

To: Students interested in YMCA Camp Wapsie LIT/CIT Program for 2012

Hello! I hope all is well and school is off to a great start for you! Summer camp 2011 may be over but camp is still busy with visiting retreat groups and starting to prepare for special camps and next summer!

Enclosed is the information you will need to apply for the Leader-In-Training (LIT) or Counselor-In-Training (CIT) programs. If you are interested in these great programs, please complete the enclosed application and return it by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Selection into the program is based on your application and evaluations from counselors on how campers did at camp last summer. We make *session selections* based on when we receive your application in our office.

Please understand the LIT and CIT program involves a serious commitment, not only to YMCA Camp Wapsie and its goals and mission, but to you as well. Carefully read *all* of the enclosed information. The application must be filled out *completely* with your parent/guardian's signature.

A **\$75.00 non-refundable** deposit will be required at the time of acceptance. (*Please do not send deposit with this application.*) The balance is due four weeks before you report to camp.

We are offering our tiered pricing with the leadership program. Tier A most accurately reflects the true cost of camp. Tier B is partially subsidized. Tier C is more subsidized. Please select the highest tier that fits your budget to allow YMCA Camp Wapsie to best stretch our funding and continue to improve the quality of each camper's experience and our camp facilities.

	<b>Tier A</b>	<b>Tier B</b>	<b>Tier C</b>
<b>LIT</b>	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$580</b>	<b>\$535</b>
<b>CIT</b>	<b>\$725</b>	<b>\$680</b>	<b>\$635</b>

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. This gives families the opportunity to decide how much they can contribute toward their child's experience.

If you have any questions, please call (319) 435-2577. We hope to see you at special camps this year. Halloween Camp is October 29-30. Registration information is at [www.crmetroymca.org](http://www.crmetroymca.org).

In Camping,

Paul Denowski  
Camp Director

Enc.: Application  
Program Description

**2012 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!*

**LIT (entering 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Fall 2011)**

June 10 – June 30 (LIT Session 1)

July 1 – July 21 (LIT Session 2)

July 22 – Aug. 11 (LIT Session 3)

**CIT (entering 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Fall 2011)**

June 10 – July 7 (CIT Session 1)

July 15 – Aug. 11 (CIT Session 2)

Name  Male  Female

Parent email

Address City

State ZIP Home Phone #

Birth Date Age School Current Grade

Father Occupation Daytime Phone #

Mother Occupation Daytime Phone #

Years at Camp Wapsie: 2000 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11

Year as LIT: 10 11 Programs in 11  Ranger  Trip  Cabin Camper Session/Week

Other Camp Experience (Where and When)

Hobbies and Interests

Leadership Experience

Special Training or Certifications & Dates (First Aid, CPR, Etc.)

Work Experience



## **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.

### **STAGES OF THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

#### **LEADER IN TRAINING (LIT)\*\***

LIT's pay a fee and attend a three-week summer training session. Participants are entering 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Selection as a LIT is based on your application and a positive recommendation by the camp staff\*. The program is designed to prepare LIT's for leadership roles at camp and in their communities. They live together in cabin groups. The focus of the LIT program is on general leadership skills and interpersonal interaction with an introduction to problem solving, communication, camping skills, camp mission/goals, basic life saving, and camp work 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 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The LIT Director and Camp Director base selection as a CIT on successful completion of the LIT program and a positive recommendation\*. The focus of the CIT program is on camp counseling skills and working with groups.

#### **ROTATING JUNIOR COUNSELORS (RJC)**

RJCs are paid staff members who act as cabin, program, maintenance, and kitchen assistants for the whole summer. Participants are entering grade 12 or high school graduates. RJC Selection is based on performance as a CIT, application and a positive recommendation\*. The focus of the RJC Program is to put leadership and counseling skills to work to benefit the campers and YMCA Camp Wapsie.

\*People who have not had prior Camp Wapsie experience are still welcome and encouraged to apply to 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.

### **PROGRAM GOALS**

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

### **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.
6. Participate in general camp activities when assigned.
7. Assist counselors and other staff members when assigned to them.
8. LITs usually hop tables one meal a day.
9. Wash dishes as scheduled (LITs & CITs usually assist with meals or do dishes 2-4 times per week.)
10. Complete other projects as assigned.
11. Cooperate with all camp personnel for the welfare of campers and the camp.
12. Follow all policies of the Leadership Development Program and Camp Wapsie.
13. CITs participate in lifeguard training.
14. CITs are responsible for assisting in a cabin during part of their stay.