

**THE “MAUREEN HAAS” COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM
AT
CAMP WASHINGTON
2021**

*All applicants are subject to a criminal background and reference check

Camp Washington is open to all people regardless of race, religious creed, sex, age, national origin or physical abilities. Our outdoor ministry is dedicated to providing an opportunity for individuals to come to know God's grace through the experience of a loving and committed community and to share that experience to make God known. We believe that all who experience our program should have the opportunity to grow spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically and return home refreshed and renewed.

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is designed to give the camper an overall experience of what it means to work with children and youth in a camp environment and to develop leadership roles above and beyond the camp setting. The CIT program is an intensive one that seeks to develop the many gifts that God has given each one of us.

Maureen Haas was a beloved member of the Camp Washington community as a camper and staff member in her youth, and later as the Christian Formation Coordinator for many years. In her time at Camp Washington, it was always a priority of Maureen's to be a source of support to the many campers and staff whom she encountered on a daily basis. Maureen especially cared about the development of youth who would potentially become the leaders of the Camp Washington community, and cared deeply for the Counselors-in-Training. As such, a scholarship fund set up in her name has been designated as a means to help subsidize the hands-on education our Counselors-In-Training will receive.

● **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

This camping program is open to young people 16–17 years of age who show a willingness to explore their faith, have a desire to work with children, who have a love for living, playing, teaching and working in the outdoors and are willing to work as part of a team.

CITs are chosen through a very selective process which includes a written application, interview and personal reference checks.

Applicants will be chosen on the basis of their interest in children, character and willingness to learn. Please note, the CIT camping program is both physically and emotionally demanding, only those with a serious desire to participate fully in all aspects of the program should apply.

● **PROGRAM:**

Our goal is to invest in the quality of our future staff by providing a specific hands-on training experience in a supervised and supportive learning environment. The program requires dedication, maturity, enthusiasm and patience.

● **TIME COMMITMENT:**

This program is a four week commitment and includes:

CIT orientation – held two weeks before the first camp session. This is a time to get to know one another and the staff, and to begin working with each other as we become familiar with the camp program and the specific job responsibilities.

Three weeks of summer camp sessions.

Children's Camp I (July 11 – July 16)

Children's Camp II (July 25 – August 6) : One 24 hour period will be given off during this session)

● **STAFF:**

The Camp Director along with Senior Staff will coordinate the CIT program.

● **Application Deadline:**

All interested applicants must submit a completed application no later than **May 1st, 2021**.

● **FEES:**

A \$500 fee is charged for the entire program. If interested, participants may apply for aid by answering the question below in a short essay. Those who are selected to be a CIT and apply for aid will be guaranteed at least \$200 towards their overall fee. The remaining balance will be determined based on thoughtfulness of the accompanying essay and availability of money from the Maureen Haas Scholarship Fund.

Question: *Camp Washington seeks to be a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive community for all. How can you play a role in creating an environment where every camper, staff member, CIT, Chaplain, or other visitor feels welcome, no matter their background? What specific choices and actions can you take to ensure this environment is created?*

An important note to remember: All CIT campers are expected to leave camp property between camp sessions (Friday @ 6:00 pm to Sunday @ 10:00 am) Camp Washington is not responsible for transportation.