

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program at Camp de Benneville Pines

Inspire. Lead. Guide.

Program Dates: July 5–11, 2026

Do you want to give an amazing experience to the next generation of campers? Ready for a summer week of hard work and serious responsibility—mixed with outrageous fun and lifelong friendship?

The **Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program** is your opportunity to step behind the scenes of camp life and train to become a confident, capable cabin counselor.

What You'll Experience

During this **week-long intensive training**, CITs will:

- Explore different **leadership styles**
- Learn **conflict management** and communication skills
- Build confidence in **working with children**
- Practice responding to **emergency situations**
- Learn how to lead **age-appropriate games, workshops, and activities**
- Gain real-world experience assisting counselors and program staff

Training takes place during the **first half of each day**. In the **afternoons**, CITs work alongside counselors to gain hands-on experience within the UU Elementary Summer Camp community.

Community & Commitment

Beyond training, CITs build strong connections with one another and become an **integral part of the UU Elementary Summer Camp community**.

Because of Camp's ongoing need for counseling staff, applicants should be willing to **commit to the counseling program for several years** after successful completion of the CIT program.

Eligibility & Application Details

- **Ages:** 14–18
- **Space is limited, please apply as soon as possible**
- Complete the online CIT application form on the website (Registration opens Mar 7)
- **Application deadline and finalizing acceptance:** April 15, 2025
- **Acceptance notifications:** May 1, 2025
- **Registration and Payment:** Once formally accepted, please register and pay your deposit and balance.

All applications—including **letters of recommendation**—must be submitted by the deadline of April 15, 2026

Program Cost

Total Cost: \$679

Includes lodging, meals, training, activities, and supplies.

- **\$75 non-refundable deposit** required to confirm registration
 - Full balance due **one week before camp begins**
 - No refunds after check-in on the first day of camp
 - Electronic invoices will be sent periodically; partial or full payments accepted
 - **Deposit will be returned if applicant is not accepted** into the program
-

Meet the Trainers

The CIT Program is led by experienced and dedicated camp leaders:

- **Ayanna Gaines**
 - **Tyler Detloff**
 - **Brianna Greene**
-

Learn More www.uucamp.org

Contact: Camping Ministries Director, Laura Lunn, cmd@uucamp.org, (949) 300-3645

Step into leadership. Build lifelong skills. Make a lasting impact.

Train to be a Counselor-in-Training this summer!