



Phoebe

Hello everyone, my name is Phoebe from Hong Kong. I am currently a year 4 student majoring in Physical Education and Recreation Management in Hong Kong Baptist University. I am so excited to be here at Flat Rock River YMCA Camp as a camp counselor this summer! Although this will be my first time to be a camp counselor, I can't wait to build meaningful relationships with each of my campers. I strongly believe that camp is a unique and special environment where individuals can learn and develop into their best selves, and I'm excited to be a part of that process. My goal is to guide and support my campers every step of the way, and provide them with a positive and fun experience that they will never forget!

I'm an outgoing person who loves to explore new places and meet new people. Learning about different cultures and trying new things is one of my favorite things to do, and I think my outgoing nature will help me connect with all campers. Throughout my life, I've gained a variety of experiences and skills that make me a strong counselor and role model. I have been practicing karate for over 18 years and have represented Hong Kong in overseas competitions. This experience has taught me the value of patience, dedication, and the power of positive reinforcement. I've also had a lot of experience working with kids, both as a coach and as a secondary school teacher. I believe that I can make a positive difference in the lives of my campers by being a supportive and encouraging presence.

In my spare time, I enjoy practicing karate, hiking, camping, and swimming. I also studied visual art during my secondary school years, so if anyone wants to do some drawing, count me in! Whether we're roasting marshmallows around the campfire, tackling a challenging hike, or just hanging out and playing games, I'm committed to creating a safe and supportive environment where everyone can have fun, make new friends, and grow as individuals. I'm excited to bring my positive, energetic spirit to the camp and make unforgettable memories with all of you. Let's get ready for an amazing summer!



Molly

Hello! My name is Molly and I'm from Northern Indiana. I am going to school for Psychology at Purdue Fort Wayne. I was a long-time camper at Flat Rock and this will be my third year on staff.

Camp, especially Flat Rock, has truly changed my life by providing a positive and safe environment for everyone. As a camper and counselor, Flat Rock always provided me with lifelong friends and memories. I hope to pass those on and make the camp magic just as alive. My main goal every summer is to have fun and radiate positivity. I am really excited to meet you and have another amazing summer with you.

As far as my interests go, I am a huge cat person and have 2 rescues. I also enjoy travelling outside and spend my time kayaking on the weekends. At the end of high school, I was a band kid while being a drum major which I really enjoyed.





John

Hey everyone! The name is John and I'll be one of the photographers documenting this summer! I'm from Indianapolis, Indiana and grew up between the United States and France. I'm currently finishing a minor in Cinematography at the University of Montreal in Canada, and planning on doing two more minors in the future. I was a camper at Flat Rock in 2014, and the experience has helped me mature, pushing me forward on the road to becoming an adult at the time. One of the main things the camp helped with was becoming more and more autonomous, doing more tasks without my parents needing to remind me, such as making my bed and keeping my things organized. After many years, I come back as a staff member to participate in furthering this amazing camping experience.

I look forward to capturing all the moments the children will experience on photograph so that not only can the parents see that their kids are having fun, but also so that the children may consult the photographs later and reminisce about their times at the camp. I also look forward to interacting with the children to help them feel at home away from home. Even though I am not in a counselor role this summer, I have a lot of experience as a counselor and know how to interact with children in a way that makes them feel understood. When they need help with something, I'll be ready to lend an ear and a hand whenever appropriate..

As a former camper, my favorite camp memories are an amalgamation of group events. My favorites of them all were times when we'd make s'mores together and someone with a guitar would sing Riptide by Vance Joy with the sun setting in the distance. Finally, I hope to transmit some of my hobbies and passions such as playing the ancient Chinese board game 'Go' or kicking a soccer ball around.



Jack

My name is Jack Broadwell, and I'm from Beech Grove, Indiana. I am studying Law and Public Policy at Indiana University to work for the FBI. I've spent a few weeks per year at Flat Rock every year since I was 7 years old. I've been lucky enough to be a part of a ton of different groups, teams, and organizations throughout my life, and I've never seen the sense of community at Flat Rock present anywhere else. I've done wrestling, football, track, marching band, volleyball, Academic Teams, and so many others. And while I love them all, Flat Rock stands out in that it's able to create a feeling of belonging for anyone that goes.

I knew after my first week at camp that I wanted to be a counselor as soon as possible, and I'm beyond excited to make that dream a reality. In all my years at camp I've become very familiar with the factors that go into creating a positive experience for a camper, and what that looks like from a counselor. It's extremely important to me that all campers get the best possible experience out of camp, as it really is life changing.

I love target sports, camping, playing frisbee, and a whole lot of other stuff. I'm also a massive Star Wars, DC, and Marvel fan. I'm also an Eagle Scout, IHSAA wrestling State Placer, and for being 285 pounds, I can hit a pretty mean cartwheel.





Dylan

Hello! My name is Dylan and this will be my first year ever at Flat Rock, but I have gone to Camp Pyoca in Brownstown, IN for 5 years previously, both as a camper and as a counselor. I am from Carmel, Indiana and graduate from Carmel High School at the end of May. I am going to be a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for Genetics and Genomics. I am super passionate about Genetics and Ecology!

I always looked forward to camp as a kid because I feel that camp has always brought out the best in people, including myself, and I was always excited to be in a friendly, fun atmosphere, which I fully intend to recreate this summer! Going to camp as a kid taught me to be friendly, kind, patient, outgoing, and courageous - all of which I hope to share with my campers this year.

I really value being inclusive and open-minded, and my goal this summer is to make every single camper feel at home and safe to come to me about anything. I believe that kids should feel safe to be themselves at all times, but it is especially vital at camp so that is definitely my one of my top priorities this summer.

For the past two years, I have been involved in a mentorship program at my school called GKOM, which is based on acclimating freshmen to our school in an "older sibling"/mentor way, as only juniors and seniors can be in the program. This experience with adjusting and helping others feel safe, self-assured, and comfortable in new environments makes me confident that I have the skills to recreate that at camp. My favorite camp song is "The Green Grass Grew All Around" and I love to do just about everything at camp, especially 9 square and campfire skits!

Outside of camp, you can find me slinging coffee at my local cafe (I was a barista for two years before Flat Rock!), painting anything I can get my hands on, making jewelry, and singing my heart out to anything Taylor Swift, Dayglow, One Direction, and much more! I am a very crafty person and am so excited to make bracelets and crafts with campers. I can't wait for camp to start and am looking forward to meeting everyone!!



Ethan

Hi I'm Ethan and I'm from Kokomo Indiana. I'm currently a sophomore at Ball State University. I am studying Media Production and Management.

This is my first time at camp ever, and I'm so excited to help campers learn and grow. I'm an outside person who finds joy in archery, kayaking, and camping. I'm hoping to spark some creativity in every activity we do. In my spare time, I love camping, longboarding, and watching movies.

