



Coaches in Training Applicants 2020!

The Potomac/Brit-Am CIT program is a competitive program designed to take campers who have demonstrated a good understanding of the Brit-Am standards, a strong desire to work with children, and a love of camp and give them the training and skills to be successful. The participants in the CIT program are held to high expectations. You will be expected to assist and sometimes lead activities for younger campers. Each CIT will be expected to meet the responsibilities that are given to them. The CIT program is fun but for different reasons than being a camper. It is about discovering what you are capable of and finding your inner leader/coach.

Please complete this [application](#) and return by the date requested.

CIT Program Overview

Program Summary:

The CIT Program is designed to teach leadership, community and counseling skills to High School Aged participants through soccer activities, learning, and service at camp. The CIT Program is detailed within the contents of the CIT training manual (received after acceptance) which will guide counselors through dealing with behavior management, developmental characteristics of children, and how to run an organized and successful camp program. A successful participant will have shown themselves to be enthusiastic, dedicated, hard working and devoted to the Brit-Am camp's experience.

CIT Qualifications:

- Loves children
- Demonstrated experience working with children
- Ability to teach and lead various soccer activities

- Excellent character, integrity and adaptability
- Ability to communicate and work with a variety of age and skill levels
- The desire and ability to work in a cooperative, team-oriented atmosphere
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience and self-control
- Need to attend the mandatory training session held Wednesday, June 12 from 7:30-9:00 pm at Churchill HS in Potomac.

The CIT's at Camp:

Each CIT will be part of a weekly group and is, in effect, a group on its own of young leaders who will be expected to use the dynamics of shared experience and responsibility to bond with the children participating at each camp. CIT's will be visible at camp via their yellow/black uniform and will be expected to help the children with the meal times, assisting coaching staff on and off the field and setting up and creating a safe playing environment. By carefully using the tools and equipment at their disposal the Brit-Am CIT's will be able to instill the philosophy of the camp, create a sense of camaraderie and a thorough understanding of what it means to work at camp.

Some CIT's may be eligible for hire as Junior Coaches at the age of 17 as long as they have acquired the necessary experience and shown the skills required to do so. The CIT experience will help prepare candidates and give them the confidence and understanding of what is required to become an employed Soccer Coach at Brit-Am. Participation in the CIT program does not guarantee employment in the future.

CIT Responsibilities:

- Take primary responsibility for the health, well-being and happiness of campers
- Learn the likes and dislikes of each camper
- Recognize and respond to opportunities for group problem solving
- Provide opportunities for the group so that each individual experiences success while at camp
- Encourage respect for personal property, camp equipment and facilities
- Set a good example for campers in all areas, including cleanliness, punctuality, clean-up chores, rules, and sportsmanship
- Guide campers in participating successfully in all aspects of camp activities
- Supervise, assist head coaches and actively participate in all aspects of the campers' day.
- Observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques
- Prepare for and actively participate in pre-camp training
- Submit all required paperwork by the deadlines established.

Notification of week(s) assigned:

You will receive an email with your assigned weeks no later than April 15th. Assignments need to be confirmed or declined by the applicant within seven (7) days of the notification.

Training meeting/workshop:

All selected CIT's will be required to attend the mandatory pre camp preparation meeting on Wednesday June 10th, 2020 from 7:00-8:00pm at Churchill HS. Failure to do so may result in the weeks being reassigned to another CIT.

During this meeting all CIT's will get the following:

- CIT manual
- Confirmed Individual weekly assignments
- Uniform
- Final Pre Camp instructions

The Essential CIT Requirements:

- Highly visible participation in the camp
- Service and attendance at camp
- Learn and implement skills that will help with working in a soccer teaching environment
- A love of working with children
- Tons of energy (and we mean tons!!)
- A willingness to be silly for the sake of making a kid smile
- A desire to have fun!!