

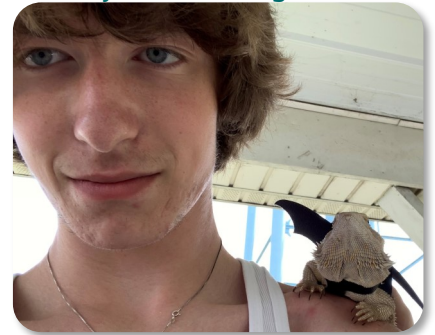


Albert

Hey y'all! My name is Albert Slentz from Franklin Central, Indiana. I'll be going to Vincennes University this fall to major in Information Technology. This will be my ninth year attending camp and my first year as a counselor. I keep on coming back because the experience is like none other. Whether it's taking a dip in the pool, mountain biking, volleyball, or playing nine square, I just love everything about Flat Rock! My interests include basketball, making beats, chess, shopping, and Star Wars.

I love Flat Rock because over the years it's taught me to come out of my shell and really open up outside of camp. What I love most about Flat Rock though, is the connections I make and the experiences I have. Meeting new people and forming a tight bond after just one week is just something that will always blow my mind. My goal is to make every camper I have this year leave the camp feeling connected and more confident than they did upon arrival.

My favorite camp memory is definitely when we made haunted houses on Halloween week. My favorite camp song has to be Little Red Wagon and I'm excited to sing it with my co-counselors this summer!



Taneesha

Hello, my name is Taneesha and I am from Zionsville, Indiana! I am in the graduating class of 2023 and will be graduating with both the Honors Diploma and as Valedictorian. Following high school, I will be attending Asbury University and majoring in Business Management with a minor in Sociology. I have attended Flat Rock for 10 years and am so excited to finally be a part of the staff. Camp has been a home away from home where I felt wanted and included in this Flat Rock family. Camp helped me be more of a leader and a role model for those around me. As a camper, I had many opportunities to learn to lead in a positive manner and to carry that with me in my school and home environment.

As a counselor, I am looking forward to connecting with campers and really bringing out the best in them. We all have beautiful and unique talents and it's always so exciting to see kids evolve into the best versions of themselves. I have worked with impoverished kids in youth ministry to provide them with food and fun, so I feel like I have an understanding with kids who have different and unique stories. I have experienced some kids who have been through hard circumstances and need an outlet, and so I want to be that person that gives kids a sense of support so they can enjoy their camp experience to the fullest. I also want to provide them with the same feeling of excitement, curiosity, long-lasting friendships, and memories that will bring them back to camp like I did!



One of my favorite memories of camp was the cookouts we would have. There would be music, good food, games, and laughter from every corner of camp! I have been at camp for such a long time, but my favorite camp song would have to be "Little Red Wagon" because it's so interactive, silly, and really gets the crowd going! Some of my interests and hobbies are Volleyball, Basketball, and having a fun time with friends and family. I am so excited for this summer and can't wait to have you join us!



Brady

Hey Flat Rockers! My name is Brady, I am from Avon, Indiana. I was a Flat Rock camper for 7 years and this will be my second year as a counselor. I just graduated Avon High School and after this summer I'll be going to Indiana University Bloomington to major in Nursing and minor in Marketing.

I love biking! I don't just do regular rides of a couple miles, I ride competitively and do bike-packing. One of my favorite events is the Hilly 100! A bike-packing ride I've done was from Danville, Illinois to Fort Wayne, Indiana that took 2 1/2 days (250 miles). Another one was from Bloomington, Indiana to Cape Girardeau, Missouri averaging 80 miles per day. In my free time I enjoy training on my bike, hiking, night hikes, hanging out with friends, and I love to do weightlifting.



One of the biggest reasons I chose to be a camp counselor is to give the same amazing experience I got as a camper to others. Also, it's amazing to see someone grow so much in a week and help them grow and get out of their comfort zone. I feel that I can make a difference with my campers because I'm enthusiastic and love to help others grow and develop new skills, like I did as a camper. My favorite camp song is definitely "Boat in the Sea of Galilee". There are many favorite camp memories as a counselor. One was helping a camper learn to ride a bike and seeing the huge improvement by the end of the week with a big smile. Another is when my cabin re-enacted Aladdin and fought in the game "spoons". I am so thrilled for this coming summer. I'm excited to see my past campers, friends, and to meet new people and see them grow. Camp will be here sooner than we know it and I'm ready to put in my all!



Isabelle

Hello! My name is Isabelle! I am from Greenwood, Indiana. I currently attend Indiana University, where I am studying Business. Go Hoosiers!! I have been a camper here at Flat Rock for about 6 years and was a counselor at a YMCA overnight camp in Ohio. This year I will be taking on the "River Rat" role. That means that I am in charge of all the cool and fun activities revolving around the river. So, get ready for some awesome kayaking and tubing trips!

Like many other counselors, I return to camp because I love the camp culture. The community is designed to be inclusive of all people and backgrounds. I have not only found a place where I feel that I am appreciated and loved but I also have met diverse people and built everlasting relationships here at camp! As a counselor, I have been able to spread that feeling of being accepted and appreciated as you are to other campers - and that is truly rewarding!

As a camper and even now as a counselor, I love the water activities, such as paddle boarding or swinging from the rope jump. Likewise, my favorite memory from camp is sliding down the paint slip-and-slide! My favorite camp song was and still is "The Button Factory Song". Something that I enjoy doing outside of camp is eating ice cream, playing board games, and watching movies.

I am so excited to meet all of you this summer! This summer is going to be awesome!!





Roman

Hey hey! I'm Roman, born and raised in Puebla, Mexico. I'm in the last lap of university, hoping to get the degree of Environmental Engineering. I'm planning a manual of workshops explaining different concepts about my career in a way that children and people that are not into that subject can easily understand.

Here in Mexico, I went to a lot of camps in the scouts. As for a favorite song, maybe there is not the same as in the U.S. but there's one about a guy working in a button factory that I really like. As for my interests, I not only like to sing camp songs, I also love bike riding and playing board games with friends. I think that there is no better way to spend time and get to know each other.

In my life, I have had great mentors like my mom, my sister, grandma and my friends. They taught me how special and great I could be when I was young, and I want to do that for my campers so they know how special and great they can be. As an adult, it's great seeing life through the eyes of a child. All the creativity and imagination that sometimes we lose with age, I can recover along with the kids and that experience is amazing.

I believe that childhood and adolescence can be hard but a most important phase of every human being where you define yourself, your beliefs, values and, sometimes, lifelong bonds. Those of us who have passed through that phase should be the guide for them as supporters and role models so they can enjoy and get the most out of those years. Hope to meet you soon.



Amanda

Hello everyone! I am Amanda Law from Hong Kong. I am currently a Year 3 student studying in the Hong Kong Baptist University, majoring in Physical Education and Recreation Management. This will be my first time being a camp counselor in Flat Rock this summer. Although I did not attend summer camp regularly, I had some experiences as a camper and have learned a lot from the camps that embraced my mind till now. They taught me to have fun and to work well with others to have a better chemistry and a better outcome. They also taught me to be independent to tackle problems.

I am so looking forward to being a camp counselor at Flat Rock. Although I might be just a minor character appearing in the kids' memories of the summer camp at Flat Rock, I would try my best to ensure the campers are having fun in a safe camp environment with growth. And to ensure all the campers can enjoy the camp with the others from different backgrounds by showing them compassion that I learn from where I come from, Hong Kong, an international city.

I am an outgoing person, and I like playing different kinds of sports, like kayaking, swimming, hiking, and various ball games. But my favorite is soccer! I have played soccer for over 10 years and I also coach kid's soccer. I really enjoy being with the kids and encouraging them to explore the world. Moreover, I love traveling. I like to learn about different cultures and try to understand them. I also like eating different cuisines from all around the world.

