

Hello LIT and CIT Applicants for the summer of 2023,

I hope the school year is off to a good start and you are doing well. Camp is looking ahead toward summer 2023!

If you have applied for this program in the past, we are doing things a little differently this year in the application process. You will need to apply and get your reference checks via google forms. If you are interested in these excellent programs, click on the links below to access the application and reference form. Please submit them by **October 15th. Any applications we receive after October 15th will be put on a waitlist.** Selection into the program is based on your application, references, and any previous camp experience you may have. Please take your time completing the application and select two references who can speak about your personality, work ethic, and potential to be successful in completing the LIT or CIT program.

[2023 LIT/CIT Application](#)

This attachment is for your two references. Each applicant is required to have two references. The link needs to be sent separately to each of them.

[2023 LIT/CIT Reference Form](#)

The LIT and CIT programs require a serious commitment to YMCA Camp Wapsie, its goals and mission, and, more importantly, to you. Successful completion of the programs should result in personal growth and skills development to help you in your future. Carefully read the program descriptions and objectives below before filling out the application. We plan to announce Leadership program participants by late November.

A **\$75.00** non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of acceptance. (Please **do not send** a deposit with this application.) The remaining balance will be due 30 days before the start date of your 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 select your tier when you fill out your registration forms.

	Tier A	Tier B	Tier C
LIT (3 weeks)	\$825	\$775	\$725
CIT (4 weeks)	\$935	\$885	\$835

These are proposed prices-actual prices will be verified on the confirmation of acceptance to the program

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 after January 1st.

Below is the description and the objectives of the programs. Please read them before you apply.

YMCA CAMP WAPSIE

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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

THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

LITs and CITs 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)

LITs pay a fee and attend a three-week summer training session, which includes experience leading activities. Participants are entering the 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 LITs for leadership roles at camp and within their communities with a focus on general leadership skills and interpersonal interaction, and includes an 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 the 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 CITs 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 are 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 an 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.