



2025 Staff Bios

Tadpoles



Janice D'Erasmus

Program Director - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

I live in Croton Falls and my children went through North Salem Schools and both worked at our camp and have wonderful memories here.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have enjoyed working with Pre-K campers for 20+ years. Every summer is special and I love that this is the campers first camp experience.

What is your experience working with children?

I worked at St Joseph's preschool and was a part time teachers aide at PQ.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love arts and crafts and traveling.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I want every Camper to have a safe and fun experience this summer. I love seeing the smiling face of each camper and the new friendships they make.



Bethany Archiere

Head Counselor - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

In the Fall, I'll be a senior at SUNY Oneonta as a Childhood Education major and will begin student teaching.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've been working here with the Tadpoles for two years, and camp is always the highlight of my summer!

What is your experience working with children?

In my preparation for student teaching, I've learned a lot about working with children, and have over 50 hours of experience observing and working with children Pre-K through 5th grade.

What are your hobbies and interests?

In my free time, I love creative writing and doing arts and crafts, such as ceramics and making jewelry.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to giving every new camper a great first experience at camp, and reminding anyone who has been before why it's so awesome!



Jaxs Esner

Counselor - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

I am a rising senior at Wooster School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I started as a camper at ten, was a first and second year CIT, and now I have been a counselor for two years.

What is your experience working with children?

NSDC & Volunteering at Cedar Gables Preschool in CT

What are your hobbies and interests?

I do theatre and music in school. I have been singing and performing since middle school. I started theatre in seventh grade and continued it all throughout high school.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to being around friends & meeting new people!



Erin Conroy

Junior Counselor - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

I am from John Jay High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I went to Mountain Lakes each year as a kid and then after covid I became a CIT for 2 yrs. and now I am a junior counselor.

What is your experience working with children?

I tutor kids at the elementary school and have always been good at playing games and having fun with my baby cousins.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to read books and play soccer when I am not hanging out with my friends

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to being able to hang out with some kids again and go home with the same fun experiences I have had every year at this camp.

Frogs



Brooke Fazio

Head Counselor - Frogs

Where are you from?

In the fall, I will be starting my freshman year at the University of Delaware, where I will be studying Integrated Health Sciences.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a camper at North Salem Day Camp for many years and always had a fun summer. I have been a counselor for the last 3 years.

What is your experience working with children?

I consistently babysit for many families throughout the year and I have worked as a CIT and counselor at camp for 2nd and 3rd grade groups in the past.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to run and was a member of Somers High school's varsity xc and track teams. I also enjoy listening to music and skiing with my friends in the winter.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer I am looking forward to getting to know all my campers while providing a safe and fun summer for them.

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Matt Peck

Head Counselor - Frogs

No bio available.



Morgan Klempner

Counselor - Frogs

Where are you from?

Hi My name is Morgan , I just graduated High school! I will be attending the University of Tampa in the fall. I'm studying psychology.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I went to this camp as a CIT for two years and have been a counselor ever since. I was in the chipmunks 2 summers ago and the blue jays last summer!

What is your experience working with children?

Additionally, to this being my second summer as counselor here . During the school year I work at the YMCA after school program where I care for children from ages of five to twelve . I also babysit 3 times a week all year round . I'm super excited for another summer at camp .

What are your hobbies and interests?

During the school year I do swim team and I love to watch movies and read books and lately I've gotten back into writing.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to getting to create new connections and bonds with my campers! I want this to be a safe but fun and memorable summer for everyone!



Jack Watson

Counselor - Frogs

Where are you from?

I am attending North Salem high school and I will be a junior in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have no experience at Mt. Lakes, but I went to a similar camp for 9 years.

What is your experience working with children?

I've babysat and helped friends with babysitting as well.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy fishing on summer nights and I also like to play and watch sports.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to making many lasting memories and I hope my group has as much fun as possible.



Eric Wichman

Counselor - Frogs

Where are you from?

John Jay High School

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a camper for four years, from 2nd grade to 5th grade.

What is your experience working with children?

I play with my younger brother who is 12 a lot, and I babysat my 6 year old cousin when he visited.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like to play sports, board games, and to read.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to playing sports and board games with the campers.

Chipmunks



Julia Munson

Head Counselor - Chipmunks

Where are you from?

I am a rising junior at Connecticut College majoring in music studies and minoring in education.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've been attending camp for about 7 years and have worked as a counselor for the past 4 summers

What is your experience working with children?

Outside of camp I've been an assistant music director for a children's group and assisted and taught Sunday School at my church. This past semester I also volunteered in a local elementary school classroom.

What are your hobbies and interests?

One of my favorite ways to unwind is playing the piano either at school or at home. I've also recently taken up cross stitching.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to reconnecting with friends and making sure the campers have a fun and safe summer.

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Valentina Bakal

Counselor - Chipmunks

No bio available.



Julianna Coutsouradis

Counselor - Chipmunks

Where are you from?

I will be attending North Salem High school as an incoming junior this fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

Last year I worked at Mt Lakes as a Junior Counselor and I enjoyed it very much. I had a fun time spending time with the kids and making friends with the other people who worked there.

What is your experience working with children?

At camp working with children was very fun. Also, I have worked to babysit kids which I also enjoyed.

What are your hobbies and interests?

One hobby that I have is drawing and other art things. I like to do creative things in my free time and try new types of art. Also another one of my interests is field hockey. I play it during the fall at my school and enjoy it a lot.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

One thing that I hope to accomplish is having fun with the kids and making new memories.



Benjamin Guliano

Counselor - Chipmunks

Where are you from?

I am a rising junior at North Salem HS. I play soccer, baseball, and I wrestle.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been a camper at Mt Lakes since pre k. I was a CIT for two years and I was a junior counselor last year.

What is your experience working with children?

I have lots of cousins and I have worked with different groups at camp.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I play soccer, baseball, and I wrestle.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I love games and sports at camp.

Foxes



Luke Loftus

Head Counselor - Foxes

Where are you from?

I am from North Salem and have just finished my freshman year at Suny Maritime and will be starting my sophomore year after this summer. I study mechanical and diesel engineering.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been a counselor and CIT at North Salem Day Camp for the past 6 years.

What is your experience working with children?

I have two younger brothers and have worked and been at camp for the last 6 years.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love being with my brothers, friends, playing basketball, and working on my cars

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This year, I am most excited for working with the campers and providing a safe and fun environment.



Morgan Kauffman

Counselor - Foxes

Where are you from?

I just graduated from Somers High School and will be attending Elon University in North Carolina in the fall. I will be studying business and look forward to doing their study abroad program.

Have you been to NSDC before?

This will be my fourth year working at North Salem Day Camp and I love it! I'm looking forward to another great summer with my campers!

What is your experience working with children?

I have babysat for many years and enjoy working with children! I have been taking the Tots class at my high school for the past three years. In this class, I have the opportunity to work with children in a preschool setting and I've learned a lot.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to travel and be active! I have played varsity soccer, track, and flag football. I also enjoy going on hikes and being outdoors.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to having a lot of fun doing different games and activities together. I also love the special theme days!



Adeline Moia

Counselor - Foxes

Where are you from?

I am a rising senior at North Salem High School in North Salem, New York.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have spent most of my summers growing up at mountain lakes. I started as a camper and have now been a counselor for the past three years!

What is your experience working with children?

I frequently babysit kids of all ages. I also have been working with kids for the past five years as a counselor/ counselor in training.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy playing volleyball and hiking.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer I'm looking forward to creating a positive environment for all campers and being able to provide a fun experience.



Aniello Deluca

Counselor - Foxes

Where are you from?

North Salem High School

Have you been to NSDC before?

I always have a great time and the kids are great.

What is your experience working with children?

The kids mostly behaved and loved me.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like to make music and play sports.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Meeting new people.

Bears



Nicky Berganza

Head Counselor- Bears

Where are you from?

I will be a freshman at the University of Maryland in the fall!

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked at camp last summer as a counselor!

What is your experience working with children?

I have coached for several years in the youth programs at North Salem, and have a lot of babysitting experience.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love playing soccer and lacrosse! And when I can I like to bake.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to meeting all my new campers and enjoying my summer as a head counselor at Mt. Lakes! I also hope to make memories with my campers, and make sure they enjoy their time at camp!



Gabriella Nicoletti

Counselor - Bears

Where are you from?

In the fall I will be attending North Salem High School going into my senior year! I have gone to North Salem my whole life and I am looking forward to another year.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I attended this camp as a camper in elementary school and now I am so excited to be a counselor this summer here!

What is your experience working with children?

I have various experiences with children. I help out with baby classes at my dance studio as well as an assistant director for the middle school musicals for my school. I have lots of babysitting experience as well as younger siblings. I connect super super well with children and I hope to be a role model for them

What are your hobbies and interests?

I really enjoy all areas of performing arts. I have been a dancer since I was 3 years old as well as having a love for musical theater since middle school. I have done many musicals and performances in my life and hope to continue past high school.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to building individual relationships with all the kids and being someone they can look up to. What I hope to accomplish at camp this summer is to teach the campers one skill they didn't know before whether big or small.



Sebastian Marinucci

Counselor - Bears

Where are you from?

I will be a junior at John Jay high school.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a camper in previous years as well as a CIT and a junior counselor.

What is your experience working with children?

I have younger cousins and have worked at this camp before.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I play lacrosse and hockey.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Spending time outside and making the camp an overall fun experience.



Jack Gjoni

Counselor - Bears

Where are you from?

I attend North Salem High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a junior counselor last year with the Eagles.

What is your experience working with children?

I love working with kids. It is a lot of fun.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy playing soccer and going on bike rides.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to helping kids have fun during the summer.

Eagles



Adam Cannistra

Head Counselor - Eagles

Where are you from?

The school I go to is Bentley University in Boston Massachusetts, and I am soon to be a sophomore majoring in corporate Finance and Accounting.

Have you been to NSDC before?

At Mt. Lakes I have mostly worked in groups as a counselor but also as a specialist assistant and a runner.

What is your experience working with children?

Most of my experience with children has come from my work at Mt Lakes where I have built relationships with my campers and helped them.

What are your hobbies and interests?

For hobbies I like to run which is not only good exercise but also enjoyable because I listen to music while running.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to getting to know my campers and developing relationships with them.

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Kylie Robinson

Counselor - Eagles

No bio available.



Nicolas Maya

Counselor - Eagles

Where are you from?

I will be attending North Salem High School as an 11th grader in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

My time at NSDC has been a great one. I attended as a CIT in previous years and also as Staff. I am looking forward to this summer's experience.

What is your experience working with children?

I have done babysitting in the past for family friends and also my younger brother. I consider myself to be reliable, mature, responsible, and trustworthy.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy playing sports and keeping active in my free time. I especially enjoy playing soccer, volleyball, and swimming.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer, I am hoping for a fun time! I want the campers to enjoy their camp experience and want to come back year after year (like me!)



Jolie Camaj

Junior Counselor - Eagles

Where are you from?

I got to North Salem High School and I play soccer.

Have you been to NSDC before?

N/A

What is your experience working with children?

My experience with children is that I have two baby siblings and a lot of cousins, so most of my free time is spent with them. I also have multiple babysitting jobs.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Some of my interests are that I really like music, the gym, and being outside.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm excited to spend time outside, helping kids and making good memories!

Falcons



Olivia Simpson

Head Counselor - Falcons

Where are you from?

I currently go to Alvernia University and I'll be a Senior in the next semester.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've worked at this camp for about three or four years now. And every year has been more interesting than the last. I've been working with the same group of 10 to 12-year-olds and they are the most hilarious kids I've ever met. Working with those kids has been a game changer for me each summer.

What is your experience working with children?

I've been working with children at camp ever since I was 14. I used to be a CIT at an old camp that I used to go to along with being a junior counselor at that same camp.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love sports and being active. I also really like to build Legos.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am mostly looking forward to seeing my friends this summer and having fun with the campers.



Stephen Moore

Counselor - Falcons

Where are you from?

I'm from Brewster, NY and will be attending Kennedy Catholic Prep in Somers in the fall for my 4th and senior year. I love being outside, playing games whether online or in person.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've been attending Mountain Lakes since I was in first grade. This will be my third year being a counselor.

What is your experience working with children?

I've been around children my entire life, whether it was at Mountain Lakes, babysitting, my family, or something else.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love playing sports like soccer, and playing games with friends like poker or outdoor games like spikeball.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to give the children a good summer. I want to make this summer as fun as possible while staying safe.



Owen Gitelson

Counselor - Falcons

Where are you from?

Next fall I will be starting my senior year at John Jay Cross River where I play basketball.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked as a CIT at camp for two years and a junior counselor last year.

What is your experience working with children?

Like I said, I've worked as a CIT for two years and the counselor for one in addition I babysit frequently and coach youth sports.

What are your hobbies and interests?

In my free time, I love spending time with my friends and playing basketball.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I look forward to getting to know all the campers and hopefully making memories that will stick with them.

Hawks



Simon Rubini

Head Counselor - Hawks

Where are you from?

Hello! I am from NS, well technically Brewster. I'm right on the border!

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been going to NSDC since I was in 2nd grade and I've been a counselor for nearly every age group.

What is your experience working with children?

My first year as a Counselor I was with the kindergarten group and since then I've led 3rd all the way up to CIT!

What are your hobbies and interests?

I've been known to play guitar as well as the occasional game of cards when I can find worthy opponents!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I just hope everyone can have a good time.

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Quinn Smith

Counselor - Hawks

No bio available.



Miranda Sessa

Counselor- Hawks

Where are you from?

I will be a senior at Somers High School in the fall!

Have you been to NSDC before?

I started coming to NSDC in 2021 as a CIT and have been coming back ever since.

What is your experience working with children?

I have babysat many times as well as working at NSDC.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love traveling, listening to music and being with my friends.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm most looking forward to being outside and making sure all campers have the best summer ever!

CIT Leaders



Timothy Giacchetto

Leader - Counselor-In-Training Program

Where are you from?

I have completed my Graduate Year at SUNY Plattsburgh in the North Country as an Adolescent Education Major. I am completing my masters degree.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've been working here for countless years now and I have always had a great experience especially with the age I work with being the age I will eventually teach.

What is your experience working with children?

My experience at this camp as well as a few examples of placements in High Schools throughout my college career. It's been pretty great so far and I really love doing it.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Most of my free time is devoted to outdoor activities such as hiking and skiing and playing frisbee as well as music. Music dominates my life in a very positive way. I'm always listening to or performing some excellent rock music.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to working with the CIT program again as the experience I receive is invaluable for my future career and I always learn something during my time. I also always have a great time with my fellow counselors as we always work well together.



Stevie Nadig

Leader - Counselor-In-Training Program

Where are you from?

I graduated from Kennedy Catholic High School and am attending Virginia Tech as a Math major and a minor in Psychology!!

Have you been to NSDC before?

This is my 3rd year as a counselor at North Salem Day Camp!!

What is your experience working with children?

I have been a camp counselor for 3 years and have experience in babysitting for 5.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love swimming and horseback riding!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to connecting with campers and creating a fun and pleasant experience

Specialists



Gianna Pesci

Specialist - STEM

Where are you from?

I grew up in Mahopac! I went to college at SUNY New Paltz, and did my master's at Syracuse University. I moved back down here to Putnam last year and now work at Brewster Middle School! I have two bunnies named Moose and Frog, a dog named Annie and a parrot named Sweetie.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've worked at Mt. Lakes three other summers as a counselor. I love Mt. Lakes! There's nothing close to its true camp feel and being out in the summer sun all summer.

What is your experience working with children?

I've been working with kids since I was 10 years old. After college, I started teaching and I've been teaching now since 2020. I've taught from Pre-k up through 8th grade.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am a huge reader. I love to read fantasy books and escape to another world! I also really enjoy crafting and doing anything art related. I'm not the most talented, but once I get going I really get into it.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer, I'm most looking forward to doing some fun science experiments with each of you.



Tyler Golisano

Specialist - Outdoor Skills/ STEM

Where are you from?

I will be attending my final semester at TCNJ (The College of New Jersey) in the fall to finish my degree in Technology and Engineering Education. I am 21 years old and will be turning 22 this summer.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have worked at Mt. Lakes Day Camp ever since I was 15 years old. I attended Mt. Lakes as a camper and was also a CIT here. For most of my time working at the camp, I was the archery specialist. Last year, I was the STEM specialist, and this year, I will be the Outdoor Skills/STEM specialist.

What is your experience working with children?

I have worked with campers at Mt. Lakes since I was 13 years old as a CIT, up until now as the STEM specialist. I was a fencing coach for my senior internship in high school, where I worked with fencers from ages 5-10. During my time in college, I had my practicum at Princeton Middle School in Princeton, NJ, where I taught grades 6-8 woodshop. Along with this, my last semester this spring, I had my clinical 1 experience at Fisher Middle School in Ewing, NJ, where I taught grades 6-8 subjects such as robotics, coding, and 3D printing.

What are your hobbies and interests?

One of my main hobbies is fencing. I started when I was 13 years old, and I am now a student coach at TCNJ (The College of New Jersey). Another big hobby of mine is watching baseball. I know some of you will boo reading this but go Red Sox!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm most looking forward to creating a fun and safe environment for the campers where they are able to learn new skills in a fun, and creative way! I hope to create an activity that campers look forward to coming to throughout the summer!



Andrew Marzella

Specialist - Outdoor Skills/ STEM

Where are you from?

I am from Somers and I will be attending University of Massachusetts- Amherst in the fall where I will be studying Accounting.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have never been to North Salem Day Camp.

What is your experience working with children?

I have many younger cousins that I see a lot and have also worked and taught kids through my time of being a Boy Scout.

What are your hobbies and interests?

One of my favorite hobbies is to play golf with my friends and I also like to play lacrosse.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer, I'm most looking forward to helping campers build confidence and teamwork through fun, structured wilderness adventures that I plan and lead each day.



Daniele Shook

Specialist - LEGO/STEM

Where are you from?

I live in New Milford, CT and teach 7th grade Math at Schaghticoke Middle School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

This will be my first year at North Salem Day Camp.

What is your experience working with children?

I have been in education for the past 26 years and ran an after school program for grades K-8 for 5 years. I have worked with children from preschool through high school in various roles.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy playing softball and watching my children's sporting events.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am so excited to work with the campers and watch them learn more about themselves and grow into a creative problem solver.



Amanda Nailor

Specialist - Art

Where are you from?

i'm currently a graduate student at SUNY Oneonta where I am getting my masters in reading literacy my undergraduate degree is for history education from Siena College

Have you been to NSDC before?

This is my fifth year back at Mountain Lakes. I'm very excited to be back and looking forward to a great summer 😊

What is your experience working with children?

I hold a teaching certificate and have worked with children of all ages for many years. I've previously worked at the YMCA now I am substitute teacher at Westlake middle school

What are your hobbies and interests?

I really enjoy crocheting and I also enjoy trying new recipes for baking or cooking.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to all the fun arts and crafts that I have planned for each of the campers and seeing familiar faces while also meeting new ones!



Jack Roche

Specialist - Music

Where are you from?

I am in North Salem High School, and I like producing music in my free time.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have had a great experience with camp the last few years, and I enjoy teaching everyone about music.

What is your experience working with children?

I worked in the music cabin last year, and I have a 9 year old sister I take care of. I enjoy helping children learn about music.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I produce music in my free time, and I like listening to music as well.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to teach children about music this year, and make them have a memorable summer from their learning experiences.



Sibohan Mulcahy

Specialist - Trash to Treasure

Where are you from?

I attended Moore College of Art and Design for this last year.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked at Mt. Lakes Day Camp during my summers of Junior and Senior year of High School and I am excited to be back.

What is your experience working with children?

I was a lead teacher and have taught kids (and teens) from ages 8-16 animation and art skills, as well as hosting fun events to keep everyone engaged.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love art and storytelling and try to incorporate my own creativity wherever I go.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to make my specialist position a lot of fun and hope kids will express themselves through the projects I will have.



Chloe Stalker

Specialist- Nature

Where are you from?

I recently graduated from Pace University with a Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy. I completed a combined degree program where I also earned my Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, focusing on environmental justice and climate resilience.

Have you been to NSDC before?

This will be my fourth summer at North Salem Day Camp. I've had the opportunity to serve in different roles, including two summers as a head counselor and last summer as the Nature Specialist. I'll be returning this summer for my second year as the Nature Specialist, and I'm really excited to continue building on that experience.

What is your experience working with children?

Most of my experience working with children comes from my past three summers at North Salem Day Camp. I've worked closely with campers across different age groups, first as a head counselor and then as the Nature Specialist, creating fun, educational, and safe experiences for everyone.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy spending time outdoors, especially hiking and exploring nature. I also love live music and spending time with friends.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm really looking forward to another fun and rewarding summer at camp. I hope to continue inspiring curiosity about nature in the campers, help them feel more connected to the environment, and create a positive experience they'll remember.



CJ Casale

Specialist- Field Director

Where are you from?

I will be going into my freshman year in college. I've lived in North Salem for my entire life.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've been going to camp for as long as I can remember. I've been a camper, CIT, and staff and I'm ready for another summer.

What is your experience working with children?

Being a CIT/Staff member previously has given me some prior experience, as well as a seminar style presentation with middle schoolers earlier this school year.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like to lift weights and longboard.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to improve upon the base I built in the past, and continue to evolve and develop how the field operates.

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Liam Smith

Specialist- Sports Assistant

No bio available



Colleen Casale

Specialist - Yoga

Where are you from?

I have been a North Salem Resident for the past 18 years and grew up in Queens, NY.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been the Yoga Lady at North Salem Day Camp for the past decade and counting!!!

What is your experience working with children?

I'm a Mom, who's been teaching yoga to kids for more than 15 years and love everything about sharing yoga with our campers.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I sing in a few local bands and always incorporate music into my classes. I love nature, animals, I have WAY too many plants in my home, I can knit and I have a tendency to sing really loud in the car when I'm driving (you may have heard me).

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am so excited to be able to continue teaching yoga at camp this summer. I have new games for us to play and ideas for mindful activities. There might be some new decorations in the Yoga Cabin. I can't wait to see all of my campers and my North Salem Day Camp family.

Support Staff



Sean Fuchs

Runner

Where are you from?

I just graduated with a degree in Business from Eastern Connecticut State University.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was here last year as a runner, a lot of the kids probably remember me and another guy always riding around in a golf cart checking in with different groups.

What is your experience working with children?

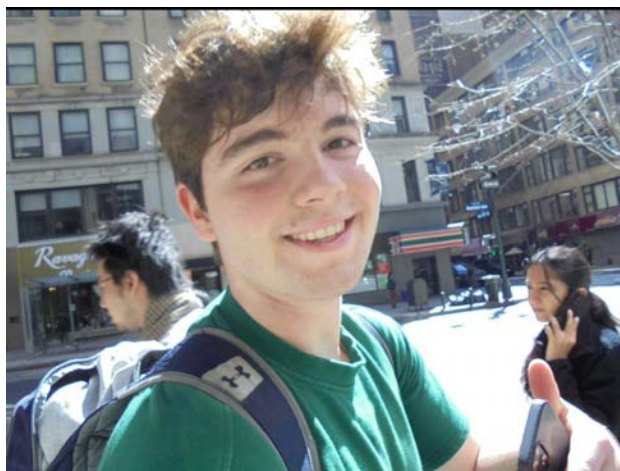
Besides camp I have been a baseball coach for about 7 years now, coaching youth camps from ages 4-12.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Baseball and fishing are my two biggest hobbies

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Last year we had a great combination of hard work and fun, every camper enjoyed seeing us around and interacting so I look forward to another summer like this.



Matthew Moia

Runner

Where are you from?

I just graduated from North Salem High School and will attend University at Albany in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been a camper, a CIT, a counselor, and a runner.

What is your experience working with children?

I was a counselor at mountain lakes, coached a basketball and lacrosse team of 4-6th graders, was a lifeguard at a pool heavily populated with children, and helped run a basketball camp with children ages K-8.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love basketball and music.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to enjoy my job while proving I am good at it.

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Bill Nikisher

Runner

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Michael Bonelli

Runner

Where are you from?

I just graduated from North Salem High School. I play Ice Hockey and Lacrosse.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have attended North Salem Day Camp since pre-school, and always had a lot of fun every year. My favorite activities were Sports, Games, and Swim.

What is your experience working with children?

I have a younger brother, and have worked at the North Salem Day Camp as a CIT and Youth Counselor. I have also worked at many Youth Hockey and Lacrosse camps/programs.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love staying physically active. I play a lot of sports and games in my free time, and actively reach out to friends in order to practice with them. I also love the outdoors, hiking, as well as traveling.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to being outside, and helping the kids have as much fun as possible



Tim Herlihy

Maintenance Assistance

Where are you from?

I will be attending Westchester Community College in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have not attended North Salem Day Camp but I am looking forward to experiencing it this summer!

What is your experience working with children?

I have lots of younger cousins.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love running and have run for 12 straight seasons in high school. Distance running is my favorite. When I am not running I enjoy building with Legos and watching Marvel movies.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I love being outdoors and looking forward to having a job for the summer.

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Magali Pashigian

Floater

No bio available.



Juben Lazri

Floater

Where are you from?

North Salem High School. North Salem.

Have you been to NSDC before?

Have none.

What is your experience working with children?

A lot of fond memories with little cousins.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Soccer and lacrosse.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Help kids out to have a great summer!



Lia Buchanan

Floater

Where are you from?

I have lived in North Salem since 1998, and I work at PQ Elementary School!

Have you been to NSDC before?

My children attended Mt. Lakes Camp and absolutely loved it!

What is your experience working with children?

I have two children and have worked at PQ for 14 years as a Paraprofessional!

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love the Yankees, going to the beach, and spending time with my family!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to have fun at camp teaching and learning new things and being outdoors in Mountain Lakes.

Aquatics



Ashley Kivela

Director - Aquatics

Where are you from?

I live in New Milford, CT and teach 7th grade Social Studies at Schaghticoke Middle School. I've been working at summer camps since I've been 17 in a plethora of roles including counselor, lifeguard, and Aquatics Director.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have worked at NSDC for 5 summers now and have loved each and every summer!

What is your experience working with children?

I have been working in education for the past 10 years and have been working at camps for the last 15+ years. I've worked with all age groups and in various settings.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love Disney and History (especially Ancient Civilizations!)

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm SUPER excited for this year's Duck Days and Color Wars!



Cassidy Rubin

Head Lifeguard

Where are you from?

I will be attending my Junior year at Pennsylvania State University

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've worked at North Salem for 3 previous summers, and it was a blast! Great people and a great environment.

What is your experience working with children?

I've had over 5 years of childcare experience, as well as lifeguard and swim instructor experience. All ranging with ages 3-15.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love singing, and binge watching shows. I am an avid lover of art and music, and can't wait to bring back all the classics to the pool this summer!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to working in a place I feel excited to go to work.



Hannah Rubin

Head Lifeguard

Where are you from?

I currently attend Penn State University, studying to get my Masters' degree in architectural engineering.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have had nothing but positive experiences with my NSDC family! The whole staff and all the campers are so delightful to work with each year!

What is your experience working with children?

I have babysat younger family and friends for many years, and have worked as a lifeguard/swim instructor for all ages ranging from 3-12 since 2022.

What are your hobbies and interests?

One of my favorite activities to participate in is arts and crafts! I love to make things by hand, it adds much more sentimental value, and makes it ten times as fun!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to duck day! It is by far the best and most exciting day at the pool. The competitions and games make the pool period so much fun! I hope to have a smooth summer and cultivate new memories with everyone at NSDC!



Jamie Bartley-Cohen

Lifeguard

Where are you from?

I will be attending Bates College in the fall and I'm committed for volleyball and will be majoring in Pre-Law.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a camper and CIT as well as a lifeguard last summer at Mt.Lakes and I have found my best friends at this camp and such incredible people and a great work environment.

What is your experience working with children?

I have been a lifeguard for 3 years and worked as a swim instructor to younger kids. I have been a volunteer coach for youth girls basketball and flag football as well as a private lessons coach for youth volleyball.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love playing volleyball and traveling.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm so excited to see all the counselors again and have a fun summer!



Ryder Pelkey

Lifeguard

Where are you from?

I am going to be attending the University at Buffalo in the fall and majoring in biology.

Have you been to NSDC before?

No experience.

What is your experience working with children?

I have refereed for town tournaments and helped coach house league games.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy snowboarding, and playing lacrosse.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm most looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends.

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Maria Denaro

Lifeguard

No bio available.

Medical Staff

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Susanne Townsend

Health Director/ Paramedic

No bio available.



Joe Nikisher

EMT

Where are you from?

By this time I will have graduated from Pace university with my bachelors in Finance. I'm from Mahopac NY. I currently work as an EMT for multiple agencies.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've worked at Mt. Lakes as a counselor and EMT in the past and always had a great time!

What is your experience working with children?

I've worked with children in the past whether it was when I was a counselor or as an EMT.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I'm a volunteer firefighter, I love to work out and fish.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to having a great summer at an amazing camp.

Administration Team



Lauren Rosasco

Director

Where are you from?

I've lived in North Salem all of my life and graduated from North Salem High School in 2007. I work for the Town of North Salem Recreation Dept year-round as the Superintendent of Recreation.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've spent the last 25+ summers of my life at NSDC. I started as a camper in Kindergarten and was a CIT for 3 years. Next I was a Junior Counselor and Head Counselor for many years before also becoming the Director's Assistant in 2011. I took over as the Assistant Director under Beverly Golisano in 2016 and became the Camp Director in 2019. I can't imagine a summer away from Mt. Lakes Park at this point.

What is your experience working with children?

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. I am the Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of North Salem and work with children year-round at various programs and events. I've babysat or was a counselor to many of our current camp counselors!

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love Winnie the Pooh and traveling! In my free-time I like to snowboard, do arts & crafts, and watch sci-fi shows & history documentaries. I enjoy playing video games, gardening, and building & fixing things. My favorite color is green.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to seeing all of the smiling faces of our returning campers and staff and meeting all of our new camp family this summer! It's going to be another great summer at NSDC!



Elaina Nacinovich

Co-Director

Where are you from?

I graduated from Manhattanville University with my masters in secondary education (biology) and special education. Next year I will be a special ed science teacher at Mahopac High School!

Have you been to NSDC before?

This is my 5th year at camp! I was previously the games specialist and assistant director!

What is your experience working with children?

I am currently a biology teacher at Mamaroneck High School and have coached field hockey for Kennedy Catholic!

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love the outdoors! I am super passionate about reading and animals!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to everyone having a safe and fun summer!



Elena Nikisher

Assistant Director

Where are you from?

I am from Mahopac and am studying Nursing at Dutchess Community College.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have worked at Mt. Lakes camp for the past 8 years and have worked several roles at camp.

What is your experience working with children?

I have been working with children ever since I was young. I have many small cousins that I play with, and have babysat for many years, and I have my Associates degree in Early Education.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I have been volunteering as a Firefighter/ EMT for the past 10 years!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am so excited to see everyone and hope we can have the best summer!



Frank D'Erasmus

Security

Where are you from?

I am retired from American Airlines/Trans World Airlines after 42 years in the Materials Management Department. I have lived in North Salem since 1989.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have worked as a Security Officer since 2015.

What is your experience working with children?

I have been here at camp since 2015 interacting with all camp groups.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love the Yankees, Rangers, and Giants!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope all the groups have a safe and enjoyable experience at Mountain Lakes.



Susan Reo

Office Assistant

No bio available.