

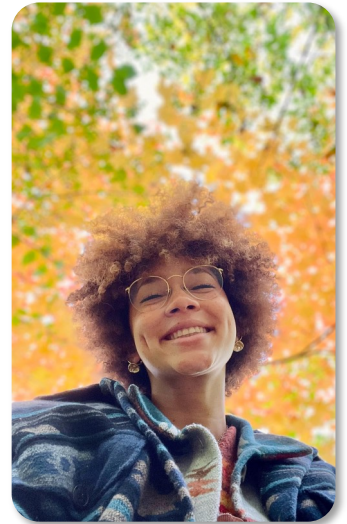


Alex P.

Hello campers! My name is Alex and I am from Brownsburg, Indiana. I am this year's CIT Coordinator, and I am super excited to guide my campers towards being great future counselors. I will be attending Ball State University, majoring in Environmental Science and Education. I currently work as a naturalist at Flat Rock's Outdoor Education program. This is my second year as a counselor here at Flat Rock YMCA Camp, but I have been coming to camp since I was 8 years old. What I love most about being a role model, mentor, and camp counselor is knowing I'm doing everything I can to give every camper around me an amazing summer experience!

Camp has shaped me into the person I am today by showing me how to be a leader in any given situation and to be honest, responsible, respectful, and caring to everyone and everything around me. Camp has also really helped me break out of my shell growing up. I've met so many wonderful and amazing people after years of attending here.

My interests and hobbies include singing, playing guitar and ukulele. I am also super interested in musical theater. I have been in many performances throughout my life. Just recently I was in the ensemble for The Addam's Family Musical. In my free time I also use different art styles, painting, drawing, and makeup. Once I graduate college I hope to travel to different camps and state parks across the country as an educator and naturalist. My favorite camp song is The Bear Song, and my favorite camp memory is dressing as Darth Vader for Movie Week last summer. I hope to create fun and lasting memories for new and returning campers.



Alex W.

Hey, y'all, my name is Alexander, and I am from Carmel, Indiana. I am currently attending IU Bloomington and am studying exercise science with the intent of doing physical therapy. I was a camper for maybe 5-6 years at Camp Crosley. As a camper, I was able to branch out of my shell and continue on to do so due to being able to feel like myself at camp. I am looking forward to providing the opportunity that I was given as a camper that made camp so special for me, and I hope to give that opportunity to my campers. I am very skillful in handling situations or disagreements between campers, I am responsible, and you can always guarantee I will do everything to my total ability. I feel I can make a positive difference in the lives of campers, as I am cheerful and patient with everyone and can do the same and better with the kids.

My favorite camper memory was playing Capture the Flag in the fields at Camp Crosley. My hobbies and interest are reading, working out, playing soccer, and hanging out with friends.



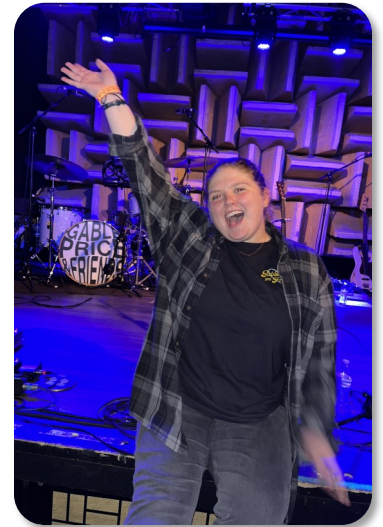


Carissa

Hey, y'all! I'm Carissa. I am from Springport, IN but currently live in Muncie, IN. I attended Ball State University (Chirp! Chirp!) and studied Family and Child Studies with a concentration in Child Development. This past year, I was the lead Outdoor Educator at Mitchell Early Childhood and Family center. I ran a nature preschool program and worked with children ages 3 to 5. We used the woods as the classroom!

Currently, my favorite camp song is Brother Friend. We sing it all the time at Camp Challenge! I can't wait to learn more camp songs this summer. My favorite camp memory is from when I was a kid attending church camp. We didn't have a pool at the campground, so the staff went out and bought inflatable kiddie pools. What started out as innocent splashing in the water,

My current hobbies are hiking, concerts, and chilling in my hammock. I'm a HUGE concert fan and have many different concerts planned for this year. The one that I am most excited for is Taylor Swift! My current favorite hiking spot is Turkey Run State Park. I specifically love trail 3! While I have never been a camper or a counselor at Flat Rock, I have been a counselor at Camp Challenge in Bedford, IN. I was on staff there for one summer and volunteered for three! I absolutely adore camps and can't wait to experience camp life at Flat Rock! I love the community that naturally forms at camp. I am so pumped to meet everyone and have so much fun!



Carol

Hello everyone!! My name is Caroline and I'm from Brazil. This will be my first year working in Flat Rock River Camp. I have a degree in Pharmacy and Biochemistry.

On my free time, I like to be with my friends, play some music on my guitar, do outdoor activities and travel.

I'm looking forward to spend time with kids during the summer because I know that is going to be an amazing experience where I will learn a lot of things and make a positive difference in their lives.





Claire

Hi everyone! My name is Claire and I am from Fishers, Indiana. I recently graduated from Marietta College with a degree in Political Science. I am currently working as a substitute teacher for many elementary schools across Hamilton County. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and being outdoors.

This will be my first summer working as a Flat Rock counselor but I was a camper for two years and I am so excited to be back! I have attended and worked at a number of summer camps in Indiana. I think being involved in camp every summer of my childhood helped shape me into the person I am today. I was very fortunate to go to a variety of camps. These different opportunities introduced me to things that I may have never had the chance to be a part of and helped me spark new interests.

My hope is that as a counselor I will be able to create a positive environment for every camper. Camp is a place for everyone to have fun, feel safe, and hopefully want to come back to each year.



Dallyss

Hello! I am Dallyss, and I am from Noblesville, Indiana. This past December I graduated from Ball State University with a Bachelors degree in studio art! Chirp Chirp! I started going to camp when I was 13 and never looked back. This summer will be my 6th year on staff!

When I was a camper, especially starting here as a teen, camp truly molded me into who I am today. It gave me confidence, lifelong friends and memories, and a place to be myself! I grew up with some amazing role models as counselors, who empowered us and showed us how to have fun. I'm so grateful to be in a place now where I can instill the same thing to the next generation of campers!

I am so excited to help lead the Service Corps Program this year and support our future counselors. In my free time at camp you can find me down by the river, at the archery range or in a canoe. Anywhere that I am at camp, I'm probably laughing and having fun!





Jackson

Hi there! My name is Jackson. I am finishing up my senior year at Noblesville High School and camp is easily my favorite place on earth! I've been a camper here since 3rd grade and this will be my second year as a Flat Rock counselor. I love fully bringing out that camp spirit and making new friendships every year. Camp has turned me into the biggest social butterfly ever. There is no other place that brings me so much joy and happiness.

I hope to be a great role model like my counselors were to me when I was younger. My favorite camp memories have to be kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding on the pond! My favorite camp song is easily the Boat in the Sea of Galilee and I cannot wait to sing it again this upcoming summer. In my spare time, I have a huge passion for filming and editing, mainly with sports. I love to edit and create cool highlights and mixtapes for any sport from rugby to basketball. I hope to pursue my talents with editing in the future and do it professionally one day.



Landon

Hey everyone! My name is Landon and I am from Avon, Indiana. I just graduated from Avon High School and will be attending IU in the fall to pursue a History degree and then go into the law school afterwards. I was blessed to be able to attend Flat Rock River YMCA Camp for 8 years.

This will be my first year as a counselor. I look forward to being able to mentor and be a role model to the kids and give them the same awesome experience I got at camp as a camper. Camp has helped shape me in so many ways and the most important of which is being understanding of anyone and everyone no matter where they are from. I look forward to being a camp counselor because I get a chance every week to help several kids become better and grow as a person and widen their experiences. They'll learn extremely valuable life skills that will stick with them for the rest of their lives. What has helped me the most with becoming a role model and counselor is the experience of playing sports especially soccer because I was a goalkeeper, and the goalkeeper has to be strong and confident and set an example for the rest of the team to follow. When the goalkeeper shows strength the rest of the team can feel it. I feel I can make a positive difference in each camper's life because I want to show each of them how to be a nice and caring person. My favorite camp memory is when my friend won a game of Texas Hold'em even though he was absent and taking a shower when the game ended and when that same friend won a game of gaga without ever touching the ball.

My interests and hobbies include soccer, volleyball, and playing videogames. I love soccer, well I prefer to call it football, because it is a game I have played since I was 3 years old and it really is the "Beautiful Game" I will forever be honored that I was able to play the beautiful game and represent my high school while doing so. I am also a big Arsenal fan and will be a gooner for life. A more recent hobby that I now love immensely is volleyball. I got to be a part of the first volleyball team in my school's history and this was my first year playing and I could never have imagined loving it as much as I do. I hope to keep playing for a long time. I played as a middle blocker because I stand fairly tall at 6'5". My other main hobby is playing FIFA.



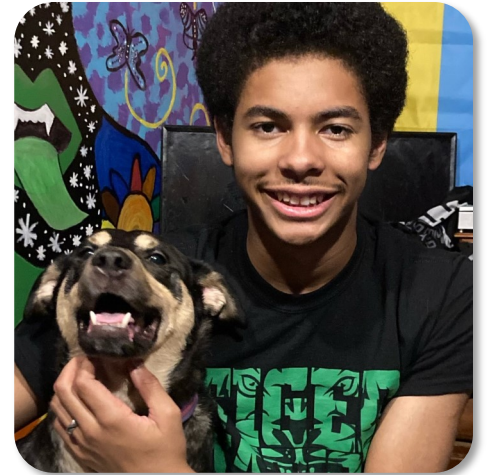


Lee

Howdy! My name is Lee. I was born and raised in Indianapolis, IN, where I currently reside. I am a fresh high school graduate from Crispus Attucks High School working up the funds to attend the Indiana University School of Medicine. I am looking forward to making great memories, eating good food, and making a positive impact on the next generation. I was in JROTC all four years of high school, most of which in a leadership position. Such a position requires a good deal of discipline, respect, and patience, which I am all too willing to bring to Camp Flat Rock. It also requires sharp thinking and social skills which would do well in a camp environment. The things I'm most looking forward to are rafting, hiking, and rifle sports. I did three years on the JROTC rifle team and I think it's about time I got back to it.

During my time at the camp, it's important to me that the campers under my care experience an excellent high quality affair, learn lessons that will enrich their lives going forward, and of course, have oodles of fun. I suppose my favorite camp song would be American Pie by Don McClean.

My interests and hobbies include reading, video games and game design, cooking, JROTC, and working at an ice cream establishment (both formerly). In JROTC, we won all of our drill and color guard competitions, performed in three parades, and performed a color guard for the Lt. Governor. I am also a fledgling music producer and performer, I play trumpet (3 years), bassoon (4 years), piano, guitar, and electric bass (>1 year). Thank you so much to the parents, campers, and administrative staff for having me on the team this year!



Noah

Hi, my name is Noah and I'm from Noblesville, Indiana! I will be graduating from Noblesville High School in June. I plan to attend trade school through Ivy Tech to become a carpenter or an electrician. This summer will be my first time attending Flat Rock as a counselor!

Though I am a new face at Flat Rock, I will give my all to ensure that fun memories stick with the campers; and strive to make a difference in the lives of these children! I have heard many great things about Flat Rock from doing fun activities to making great relationships, and couldn't be more excited to spend my summer here with new people.

I look forward to bringing joy and comfort to the lives of these campers and become a role model that my younger self would have looked up to. I love the outdoors and know that I am going to have a great couple of months at camp. I enjoy golfing and disc golfing as well as soccer. I can't wait to make some great memories at camp!



Sydney

Hello! I'm Sydney and I am so excited for this summer as a counselor! I'm from Jeffersonville, Indiana and have lived there pretty much my whole life. This is my first year ever at camp and I couldn't be more thrilled to start this experience. I recently just finished my freshman year at Anderson University studying for Elementary Education. I am greatly looking forward to working with the kids and helping them to have the best summer experience possible! I love working with kids and meeting them where they're at and helping them grow into the amazing people they can be. I have worked with children in the classroom and in after school programs a lot this past year which has prepared me to relate and work with kids much better. I am fully prepared to be a good mentor and guide for each and every kid I meet this summer. Even the smallest things can mean the world to a child and I love being able to provide those opportunities!

I am very interested in a lot of different hobbies from college tennis to painting! I've played tennis for 8 years and have always loved it. I am always drawing or painting something just to let my creative side run wild! I also play ukulele and guitar which I love to do whenever I can. I used to do choir and theater for many years and it was a great passion of mine! Finally, I am crazy about movies, I love all kinds and love the experience of going to the theater to see a new movie on the big screen!



Tati

Hello everyone! I am Tatiana from Popayán, Colombia. I have a "Normalista Superior" as a preschool teacher and I am currently studying Spanish and English degree at the Universidad Colegio Mayor del Cauca.

This is my first year as a camp counselor and obviously my first year with Flat Rock River Camp, I am excited to gain this new and incredible experience. I have huge expectations for this summer. I would love to get to know us and share with all the kids and staff at camp. I also want us to be a family that supports each other and we have the most fun.

During my journey as a teacher I have met incredible children with many exceptional abilities, I am characterized by being a leader person who always accompanies them and motivates them to continue with their dreams and goals. I love to see how they start doing things on their own and how that inspires them to keep going. And of course, for this very reason I love teamwork because, what are we without the help of the other, right?

My forte has always been crafts and I love to do them as a hobby, I love to dance and I feel that I have it in my blood, you know? I love to travel and meet new places and also people who show me those other landscapes and perspectives of the world. I love to do new things that's why I always participate in everything that can bring something nice to my life.





Josiah

Greetings all! I'm Josiah and I come back to work as a second-year counselor at Flat Rock from my home in New Castle, IN.

I've been attending Purdue University since 2020, but one of the highlights of my year starts by working throughout the summer with the excellent campers that spend time with us and challenge their own personal growth.

During the camp sessions in 2022, I felt a great sense of accomplishment upon witnessing the growth in confidence of campers. I helped instruct and facilitate their learning across archery, mountain biking, and much more. After some personally transformative experiences last year during our Overnight Camp, I look forward to being a more capable role model than I was before. I strive to leave campers feeling more strongly supported and satisfied in their own performance and to break through their own limits.



Stella

Hi everyone! My name is Stella and I'm from Munich, a beautiful city in the south of Germany :). Last year I graduated from high school and decided to take a gap year to gain some work experience and travel to many different countries. This October I will start studying law, which I have been dreaming about for years. I have volunteered at a German summer day camp and worked in an after-school care center, which showed me how much I enjoy spending time with kids. I am a person who likes to try as many new things as possible, and I am super excited to be a camp counselor at Flat Rock for the first time.

I myself have never been a camper, but when I went on a language trip to New York when I was 16, trying new things and meeting so many great people, my confidence grew and I opened up a lot as I was pretty shy before. My time in New York showed me that even the smallest moments can change your life so much for the better and some strangers you've never met before can turn into your best friends. That's what I strive for as a camp counselor. I want to make even the little moments special for the campers and create a caring, friendly, and fun environment where everyone can feel free to be themselves.

In my free time, I love to read books, sometimes even write stories myself, and do anything related to arts and crafts.... A fun fact about me is that I can't go to bed without having a cup of tea before. I love cuddling with my two cats, spending time with my family and traveling whenever I get the chance. I also love listening to music by Harry Styles, Taylor Swift and ABBA...especially when cooking dinner and dancing around the kitchen while doing so.

I can't wait to meet each and every one of you, and I am 100% sure that we will have the time of our lives this summer!





Peyton

Hello campers! My name is Peyton and I am from Fountaintown, Indiana, I'm very excited to be one of your counselors this summer here at Flat Rock! I plan to attend college in the near future to one day be a mycologist (a fungi scientist). This past spring, I began my first year working at Flat Rock YMCA River Camp as a spring Outdoor Education naturalist, teaching students about animals, the camps unique environment, and instructing them at many of our exciting outdoor activities. Growing up as a homeschooler on the countryside of town, I remember always having the most fun as a kid playing outdoors, whether rain or shine. So as one of their role models, it is my goal to give the campers the same enthusiasm and appreciation for the great outdoors as I do!

When I'm not at camp, there are a few places you can find me. That is either at Tuttle Orchards working with the Outdoor Productions Crew, singing behind a guitar, piano, or ukulele playing, or on stage acting or singing for community theater. Theater is one of my favorite hobbies. I've been in shows from Castleton, Indiana to down in Shelbyville, Indiana. Most recently I played Lurch in The Addams Family Musical, in Greenfield, Indiana. Last but not least, my favorite camp song is the classic "Campfire Song Song" from Spongebob. I can't wait to see you this summer!

