



Pilgrim Lodge

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Dear CIT Candidates,

It's been a long, cold winter, but the Pilgrim Lodge season is finally here!

We're looking forward to seeing each of you on **Friday, June 21st** at PL.

Please arrive at camp by **9:00 am**, and plan to be picked up on **Sunday by 11:30 am**.

Previous years CIT Training has been limited to one day, but this year we're launching a new and improved, CIT Training 2.0 that allows us to spend a whole weekend at camp! This will be an intensive, hands on learning experience that will prepare you for the all of the exciting opportunities that await you as CIT's.

Registration will be on the side porch of Quitobaquito promptly at 9:00 am. Please remember to bring all of your registration paperwork with you.

If we all arrive by 9:00, we will have plenty of time to move into our cabins, and settle in for a brief chapel service at 10:00. We will have challenges after chapel, so please remember your closed toe shoes and bug spray.

There is a tried and true CIT manual, and you can download your very own copy. [Here is the link](#). (You are encouraged to bring your laptops, and tablets, so if you want to save a tree, you will be able to access the manual electronically.) Please take the time to look it over before you arrive. Be sure to jot down any questions that come up.

As CIT's you'll also need to know about the curriculum. What? The curriculum is the backbone of every PL experience. You can get a jumpstart on reviewing the curriculum by [downloading it here](#). Please don't share this link, it's for counselors and CIT's only. Also, its 275 pages, so please don't print it out. If you want to download it to your device, or save the link, that will be sufficient for CIT Training. Each camp event will only use part of the curriculum, so your deans will probably provide you with an abbreviated copy for your use when you're counseling. Bottom line: Lets save a tree!

A new part of the CIT Training experience will include sharing camp with the Grandparenting Weekend. This is different from Grandparents and Grandkids camps, as the focus is on grandparents that are parenting their grandchildren.

The adults will have programming time where they discuss some of the rewards and challenges of their situation. During those times, we will be working with the children. As CIT's you will be responsible for planning some fun things to do with them. (Hint: there are tons of great activities in the curriculum.) This can include craft time, along with music oriented, or physical activities. Use your imaginations.

Another great learning opportunity will be putting together worship services. We are going to ask you to plan a chapel or vespers service for both camps. Many of you have done this during family groups at camp, and now it will be your turn to work with the youth in putting together a service. (Hint: all of the daily themes, and scriptures, along with some great worship ideas can be found in the curriculum.)

It would also be a good idea to think about; why you are interested in becoming a CIT? What excites you? What is your biggest concern? What ideas will you bring to camp for interest groups, and cabin activities? How is being a CIT different than being a camper? Consider which weeks or age groups might work best for you personally. We look forward to discussing these, and any other questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

Pilgrim Lodge is built on a solid foundation of volunteer deans, counselors, and CIT's. By joining the CIT ranks, you are helping to keep the PL Spirit alive and well.

On behalf of the OMT, the PL Staff, and all of those dedicated to preserving this awesome space; thank you for stepping up to such an important role!

You. Are. Awesome!

Shalom, Dan McGlincey and Vic Rogers

If you have dietary needs, let the Karen in the camp office know ASAP.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail your deans:

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