



Cierra
Hill Coordinator

Hello everyone my name is Cierra. I am from Indiana but I have lived in North Carolina for 7 years. I attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University majoring in Sociology. I was a camper for 12 years and I knew I wanted to be a counselor by my second summer. There were so many people that motivated me to be the best version of myself. This will be my 5th summer on staff. The things I love about being a role model, mentor and a camp counselor are seeing the campers' faces light up when they accomplish something new and the confidence it gives them to keep trying new things.

Camp has played a huge part in who I am today. I would even say it has helped me pick my career goals. Camp has made me passionate about helping others and to live life by treating everyone with kindness. Flat Rock has continued to be my home away from home.

One of my favorite songs at camp is one of our new ones called Rattlin' Bog. It gets everyone going. One of my favorite memories is when me and my campers danced and played 9 square in the rain. Some of the things I enjoy doing outside of camp are listening to podcasts, singing, spending time with family and friends and doing research for school.

I am so excited to see all of the new and returning campers. This summer we are going to have so much fun and create lifelong memories. Can't wait to see you all soon.



Tom
Valley Coordinator

Hey everybody! I'm Tom. I am from Greenwood, Indiana and currently studying Science Education with a concentration in Chemistry at Purdue University. I love the outdoors, whether it's hiking, canoeing, camping or anything else that one can do while enjoying nature. That's part of the reason I adore camp so much, it is literally INSIDE nature.

This coming summer marks my third year as the Valley Coordinator, my fourth year on staff, and my fourteenth year as a Flat Rocker! I keep coming back because Flat Rock truly is the best camp on the planet. Flat Rock helped make me the person I am today. Being able to give campers the same amazing experience I had at camp fills me with a tremendous amount of pride and passion.

I love working with campers and forming connections. Every time I have gone to camp, whether as a camper or as a counselor, I have made friends, and I cannot wait to see old friends and to make even more this summer at the place that taught me how to.



At camp, my goal is to create the most fun, most welcoming, most magical experience for everybody there. My favorite camp memory has got to be the massive and epic rock, paper, scissors battle for the Valley. Seeing everybody running around the Valley in their finest, handmade armor was truly the most beautiful sight I have ever beheld, but I am confident we are going to top that this year for sure. I am looking forward to the first time I get to sing Little Red Wagon alongside my fellow Valley counselors during our campfire, but what I am most excited for is seeing my friends, new and old alike. I am counting down the days until camp starts and I get to spend time at my favorite place on earth with my favorite people on earth.



Miguel
Valley Coordinator



Hola! I am Miguel from Popayán, Colombia. Following my degree in Physical Education, I am currently attending the National University of Colombia for a Master's in Physiology. I have been a part of Flat Rock family since 2017 as a camp counselor, lifeguard, Aquatics Coordinator and this year in my new role as the Village Coordinator! My favorite part of camp is campfire and getting to play guitar and sing. And of course, my favorite song is the mango song. I'm excited to transition from Aquatics to the cool teen yurts' neighborhood and to continue impacting young lives!

My favorite moments have always been around the closing campfire because that's when we all can see how impactful camp has been, and campers simply don't want to leave. I have seen kids growing in self confidence and independence, challenging themselves by getting out of their comfort zone and making friendships. I have specially seen growing my little campers from my first year and they are now becoming the oldest kids!

Camping experience is about being part of a family, to uphold and protect the values that make our wonderland a safe, fun and transformational place. Camp has given me a home away from home and that is the reason why I keep coming back.



Lucy



Hi Flat Rockers! My name is Lucy and I am so excited to be back again this summer as a counselor. I'm currently an Environmental Engineering student at Purdue University, but in my free time I love to watch sports, read, and get involved in the West Lafayette community.

This will be my eleventh summer at Flat Rock and my second year as a counselor.

As a kid, Flat Rock gave me the opportunity to be myself without limits and allowed me to grow my confidence as a leader. I aspire to be as good of a role model for my campers as my counselors were to me. I love being able to allow my campers to think of Flat Rock as a safe place and a second home.

Last summer I was so happy to encourage different ages of campers in both the high ropes course and up the Alpine Tower. My favorite camp song would have to be "Boat in the Sea of Galilee," and I can't wait to be up on the chapel stage singing it again.



Rafa

Hola from Rafa! I am joining the team from Puebla City, Mexico. This is my second summer at Camp but my first summer as a counselor.

One of my main intentions is to be the person I would have liked to know as a child, so my approach is based on trust, caring and fun. One of my greatest satisfactions is to deliver useful knowledge to the youngest ones, whether in the educational, emotional, or artistic fields.

One of my motivations to return as a counselor is that during the last year I was able to spend some time with the children and one of them, after a little talk, had an incredible change of attitude. Her attitude was transformed into a friendly and bright version. I like to believe that attitude has always been there. However, sometimes we must give a little confidence boost.

It is my intention to return to support the youth, because I believe it is my responsibility to help campers develop a caring, confident, empathetic attitude that that becomes a natural part of who they are.

I currently work with children introducing the English language in a small school and so I am familiar with children's life together. Some of the interests I seek to share are music, drawing and creative writing.



Evan

Hello, My name is Evan Kuharik And I am going to be a Counselor for the 2023 summer. I am from Carmel, Indiana and have lived there all my life. Right now I am in my freshman year at Ivy

Tech with hopes of transferring to IU for my Junior year. I have done 2 years as a camper and 2 years as a Counselor. The best thing about being a role model is the immediate effect your attitude and skills can have on the campers and it's very awesome to see it happen even on the first day of camp.

Camp for me has been life changing as it has put me on a path for a career as a teacher and camp has built my confidence in myself that I didn't even know I had. I consider myself as a less social person but at camp there is a feeling that gives you confidence to be yourself and to try new things. I feel like I can make a positive difference in campers by trying to relate to them on some level. It always makes the camp experience better if there is something that unites people together whether it's talking about sports or personal issues.



My favorite camp song is Little Red wagon and my Favorite camp memory is closing campfire every week. In my free time, I love watching football and college basketball and am also a big fan of playing video games. I also love trying new foods and trying new things.