# Counselor in Training Programs For youth going into grades 8—11



NEWTON PARKS & RECREATION

At Franklin School Monday - Friday 8:30 - 3:30

### First Year CIT

Session 1: 7/7-7/18 Session 2: 7/21-8/1 Session 3: 8/4-8/15

# Returning CIT

Session 1: 7/7-7/25 Session 2: 7/28-8/15



At Bowen School Monday - Friday 8:30 - 3:30

#### First Year CIT

Session 1: 7/7-7/18 Session 2: 7/21-8/1 Session 3: 8/4-8/15

# Returning CIT

Session 1: 7/7-7/25 Session 2: 7/28-8/15



At Mason Rice School Monday - Friday 8:30 - 3:30

# New CIT

Session 1: 7/7-7/18 Session 2: 7/21-8/1

# Returning CIT

Session 1: 6/30-7/18 Session 2: 7/21-8/8



At Nahanton Park Monday - Thursday 9:00-1:00

# First and Returning CIT

Session 1: 6/30-7/10 Session 2: 7/14-7/24 Session 3: 7/28-8/7

# Registration opens January 29, 2025 for Newton residents online at www.newtonmarec.com

### Who can be a CIT?

CIT's are youth who are 13 to 16 years old and will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall.

CIT's feel they are too old to be a camper but are not yet old enough or experienced enough to be a counselor.

This is an apprenticeship program where CIT's learn by doing. CIT's work directly with the counselors and campers at their program.

Ages of campers varies by program, but generally include children in Kindergarten through 6th grade.

# What are the advantages of being a CIT?

- Gain experience working with children
- Improve on your leadership and activity planning knowledge
- Develop time management and problem solving skills
- · Practice interviewing
- Explore future career possibilities in childcare
- Job training if interested in future employment at a camp

# First year vs returning CIT

First year CIT's are new to being a CIT with Newton Parks and Recreation. They will participate in a 2 week training session to learn valuable skills and work with campers at their program. Daily trainings with the CIT Director help to teach and reinforce skills.

Returning CIT's have already participated in a Newton Parks and Recreation CIT program in a previous year. They will use their session time to continue developing their camp counselor skills.

# Training topics include:

- Working at a Day Camp
- · Camper Safety and First Aid
- · Child Development
- · Group Dynamics
- Behavior Management
- Leadership Styles
- Attendance and Keeping Track of Your Campers
- Activity Planning
- How To Be A Great Counselor
- Preparing For Interviews