

# **Info for Applicants & Caregivers**

## Am I eligible for the CIT program?

- Are you entering 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade?
- Are you available for the interview/orientation and the full CIT session?
- Are you able to be a positive role model and a leader for Outback children? CITs are an integral part of inspiring Outback students as well as supporting Outback staff.

If you answered **YES** to all of these questions, you are not only eligible, you are the perfect candidate to be a CIT at Outback Summer Program!

## What is the CIT program?

Counselors-in-Training are part of the Youth Employment Program (YEP) at Maria L. Baldwin Community Center. CITs assist Outback teachers as they lead kids (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) in a variety of activities.

## As a CIT, you will:

- Have an opportunity to volunteer in the community.
- Learn job skills like submitting an application, filling out a timesheet, providing support, taking initiative, and working independently.
- Assist teachers and help children in the community.
- Gain leadership experience.

CITs are supervised while they are in the program, but Outback is not responsible for them before they arrive or after they leave. Youth also have an unsupervised break, and may be sent unsupervised between buildings to gather supplies.

CITs who successfully complete their session will earn a stipend of \$75.

#### Where does the CIT program take place?

Outback primarily takes place at 20 Sacramento Street, Cambridge, accessible via:

- MBTA Red Line stop (Harvard or Porter Square stops)
- MBTA Buses 77 & 96

We also use the gym, cafeteria, and community room at the Baldwin School just a few doors down (Weeks 1-7). We also make use of our community garden plot just across the street, the "Y-Field," and the playground across from the Baldwin School.

CITs may also be asked to travel on field trips and beach trips offsite.

## How do I sign up for the CIT program?

- 1. Starting March 5th at 8pm, use our online registration system to save a spot in the shift/session you are interested in. Please only sign up for one shift or session. We recommend that an adult completes this step.
- 2. Fill out the online application form within two weeks of registering online. The application will become available starting March 5th at 8pm. The CIT applicant should complete this step.
- 3. Caregivers must complete and submit a permission form within two weeks of registering online.

## NOTE: Your spot will not be secure until steps 1-3 are complete.

- 4. Attend one of the in-person interview/orientation dates:
  - May 22nd 4:30-6PM or May 28th 4:30-6PM

## When is the CIT Program?

There are 4 two-week sessions during the summer and 2 shift options. CITs must be available Monday-Friday for their entire session. No customized sessions will be allowed. CITs can only do one session per summer. Morning CITs have a longer shift so they will be able to attend beach trips on Thursdays.

Session Dates	Shift Options
Session 1: 6/30-7/11	Morning Shift: 8 am-2:30pm with a 30-minute
Session 2: 7/14-7/25	lunch break
Session 3: 7/28-8/8	
Session 4: 8/11-8/22	<b>Afternoon Shift:</b> 12:30-6pm with a 30-minute break

#### **Questions?**

Please visit the CIT page on our website:

<u>agassiz.org/childrens-programs/outback-counselor-in-training</u> or contact us at registration@agassiz.org or by calling 617-349-6287 x206