



FPC LIT PROGRAM SUMMARY

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The intent of the program is to offer some of our outstanding campers the chance to enjoy another session of camping combined with several opportunities to develop leadership skills. [Tuition for the LIT program can be found here.](#) It's important to understand that though LITs are not campers in the traditional sense, the time and manpower dedicated to this program make our costs the same, if not more. We will be accepting a very limited number of enrollees.

The LIT session will be offered during:

- **Session 1 (Sunday, May 31st - Saturday, June 13th, 2026)**
- **Session 2 (Sunday, June 14th - Saturday, June 27th, 2026)**

Meaning that as a LIT, you would be staying at FPC for **two weeks**. We will be accepting a very limited number of enrollees. Below are some details that will better your understanding of the LIT program.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants **must** meet all minimum eligibility requirements to be considered to join our LIT Program.

1. Must have previously joined us as a camper during a Summer Camp Session (not Family Camp) at least one time.
2. Will be 15 years old before June 1st, 2026.

GRADING CRITERIA FOR PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE

NEW FOR 2026 - Grading criteria will be considered in the following order:

1. Applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements
2. All questions will be graded on the following areas:
 - a. Cooperation
 - b. Responsibility
 - c. Problem Solving
 - d. Growth
 - e. Teamwork
3. We will also take into consideration the applicants ability to show camp's virtues, both from their previous experience here at camp, & within the answers of their application. (Patience, Optimism, Respect, Helpfulness, Inventiveness, Courage, Integrity, Honesty, Caring)
4. Total FPC Camper years will be taken into account.

INITIAL LIT DEADLINE:

The LIT Application initial deadline is:
Tuesday, September 30th, 2025 at 5PM MST

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS AFTER THE INITIAL DEADLINE

All applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements. Applications will still be accepted after the initial deadline, however, your likelihood of being accepted into the program is significantly lower.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A COMPLETE APPLICATION?

- LIT Information Questionnaire Complete & Submitted
 - Including your Resume
 - Including your Bullying Essay
 - Including your Creative Project
- Online Recorded One-Way Interview submitted
- 2 Letters of Recommendation received

APPLICATION COMPONENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Each component of the application is listed below. The descriptions below will better your understanding of what constitutes as acceptable for each component. **Below each component is green text that will direct you to where to find the document or link, as well as how to submit that component.**

1. **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Letters of Recommendation can come from an employer, teacher, or coach. Recommendation from a family friend, parent, or sibling will not be accepted. We recommend the Letters of Recommendation should be one of the first components of the application an applicant works on. As you rely on another person to send this in, it is in your best interest to give yourself the full length of the application period as a buffer.

Have your letter writers submit their letters back to you. Once you have received BOTH of your letters of Rec you can upload them here -> [FPC Letters of Recommendation](#)

2. **RESUME:** We feel the resume is a very important component of your application. We understand that someone at the age of 15 may not have true work experience, but we think it is good practice to create a resume with the experience you do have. Within the resume, we would

like to see a Chronological Resume Format. Within this format, we are looking for experience(s) that shows the following: Leadership Experience, Responsibility, Extracurricular Activity, and Child Care. For example, this could mean showing you have some leadership experience based in an after school extracurricular activity like a club or sports team.

Resume will be submitted/uploaded within the LIT Questionnaire form.

3. **BULLYING ESSAY:**

Find the essay prompt at the following link:
[2026 Bullying Essay Prompt](#)

Bullying Essay will be submitted/uploaded within the LIT Questionnaire form.

4. **CREATIVE PROJECT:** This part of the application is where we ask you to play on your strengths. The creative portion of the application can be a short film, graphic design, a poem, a song, drawing or a painting, or a short story. Whatever you decided to create should answer the question: “How has Camp bettered you as a person?”

Creative Project will be submitted/uploaded within the LIT Questionnaire form.

5. **LIT QUESTIONNAIRE:** Several components of the application process are contained within this google form, such as the resume upload, contact info, bullying essay, creative project, and LIT Agreement.
- The LIT agreement states you will abide by the expectations camp has of LITs.
 - Signing this agreement informs us that you understand that being a LIT is not just coming back as a camper per se, but that you will have more responsibility and will put the effort into staying focused on these responsibilities.

Fill out the form at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/C3Tmnzfa1BnNkL6D7>

6. **ONLINE RECORDED ONE-WAY INTERVIEW:** The Online Recorded Interview Questions will ask you questions that will require you to record yourself answering them. The process of using the questions is to help the application practice the scenario of a real interview. During this part of the application, responses to the questions should be taken

seriously and show you have put thought into your answer. The recorded interview consists of 6 questions, and should take 15-20 min to complete.

Record your one-way interview at the following link:

<https://app.hirevire.com/applications/a5848f88-aeb9-4a2e-b51d-56b635ac34a5>

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- After you have been accepted into the LIT program, you will be manually enrolled into our system by a Friendly Pines Camp Staff Member.
- To ensure a quality experience and careful supervision, the LITs and the LIT program will be supervised by an adult staff member (possibly more) who will work closely with the Friendly Pines administrative staff.
- LITs will live in a cabin of younger campers and their counselor. The LITs will be given opportunities to help with the kids in the cabin, but will do so under the watchful eye and careful direction of the counselor.
- LITs will work closely with their LIT supervisor(s) who will help schedule them into activities in which they wish to develop instructional/leadership skills. The activity head will create well-supervised and well-structured teaching opportunities for the LITs.
- Every other day, the LITs will all meet with the LIT supervisor(s) during one of the activity periods for leadership training.
- During AM & PM free time, and possibly during siesta, LITs may be assigned tasks such as helping groups prepare for an overnight, prepping for the evening activity, prepping for a special day, etc. If not assisting with a special task, the LITs will spend free time with their cabin group.
- LITs will be given time to socialize in the evening. This will occur once a quiet cabin has been turned over to the night duty counselor AND after 9PM. LITs will be dismissed from the Dining Lodge at 9:50 pm for prompt lights out in their cabin at 9:55 pm. This opportunity is a PRIVILEGE, and as a result of good or bad behavior as a LIT group, the LIT socialization time may be adjusted to the judgment of the Program Staff and/or LIT Leaders.

- The LITs will be given special projects such as organizing and running an evening activity or a service project to complete during their session. They will also be encouraged to help lead songs at meal times.
- Because we feel that socializing is an important component for creating a cohesive team of LITs, the LITs may be given the opportunity for a special trip or outing.
- LITs will be held to the highest standards of effort, participation, and behavior. Because they will serve as important role models to the younger campers, we will **not** accept **anything less** than the **most responsible** participants.
- The LITs' performance will be evaluated by their LIT supervisor(s) at the end of the session. This evaluation, along with input from other counselors and administrative staff, will play a large part on whether or not a LIT will be invited to participate in the Counselor in Training (CIT) program for the following summer.

Though brief, the above outline has hopefully given you a feel for our LIT program. Though it does require a lot of extra effort and staff coordination on FPC's part, we're excited about this program which has been operating since 2000. In the end we will have provided a valuable learning experience and, hopefully, laid the groundwork for a core of outstanding counselors three or four years down the road.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this program, please give us a call right away or email info@friendlypines.com.

Cordially,

The Folks at Friendly Pines