



Kyle

Hi Everyone! My name is Kyle from Glasgow, Scotland. I am currently studying Sports Therapy at City of Glasgow College. This will be my 2nd year on Staff at Flat Rock.

The reason I wanted to be a counselor is that when I was younger I always wanted to have something like camp here in Scotland, however, it wasn't possible. To be able to be part of the Flat Rock family is a dream come true. Last year I had the best year at Flat Rock, where I got to learn about just how special camp really is. No matter if it is someone's first year, like mine last year, or 10th year, camp is always a place to make new friends and amazing memories for life!

At camp I always try and make the best environment for the campers so that they can make friends and memories that's they will cherish forever. My favorite part about camp is that everyone can just be themselves with no worry of anyone making fun of them. We are all there for the same reason - to have the best time ever at the best camp ever.

In my free time I love to watch and play football (soccer) with my friends as well as going hill walking here in Scotland. I can't wait to be back this summer to meet all the new and returning campers and staff members.



Sylvia

Hi guys! My name is Sylvia and I am from Fishers, Indiana. I am currently attending Fishers High School and will be graduating from there this May. I plan to attend IU next fall majoring in psychology and minoring in Spanish and music performance. I am beyond excited to be a counselor this year as I have been a camper at Flat Rock for the past 6 years! This will be my first year as a counselor and the perfect opportunity to apply the skills and abilities I have learned at Flat Rock in my time as a camper. So many of my past counselors have been huge role models in my life and I will strive to be the same for my future campers this summer. Flat Rock is my home away from home and I wouldn't want to spend my summer anywhere else.

I have been working with kids since my first job as a soccer coach and intent to utilize everything I have learned to excel as a counselor. I currently work at Fishers YMCA's before and after school program where I have gained hands on experience leading and working with kids. These experiences plus the LDP and CIT programs I have been through at Flat Rock have given me everything I need to make this the best summer ever!

Thinking back to past summers, one of my favorite memories was the time my cabin raced oranges down the big hill heading towards the lake. I remember we decorated and named each one beforehand in preparation for their big moment. It was one of the silliest things I have ever done and half the oranges didn't even make it but I remember laughing with my cabin mates and feeling truly happy in that moment. Flat Rock has provided me with countless memories just like this that I will forever cherish. My favorite camp song would have to be Funky Chicken as it gets everyone up and moving.

Some of my hobbies include playing the violin, reading, arts and crafts, music, and spending time with friends. I am super involved at my school and one of my biggest passions is our Riley Dance Marathon Club. Every year we raise as much money as we can through different events and online pushes. All of the money we raise is donated to our local Riley Hospital. I have been a part of this club every year in high school and have served on the executive board for the past two years. Participating in this club has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and I wouldn't give it up for the world. It has given me the chance to give back to the community that has given me so much.



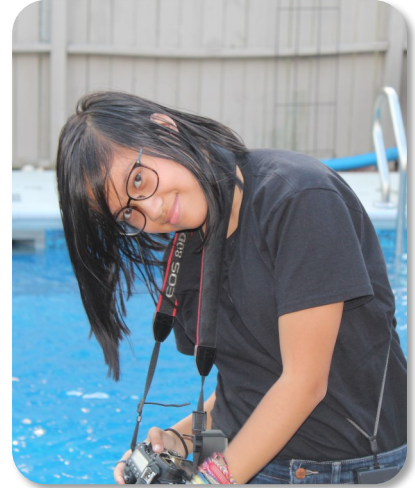


Kaelin

Hi there! I'm Kaelin. I'm from Columbus, IN, but I was originally born and adopted in Vietnam. I am currently attending Purdue University as a freshman after taking two gap years to travel and get a couple surgeries done. I am majoring in English secondary education, hoping to work with junior high kids in the future though I'm also considering changing to elementary teaching.

I never went to camp here as a camper, but I'm super excited to get to know the place, the people, and all the traditions. I've heard great things from my friends and soon to be fellow coworkers. I'm also a freelance photographer of several years, so I'm looking forward to all that action. I thrive in environments where there's a lot going on to capture on camera. I'm looking forward to taking pictures of all the amazing memories being made and having fun with the kids in nature.

I've been a substitute teacher for a few years now in Columbus, so I'm hoping that will make my experience as a counselor a smooth transition since I've worked with ages 5-14. I really love connecting with kids on a deep level and helping them discover new things about themselves. There's something so amazing about seeing and adding to kids' enthusiasm for things they may not have been interested in before. In my spare time I do a lot of drawing and writing. Sometimes I play ukulele and sing. Mostly, I spend a lot of time with my partner, friends, and my pet dogs. In general, I just like to keep my days open and have a good time trying new things.



Lily

Hi! I'm Lily, and this will be my first year as a counselor at Flat Rock. I'm from Indianapolis, Indiana. I'll be graduating from Herron High School in May, and attending IU Bloomington this fall. This summer will be my 11th year at camp, and I can confidently say all my summers at camp turned me into the person I am today. Camp helped me learn how to make and keep lasting friendships, how to feel confident enough to try new things, how to always be myself, no matter the situation, and most importantly, how to have fun in any situation.

Growing up, my counselors were always some of my biggest role models, and I cannot wait to step into their shoes. I hope to make kids feel confident enough to try new things, to show them that it's always better to be themselves, and to show them how to live the four core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility.

My favorite camp memory is the first time I hiked to the rock quarry at camp with my friends. I feel like that memory encapsulates the camp experience: connecting with yourself, new friends, and nature all at once. My favorite camp song is "Throw It Out The Window", as it's super versatile and gets everyone up and singing and dancing.

I love reading, writing, meditation, hiking, and being creative. I'll always have a new book recommendation for any genre, but I especially love poetry, realistic fiction, and essays. When it comes to creative endeavors, my motto is "it doesn't have to look perfect as long as it was fun to make." I am so excited to meet and get to know all of the campers this year, and help them have an experience that they will never forget.





Aidan

My name is Aidan Hamilton and I am a proud Hoosier from Indianapolis. I'm currently studying at Indiana University, taking classes on boring stuff like Economics and much more fun topics including SCUBA Diving. I suppose you could call the latter a hobby, along with my perennial joys of running, reading and rock-climbing. I was a camper for the better part of a decade between 2011 and 2019, happily calling Flat Rock my home-away-from-home every summer. Now, in college, I've decided to come back for my second year as a Counselor.

My favorite part of the job is being able to unleash my inner kid - it's kinda hard to convince grownups to sing "Boom Chicka Boom," and downright impossible to start a friendly Paint Battle! Don't try that at home kids, Paint Battles may not go over well outside of Camp! Only at Flat Rock can I do that. My favorite memory is from one of those camp-wide activities, one involving creating a Halloween House. It is largely with this free spirit and community that I am who I am today. It's easier to see the many little blessings in life when you've been going to Flat Rock for so long.

This summer, I want to make hay for my campers by giving them the chance to connect more directly with nature and one another. I am of the strong opinion that constant internet connectivity has been a drain on our collective soul, taking from us the very core of what it means to be a human on this beautiful Earth. I intend on providing a plethora of river walks and ecological studies for the kids to do, all while singing my favorite camp song: "Da Moose." For those of you who don't know, "Da Moose" is an insightful narrative on the circle of life, very prescient in the conversation of natural processes.

I cannot WAIT for this summer's shenanigans! It is always a blast but this time I expect awesomeness and definitely some bodaciousness. I've been going to Flat Rock for more than half my life, and I can say that I have yet to be disappointed.



Mckayla

Hi! My name is Mckayla Melton and I grew up in Indianapolis, IN. I am now living in Bloomington working as a classroom supervisor at an Early Learning Center. I have been a Flat Rock camper for 6 years and then became a counselor for winter camp in 2019.

Camp is a big part of who I am today. As a kid, I was very shy and unsure of myself. Camp inspired me to be confident and happy with who I am and to encourage others to feel the same. I knew the positive impact my counselors had on me, and viewed them as role models. I wanted to do something just as meaningful which is why I became a counselor and a teacher.

My favorite part of being a camp counselor is the positive impact I can make on campers. I plan to do that this summer through teaching campers to build confidence in themselves and others, and showing them how to connect with the great outdoors. One of my fondest memories of camp is doing kayak yoga in the pond. Another thing I love about camp are all the songs we learn. My personal favorite is 60's Party.

Outside of camp, I really love roller coasters, reading, foraging, doing puzzles and spending time with my family. I am now a proud aunt of 1-year old Maverick so I visit him and the rest of my family every chance I get.





Izzy

Howdy! My name is Izzy! This is my 12th summer at Flat Rock, but my 2nd on staff. I am from Fishers, IN, but am currently in Boone, NC for college! I am a first year Elementary education major/minor in leadership organization at App State! ROLL 'NEERS!!! I am a sister of Chi Omega, and spend most of my free time with my sisters on the Blue Ridge Parkway or studying in my hammock on campus!

I am so excited to come home to camp this summer to see my kiddos and staff family!! One of my favorite parts of camp are the people, connections, and lifelong friendships you get to make. I will never forget my first counselor, Katie K. in Kickapoo! I am a Hill girl at heart, so my favorite camp song is obviously the Hill Chant.

My goal for every summer is to top the last in all the best ways possible, however, my favorite memories as a counselor are all from a few of my crazy cabin activities! If you are returning Flat Rocker, you may have heard of my Naked Valley Squirrel Hunt or Celebrity Tea Parties... But if you are a new member of the fam, these activities are a combo of my camp spirit, sweat, and tears! Picture a spy mission through camp to capture Flat Rock's worst enemy, the Naked Valley Squirrel, all while you're racing the clock with your cabin to save Tom, the world's best Valley Coordinator! With that being said, I'm at camp because of the silly memories that are made; I keep coming back for the same smiles I had as a kid at camp.



Pryor

Hello everyone, my name is Pryor and I'm going to be a counselor this summer! I'm from Indianapolis, Indiana and have just recently graduated from Warren Central. I plan to take a gap year and venture into different career paths, such as fashion design, insurance, real estate, and more. This year will be my 8th year going to camp, and first as a counselor!

Camp has made me a better person and I cannot stress that enough, so I am SO excited to work here this summer. When my mom sent me my first year, I was a little skeptical at first, then I was hooked. I've made countless memories and friends at Flat Rock throughout the past 7 years, and can't wait to continue those memories as a counselor. Going to camp has made me more social and understanding.

My favorite memory of camp would probably be when I decided to come back for the Service Corps last year. It led to some of my best memories at camp and it really solidified my desire to become a counselor. And if I had to choose a favorite camp song, it would probably be the one about the window, the window, the second story window.

As for me, I'm interested in staying active, playing video games, running, and just overall fun. Camp has given me endless capability to do what I love with the people that I consider a family. Staying active is very important to me. Being able to eat breakfast, go to chapel, and do three clinics, all before Noon, has to be one of my favorite parts of camp.

My favorite part of camp, if I had to pick, is the connections we're always bound to make. It's truly like stepping into a family when you drive up the road for the first time. Whether it was one week, two weeks, even a month, it never feels like enough. So being able to be at camp as a counselor for all of the weeks is a dream come true. My main goal this year is to make sure every camper I come across is having the best time of their lives. I can't wait to take in these campers to the Flat Rock Family and help them become the best person they can be. Even if we're only together for a week, I hope I can have a lasting impression. Seeing everyone grow throughout the years, even someone you've only talked to once, is an amazing experience. Couldn't possibly be more excited to be back there this summer, see you soon!

