

LEADER IN TRAINING 2026

The Bolton Summer Camp Leader in Training (LIT) program is designed for those ages 14 - 15. A LIT's major role at camp is to be actively involved in all camp activities, working with staff and acting as an enthusiastic responsible role model for our campers. LIT's must apply for this role at our camp as well as participate in a preseason interview. Not all applicants are guaranteed a position; there are limited openings each week.

LIT General Role at Camp
Purpose: To work closely with camp staff, learning skills, responsibilities and qualities of a successful Group Leader
Time Required: A minimum of one camp session (one full week daily 9:30AM – 3:30PM during that full week)
Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assists counselors in support roles with campers• Assists campers to know what is expected of them, camp rules and activity schedules.• Ensures that each camper participates in the planned activities• Assists in preparing materials and supplies for camp activities• Participates fully in all camper and counselor activities• Serves as a positive role model• Works as an active team member with the entire camp staff• Cooperate with the camp director and camp staff• Once a session comes up with an activity that goes with the weekly theme and leads with a group of campers with the assistance of the group counselor.
Qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 14 years of age• Displays positive attitude• Demonstrates good decision making and leadership skills• Willingness to learn new things and contribute ideas• Eager to accept new responsibilities and follow through• Willingness to work as a team member

More information regarding the session themes and daily schedules can be found on the back of this page. All Leader in Training applications are due no later than May 22, 2026. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

This program was not designed for those who are interested in simply hanging out with their friends for the summer. The purpose of this program is to learn general job skills as well as specific job requirements of counselors. All LIT's are expected to arrive at the camp and act as if they were working at a job. LIT's will join the camp on any scheduled field trips, however they will be expected to assist staff, not join campers on the field trip activities.

This program is to help those 14 -15 years of age prepare for work. Limited spaces each week.

Cost: \$50.00/week (additional costs may apply for field trips)

If you are interested in becoming a LIT complete the application and return it to the Bolton Recreation Department. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis. You will be notified via phone to schedule your preseason interview/trainings. Please feel free to contact the recreation department at (860)649-8066 X6109 or ccochardo@boltonct.gov if you have further questions.

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Summer 2026 Leader in Training Program Application

This page is to be completed by the LIT applicant. You may use additional sheets of paper if more space is needed.

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade in fall of 2026: _____

Address: _____

Allergies: _____

Phone: _____ Email or parents: _____

If you were to interview your best friend, how would they describe you?

Describe a successful experience you had at school and explain why you think it was successful:

Use three words you would use to describe yourself: _____

Describe your role model: _____

List any subjects, courses, special interests, hobbies and or special training courses you have or have taken that you think would be helpful to our camp: _____

Why do you want to be a Leader in training?

Please list your top two weeks of interest: _____

Circle any other sessions you are interested in applying for:

The LIT program will run during the following 7 sessions:

Session 2 June 29– July 3 (no camp July 3) – Field Trip Week

Session 3 July 6- 10

Session 4 July 13—17

Session 5 July 20- 24

Session 6 July 27—July 31

Session 7 August 3 - 7 (Field Trip Week)

Session 8 August 10-14

Please list two references (Not relatives)

Name, phone and or email: _____

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Parents/Guardians please fill out this portion:

Parents/Guardians information:

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

Camper Emergency contact information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Transportation: please check all that apply, if walk/bike is not checked off they will be unable to leave the camp building without your appearance.

Walk Bike Ride from parents

If your child can only be picked up by certain people, please list below: _____

Parents, please note that Leaders in Training may receive community service hours for high school from our programs. However, if a LIT is not behaving as a LIT (helpful, courteous, respectful, only using phones or other devices in case of an emergency etc.) **you will be given the option of their continuation at camp to be as a camper and paying the camper fee, or a participant may be removed from the program.** Being a LIT is an awesome way to gain job skills and learn the ins and outs of working with children of all ages. Joining our camp as a LIT is a privilege; we want everyone to have fun!

I, the parent/guardian of the above-named participant, give me approval for his/her participation in all activities during the above-mentioned program. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from the activities. I so hereby waive, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Bolton Recreation Department, employees, volunteers, participants, and people transporting my child to and from activities from claims arising out of injury to my child. I give Bolton Recreation Department staff and volunteers permission to provide emergency first aid or to obtain emergency medical treatment for my son/daughter if an injury occurs. In consideration of participation in Bolton Recreation Department programs, the undersigned agrees that their likeness may be photographed or videotapes and that such image may be published in an outlet used to promote or publicize our programs. A Parent handbook as well as all separate field trip waivers will be provided to me and need to be signed and returned to the Bolton Recreation Department prior to that week to attend the field trips. I understand as the parent that the position of an LIT does have a cost that I am responsible for making payment before final approval of attendance can take place by the department.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete this application and return via email to cchoardo@boltonct.gov or in person to 222 Bolton Center Rd.