMP WAPSIE
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

YMCA Camp Wapsie has a multi-year Leadership Development Program with the purpose of developing the leadership potential in high school age youth.

THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

LIT's and CIT's will be expected to assume responsibilities beyond those of a camper, but remain campers and are not considered staff members. They do leave camp on weekends.

LEADER IN TRAINING (LIT)

LIT's pay a fee and attend a three-week summer training session, which includes experience leading activities. Participants are entering 10th or 11th grades. LIT selection is based on the application, references, and input from staff members who observed your interaction at Camp Wapsie*. The program is designed to prepare LIT's for leadership roles at camp and within their communities with a focus on general leadership skills, interpersonal interaction, and includes introduction to problem solving, communication, camping skills, camp mission/goals, and camp service projects.

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CIT)

CITs pay a fee and attend a four-week summer training session, which includes experience as cabin and program assistants. Participants are entering 11th or 12th grades. CIT selection is based on successful completion of the LIT program, application, references, and input from staff members who observed your interaction at Camp Wapsie*. The CIT program is designed to prepare CIT's for counseling positions at camp and to become leaders within the larger community by focusing on camp counseling skills, peer collaboration, and group facilitation.

CAMP WAPSIE STAFF

ROTATING JUNIOR COUNSELORS (RJC) – *Continue learning and growing during your first year on staff*
RJCs are first-year staff members who work as cabin, program, and kitchen employees for the whole summer. Selection as a Wapsie staff member is based on a completed staff application, phone interview, and references*. Successful completion of the Leadership Development Program (LIT and CIT) is not required to be considered for Wapsie summer staff. Applications available in January.

***People who have not had prior Camp Wapsie experience are still welcome and encouraged to apply to the Leadership Development Program or staff.**

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Increase leadership skills so participants are prepared to assume community and camp leadership roles.
2. Expand human relation skills between the young leaders, campers, peers, and adults (staff).
3. Grow a sense of responsibility and service to others.
4. Create a better sense of self-worth.
5. Develop appreciation for the natural world around us.
6. Improve teaching skills in program areas relevant to YMCA Camp Wapsie and the mission of the YMCA.
7. Experience living and working cooperatively in a larger community.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Attend all training sessions (usually one each morning and afternoon) with a desire to learn.
2. Promote group unity and participate in all group activities.
3. Help with the cleanliness of all areas of camp.
4. Promote good conduct at meal times.
5. Assist in assigned program activities. (Ex: morning activities, Day Camp, the Village)
6. Participate in general camp activities when assigned. (Ex: fire building/cooking, facilitating games)
7. Assist counselors and other staff members when assigned to them. (Ex: night watch, telling TAPS,
8. Assist in the lodge as needed (Ex: LIT/CIT do dishes 2-4 times per week, LITs hop tables 1 meal a day)
9. Complete other projects as assigned. (Ex: service projects, trip planning)
10. Cooperate with all camp personnel for the welfare of campers and the camp.
11. CITs participate in lifeguard training.
12. CITs are responsible for assisting in a cabin during part of their stay.
13. Follow all policies of the Leadership Development Program and Camp Wapsie.

2022 LIT/CIT APPLICATION

Please do not send money with this application!

YMCA CAMP WAPSIE, 2174 WAPSIE Y ROAD, COGGON, IA 52218

Please rank all session choices you wish to be considered for! – Please fill in 1, 2 or 3...

LIT (entering 10th or 11th grade, Fall 2022)

- _____ June 12 – July 2 (LIT Session 1)
- _____ July 3 – July 23 (LIT Session 2)
- _____ July 24 – August 13 (LIT Session 3)

CIT (entering 11th or 12th grade, Fall 2022)

- _____ June 14 – July 9 (CIT Session 1)
- _____ July 17 – August 13 (CIT Session 2)

Name _____ Gender _____ Current Grade _____

Parent email _____ School _____

Applicant email _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

Attended Camp Wapsie before? ___ Yes ___ No Which years? _____

If applying for CIT, were you a LIT previously? ___ Yes ___ No Which year? _____

Program attended in 2021: ___ Cabin Camper ___ Ranger ___ Trip Which week(s)? _____

Other Camp Experience (Where and When)

Hobbies, Interests, Clubs, Sports

Leadership Experience

Work Experience

Other information you feel is important

Why do you want to be a part of the Leadership Development program?

Why do you feel you should be chosen as a LIT/CIT?

What specifically do you hope to learn in the LIT/CIT program?

Please list two adult references (not relatives). The first reference needs to answer the following questions. (They can email the answer to camp@crmetroymca.org)

Reference #1

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

Why would this applicant be a good candidate for YMCA Camp Wapsie's Leadership Development Program? _____

Reference #2

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Relationship to the applicant? _____

Applicant's Statement: I have read the LIT/CIT description and support its objectives. If accepted for this program, I will abide by all camp policies.

SIGNED _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Statement: I (we) have read the description of the LIT/CIT program and give our child permission to apply.

SIGNED _____ Date _____

Please submit completed application by October 31st, 2021
Completed applications can be submitted via mail, e-mail, or fax to:

Camp Wapsie
ATTN: CIT/LIT Application
2174 Wapsie Y Road
Coggon, IA 52218

camp@crmetroymca.org

Fax: 866.390.8490