



Susie

Hello, my name is Susie. I grew up in New Palestine, Indiana, but due to my parents' military service, I lived in Washington state, Alabama, and Virginia. My parents now live in Ashburn, Virginia, and that is where I graduated high school in 2022. I currently attend the University of Kentucky, studying equine science on the pre-veterinary medicine track. I am also minoring in plant and soil sciences as I am a gardening enthusiast.

I was a camper at Flat Rock for 7 years and completed the counselor in training program as well. This will be my first summer as a counselor. More specifically, I will be a ranch counselor after being apart of the ranch program for my entire Flat Rock experience. I am overjoyed for this opportunity this summer! I am looking forward to sharing the joy of horsemanship with the ranch campers and those on trail rides.

Flat Rock is where I learned to ride, so I hope to give back to campers what Flat Rock gave me. I apply the knowledge Flat Rock's ranch program taught me as a member of the University of Kentucky Rodeo Team.

As a camper, Flat Rock taught me to be selfless, sympathetic of others, confident, and ambitious. Cultivated by camp, I am hardworking, optimistic, and slow to speak while quick to listen. I am certain Flat Rock will continue to teach these valuable lessons this summer. I apply these skills in my experience working with children in my church's nursery and Sunday school. I believe these are the traits that make me a strong counselor and role model. I am a social butterfly, and I hope to exemplify communication skills, kindness, and confidence in my interactions throughout camp to make a positive difference in the lives of our campers.

My favorite camp memory is my CIT experience where I learned so much about leadership and met some of the coolest people who I have the pleasure of working with this summer! My favorite camp song is Father Abraham which I can't wait to sing all day long with the campers. Summer 2023 is going to be great!



Margot

Hi new and returning Flat Rockers! My name is Margot Goodin and this summer I'll be a 2nd year counselor with 11 years of camper experience. Any returning camper of mine knows that my favorite camp song is "Sea of Galilee" and that I will not hesitate to sing it at any given chance. Throughout all my years at camp, my favorite memories are cabin-hunting a Nolyn Dinosaur during Survival week, performing an original Osage tribal dance with my cabin, and creating a last-minute ukulele band with counselors to calm campers during a stormy weather shelter.

A little about me: I'm a current freshman studying Pharmaceutical Sciences at Purdue University, and my hometown is in the cornfields of Shelbyville, Indiana (not far from camp!). Away from camp, you can usually find me rollerskating, barista-ing at my local coffee shops, thrifting, or (most commonly) listening to Taylor Swift while cuddling with my cat, Mitski. I also love photography, playing guitar/piano, and baked spaghetti night at camp.

Over the years, Flat Rock has truly been a transformative place for me; as someone who has always been shy and introverted, camp has helped me to break out of my shell, try thrilling new activities, and discover new parts of myself that I might never have had the confidence or opportunity to explore. As a counselor, I've loved having the opportunity to create close bonds with campers, cheer them on as they grow and become more confident at camp, or (at the very least) teach them the age-old wisdom of bracelet-making. I am so unbelievably excited to play just a small part in passing on such an impactful experience, and even more excited to meet all of the new and old friends joining us for the best summer ever!





Amalee

Hello! My name is Amalee and I am from Newburgh, Indiana. This is my first year as a counselor at Flat Rock, but I was a camper for almost 10 years. I am incredibly excited to be in a position to help others have the same wonderful experience I had with camp!

I fondly look back at my time as a camper and have many memories that have stuck with me. One such memory was when my counselor from Educador taught me how to say certain phrases in Spanish after we had played our little rendition of the World Cup. Or when we sang Herman the Worm (my favorite camp song) at breakfast flag. Another was when I scored the winning point, cementing me as the carpetball champion for our cabin. It was in these moments that I broke out of my shell and grew my self-confidence, learning how to become more outgoing and how to believe in myself. It was those experiences that bolstered my skills in leadership and communication, skills that I have taken into every facet of my life and educational experience, including being the president of our Mock Trial club.

As a counselor for the Angel Mounds summer camp, I got to experience how much I love teaching kids and seeing their faces light up when they complete a challenge. I hope that as a counselor at Flat Rock, I can help others break out of their shells and teach them about the wonders of the world around them.

Some of my hobbies include art, singing, soccer, and weight-lifting (although with college around the corner, I haven't had much time for the gym!). A fun fact about me is that I am a friendship bracelet master and have a ridiculous number of patterns under my belt. I also love science and have written a 45-page paper on algae as a source of biofuel. I graduate in the class of 2023, and I am going to be attending Indiana University to study genetics and microbiology for biofuel efficiency and disease treatment. I can't wait to see you all at camp!



Sami

Hi y'all!!! My name is Sami and I'm from Indianapolis, Indiana. I am in my last semester at Butler University and have a major in history and a minor in German. I enjoy reading, watching movies and T.V., listening to music, listening to podcasts, going to church, worshipping Jesus, going to IndyCar races, and crafting. I was a camper for six years (I also went through the LDP and CIT programs) and this will be my third summer as a counselor. What I enjoy about being a camp counselor is getting to be around some cool kids who make me laugh and teach me some awesome things. Truly, I hope to just be a light to my campers and help them have a wonderful time at camp. I want to teach them and help them grow into awesome people!!!

I truly feel that camp has helped me grow in my confidence; camp has given me so many opportunities to find my voice. It has also helped me to experience and be more accepting of the different perspectives of others. My experiences at camp have also helped me learn how to stay positive and be a cheerleader for others. I strive to be light for others in whatever situation I may be in. I try to be helpful and understanding of others, and I hope my campers see that and it inspires them to do the same. I also believe the four core values (respect, responsibility, honesty, and caring) are important factors to live your life by, and I believe in implementing them inside and outside of camp.

My favorite camp song is probably "New Knocker" or "Little Red Wagon", with my favorite chapel song being "Sing Hosanna". I don't know if I can pick a favorite camp memory, because I have so many great ones!!! I love it when cabins get super close though, and that as campers are leaving, they're sharing their contact information with one another to stay in touch; this is totally something I did as a camper. Watching campers make new friends is something I'm always happy to see happen!!!





Mackenzie

Hey, y'all! My name is Mackenzie and this will be my second summer as a counselor and my sixth year overall at Flat Rock! This May, I'll be graduating from the University of Indianapolis with a Bachelor's in Anthropology and I plan to continue my education pursuing Bioarchaeology.

I've also been working with horses for over a decade, so I'm eager to be a part of Ranch staff this summer and help campers connect with horses and with themselves in the process. Over my four years as a camper and two years as a counselor, camp helped me gain confidence in myself and strengthen my social skills. I'm excited to be the kind of role model who encourages campers to learn, try new things, and build confidence while still being sensitive to individual needs, interests, and hesitations.

My favorite camp song has to be "Going on a Bear Hunt!" My favorite camp memory is helping a couple of campers get over their fear of snakes and showing them the beauty of all animals big and small, fluffy and scaly and everything in between.

My other hobbies and interests include history, zoology, ceramics, and poetry! I also love dressing up, spending time with my dogs, teaching them tricks, and coming up with silly little songs about everything I do!



Paula

Holaaa everybody!! My name is Paula from Asuncion Paraguay. I'm currently studying foreign trade and international relations and I'm a Artistic Skating coach.

This is my second year as a counselor at Flat Rock and I'm super excited. Last year was amazing. I have a lot of good memories and I can't wait to make new ones this summer. Camp helped me realize that I have a lot of things to share, like my happiness and my energy to help everybody have fun. On my free time I really like listen to music, dance and watch movies. I'm also a Formula 1 fan!

See you soon!!

