



Leader in Training (LIT) and Counselor in Training (CIT)

Leader-in-Training is a new category of camp this year designed specifically for **13-year-olds**, and focusing on general leadership and skill-building. Leadership training can be ascribed to all areas of life. This one-week training period covers the basics of leadership and teamwork, as well as the fundamental skills needed to work with campers (teaching games, running activities, dealing with campers). Training week is June 16 – 20, with one week of volunteering during the summer camp required. Fee is \$125

The Counselor-in-Training (**14 & 15 year-olds**) program goes beyond Leader-in-Training for more in-depth preparation for working with campers in the camp setting. This 2-week program includes leadership and skill-building (Week 1) alongside the LIT's. Week 2 for CITs focuses on advanced skills for working with campers, including fire building, safety, orienteering, geocaching, and canoeing. This week includes two canoe field trips. Training weeks are June 16-20 and June 23-27, with two additional weeks of volunteering during the summer camp required. Fee is \$225.

During the volunteer week(s) at camp LITs/CITs will assist ECO Camp Counselors/Assistant Counselors to run the camp program, helping campers learn about the natural environment, native plants and animals, and how to be caring stewards of the Earth – all in an outdoor setting. LITs and CITs may be asked to lead a hike, a game, assist with set up or clean-up of an activity, or aid a camper who needs extra help or encouragement. CITs may also co-lead specialty programming learned during Week 2 of their training.

LITs / CITs learn to serve as role models and demonstrate our core values of Respect, Stewardship and Leadership. If you enjoy being outside and spending time with others, want to learn and share knowledge, and have a positive outlook, apply!

Camp activities occur rain or shine, primarily outdoors; in the event of severe weather conditions, camp will be held indoors as needed for safety.

How to become an LIT/CIT

1. Fill out and return the attached application by **May 16, 2025**. Application is not a guarantee of acceptance.
2. Once accepted, sign and return the volunteer waiver form and health and emergency contact form.
3. Pay the appropriate fee: LIT \$125; CIT \$225
4. Attend the training week(s) at Welkinweir and complete appropriate volunteer time

Every Child Outside (ECO) Camp 2025

Green Valleys Watershed Association has provided nature oriented summer camps in northern Chester County for over 50 years, connecting young stewards ages 6-12 to the natural environment. Held at our 224-acre Welkinweir preserve, our summer 2025 ECO (Every Child Outside) camp programs are designed to instill awareness, understanding, and respect of the natural world through outdoor activities, exploration, scientific inquiry and discovery, and creative expression and play, while having fun!



LIT/CIT Application

Please fill out and return to GVWA, 1368 Prizer Rd, Pottstown, PA 19465 Attn: LIT-CIT application, or camp@greenvalleys.org. Questions? Contact Victoria Laubach, Executive Director, at (610) 469-4900.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MAY 16, 2025.

Name _____ Age _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Have you participated in a GVWA environmental education program or camp in the past?

no

yes, as a participant / camper What year(s)? _____

CIT What year(s)? _____

In a few sentences, tell us why you would like to be an LIT or CIT. You may add additional paper as needed.

We strive to make nature accessible for all. We get kids of all sorts in our camps. How would you go about connecting with a child who may be different from you, including temperament & ability?

Please indicate the weeks you would like to/are available to assist with camp. LIT requires one week; CIT requires two weeks. You may help in more than two weeks, if we have the need and room. You are expected to be available from 8:45-3:00, unless otherwise arranged.

- Week 1 June 16-20
- Week 2 June 23-27
- Week 3 June 30-July 3
- Week 4 July 7-11
- Week 5 July 14-18
- Week 6 July 21-25
- Week 7 July 28-Aug 1
- Week 8 Aug 4-8

Note: Unless there are extenuating circumstances, you are required to attend the full staff training week(s)

Thanks for your application. We will contact you soon!