



Daniel

My name is Daniel and I am from Indianapolis where I am currently the Lead Instructor at a Martial Arts School. I was a Flat Rock camper for 7 years and this will be my second year as a counselor. The part I love most about being a role model is knowing that while kids may not embrace everything I try to teach them, if one thing sticks that makes the camper more confident, comfortable, or happy – that’s a win. Camp made me a happier person. It helped me to learn that it’s OK if we don’t all like the same things and I don’t need feel bad for being myself.

My favorite camp song is "Sea of Galilee". My favorite camp memory was getting my blue rag. It was the start of an amazing journey that I still follow to this day.

As far as hobbies go, I love Legos. I have been collecting more consistently the last 3 years, but have kept all of my Legos from when I was younger too. I have been doing Martial Arts for 14 years now and started Jiu Jitsu last November. I also play a lot of video games and especially enjoy games with a great campaign or story mode.



Sara

My name is Sara, from Franklin, IN, and this will be my the first time as a counselor. I am so excited to bring the same fun experiences to campers that I experienced. As a Flat Rock camper for 10 years, each visit was better than the last and my confidence grew. When I first came to Flat Rock, I was shy and worried about what people thought of me. But camp taught me that the best way to have fun is by being yourself and encouraging others to do the same. This idea will continue as I join the Flat Rock summer experience.

This fall I will be continuing my education at Purdue University majoring in Animal Science. My interests include animals and all things music. As far as music goes, I have participated in marching band, indoor percussion, and concert band, playing both oboe and percussion. When I’m not making music, I’m listening to it. My favorite artists include AJR, Avi Kaplan, and Harry Styles. While they’re very different styles, they are enjoyed equally!

I also enjoy all things nature and wildlife. In fact, for the past three years, I have volunteered at the Indianapolis Zoo as a Zoo Teen Naturalist. This, of course, has resulted in lots of knowledge of animals (fun fact: tiger stripes are on their skin, not just their fur!) as well as an interest in Animal Science. After earning a bachelor’s degree, I plan to be a wildlife biologist or zookeeper.

When it comes to the camp experience, my most memorable experience was when we made the scariest haunted house in Chip 1 during Halloween week a few years ago. My cabinmates and I had a great time decorating the cabin and creating the perfect spooky experience. My favorite camp song is "Sea of Galilee," mainly because it took three years for me to learn it! I’m looking forward to sharing my skills and interests with campers and giving them the opportunity to have a memorable experience at Flat Rock.





Jackie

Hi everyone! My name is Jackie and this will be my first summer as a counselor at Flat Rock, but tenth year attending camp. I am from Indianapolis, Indiana. I will be graduating with the class of 2023 from Herron High School, an urban liberal arts high school. I will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, majoring in Music Business and minoring in Spanish. Over the 10 years of attending Flat Rock as a camper, it has taught me to be patient, open-minded, adventurous, and kind. I have always been very aware of how I am perceived by others, and camp has helped me to not worry about that and to just be myself!

As a first-year counselor, I am most looking forward to being a role model for campers who remind me of myself. The staff, specifically the counselors, are what make camp magical and a second home. I would love to make camp a safe

space for every camper no matter where they come from or how they express themselves, because every child deserves to feel as special as their personality is! Having grown up in a diverse, urban city, I am immersed in a community of people of all backgrounds, which has given me an empathetic and judgment-free spirit that will ensure that all campers will feel welcome.

I find myself very art-centered and thrive in a creative and silly environment, which allows me to connect with campers through music, arts & crafts, writing, acting out skits, and much more. I believe growing up at camp has also allowed me to observe the positive traits of counselors, who truly became role models. I want campers to feel confident and comfortable with coming to me about anything!

My favorite camp memory was during the summer where I was a counselor in training (CIT), and my friends and I got up on our dining hall table and busted it out to "Dancing Queen" by ABBA. And in case any of you are wondering, my favorite camp song has to be "Throw It Out the Window." (If you don't know it yet, you will be an expert by the end of our week together.) I cannot wait to meet you all this summer!



Ridley

My name is Ridley and go by Rid! I am from Grant County, Indiana, and will be joining the Camp Team as the Creative Arts Coordinator! I am currently going into my sophomore year of college at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, majoring in concept design and cinematography! Living in Chicago has really opened my eyes to the beauty and the amazing opportunities the art world offers for everyone. As someone who had been doing art my entire life, I have been able to collect a massive amount of experience, covering many different mediums and ways of expression. Whether that be through painting, drawing, film, or even printmaking!

My goals this summer are to help the campers become more expressive through their artwork and to show them how creativity is a superpower! I want to help develop their creative freedom and to have a better understanding of different ways to do art. I believe I can make a difference and be a positive role model by showing the campers that art is something to be celebrated. Through volunteering to help during my local elementary school events, as well as leadership experience throughout my high school career, I have gained several years of experience working with kids in an artistic sense.

Outside of art, I really enjoy nature! I like to spend my free time going on walks, biking, catching bugs, learning about different creatures, studying paleontology, and exploring the wilderness! My other hobbies include figure skating, baseball, reading, listening to music, and collecting!

