



2023

Staff Bios

Tadpoles



Janice D'Erasmus

Program Director - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

I live in Croton Falls. My children went through North Salem schools and both worked at our wonderful camp!!

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 also a part time teacher 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

Counselor - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

In the Fall, I'll be starting my second year at SUNY Oneonta as a Childhood Education major.

Have you been to NSDC before?

N/A

What is your experience working with children?

In high school, I worked in the Little Hatters Daycare and Preschool programs at my high school, where I taught kids ranging from infants to 5 years old. In these programs, I helped students as they engaged in play with their peers, guiding them through projects.

What are your hobbies and interests?

In my free time, I love creative writing and doing arts and crafts, such as painting ceramics and making bracelets with beads. Additionally, I love doing puzzles, and at school this past spring I won a puzzle competition with my friends!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer I'm most looking forward to getting to know and spending time with all of the campers. I am excited to watch them learn and grow as they play and explore nature!



Julia Munson

Counselor - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

I will be attending Connecticut College in the fall as a first-year. I will be attending without a major, but will be exploring music as an area of study.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've been attending camp since 7th grade and have gone through the CIT program as well as being a counselor.

What is your experience working with children?

I babysit, host children's parties, and have been a counselor at camp for the past 3 years.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am very passionate about music and the arts and also play piano.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to make this summer as fun and as safe as possible for the kids.



Claire Higgins

Junior Counselor - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

I will be a sophomore at Somers High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

Although I have not attended North Salem Day Camp at Mt. Lakes, I have heard wonderful stories from my friends that have.

What is your experience working with children?

I have been a babysitter for years. I have also taught second grade CCD at my church. I really enjoy both.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to run. I am on the Somers Track Team and the Cross Country Team.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am really looking forward to helping the campers make the best summer memories!



Jaxs Esner

Junior Counselor - Tadpoles

Where are you from?

I attend Wooster school in Danbury CT. This is a small private school.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I attended as a camper for three years and two years as a CIT. I enjoyed being a camper and had a lot of fun. As a CIT I got a lot of good experience.

What is your experience working with children?

I was a CIT for two years.

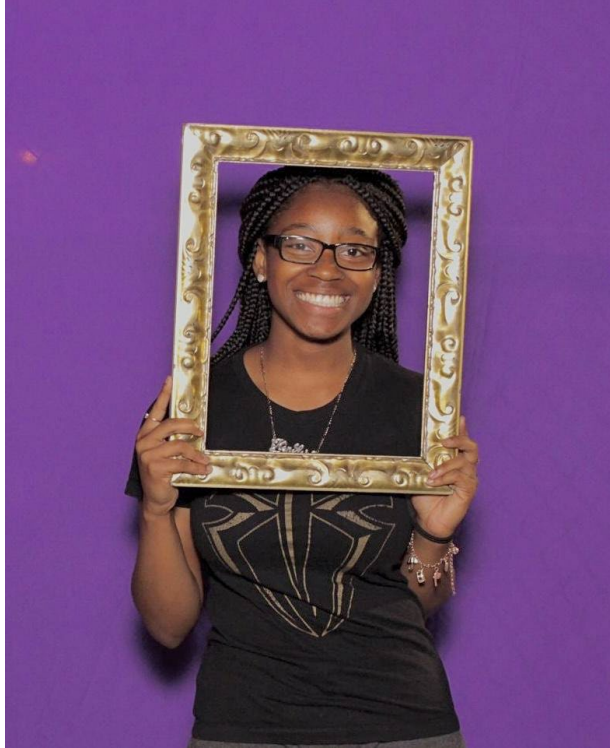
What are your hobbies and interests?

I do theater and music.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to working with a group for all of camp and I hope to further develop my skills as a counselor.

Frogs



KenAsia Prince

Head Counselor - Frogs

Where are you from?

I am from the Bronx, New York

Have you been to NSDC before?

N/A

What is your experience working with children?

Even though I don't have a preference with what age group I work with, I often find myself working with children between the ages of 9 and 12. It's actually quite interesting to work with them because not only are they learning from you, you're learning from them as well.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to read and write, listen to k-pop and love the New York Yankees - I grew up playing Softball because of my love for Baseball (I can play every position on the field). I love to watch basketball and my favorite team is the Brooklyn Nets.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I think I'm actually looking forward to everything. Surprise me.



Luke Loftus

Counselor - Frogs

Where are you from?

I will be a senior this coming fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been a CIT, a junior counselor for the 3rd grade group, and a regular counselor for the 1st/2nd grade group.

What is your experience working with children?

I have been working at the camp for 3 years, and have 2 younger brothers.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to play basketball, guitar, and sometimes golf.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This year at camp I am very excited to see the returning staff, and work with the campers to make sure they have a very fun and safe time this summer



Anneliese Alexa Zaken

Junior Counselor - Frogs

Where are you from?

I will be attending John Jay High School as a sophomore this fall. It is in Cross River, NY. I will be taking Humanities Research, Studio Art, AP European History, and Biology Honors among other classes.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I really enjoyed my experiences that I have had at North Salem Day Camp at Mountain Lakes. I have been going here since I was in 3rd grade and I have made so many friends here as a camper and a CIT. I love the variety of activities provided here, such as canoeing, sports, art and more.

What is your experience working with children?

I work very well with children, I have had many experiences working with them. Some of my experiences include babysitting, helping at my local preschool, working as a junior director for ages 4-8.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy arts and crafts, specifically drawing or painting. I also love to bake and create my own recipes, or recreate treats I see online.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to meeting new people, getting to work not only with kids younger than me, but also people older than me. I hope to create many new friendships that result in making a memorable summer for the kids filled with many fun activities.



Hayden Eaton

Junior Counselor - Frogs

Where are you from?

I will be in 10th grade at Immaculate High School in Danbury, CT this coming fall. It's a private Catholic High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

N/A

What is your experience working with children?

I mentored preschoolers and kindergartners during my middle school years at St Mary School in Ridgefield, CT.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Working out and video editing

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Making the summer a great experience for all the campers in my group.

Chipmunks



Hope Sandor

Head Counselor - Chipmunks

Where are you from?

Currently, I study early childhood education at SUNY Potsdam. Next year, I will be a senior and receive my undergraduate degree!

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been working here since I was 15 and love coming back every year to see my friends!

What is your experience working with children?

I have been a babysitter for several families in the North Salem community, and I have also been a part of programs like sports camps, peer tutoring, and mentoring. On top of this, I am also a substitute teacher while I'm living upstate in St. Lawrence County.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love sports! I play softball at Potsdam, and I also played field hockey in high school. I'm also a big Yankees fan.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I can't wait to go back to somewhere I've always loved as a camper, and I get to show that love to other kids as an adult!



Morgan Kauffman

Counselor - Chipmunks

Where are you from?

I am going into my Junior year at Somers High School

Have you been to NSDC before?

Last summer I worked at North Salem Day Camp. I had a great time so I wanted to return again this summer. It will be a lot of fun!

What is your experience working with children?

I have gone to camp my whole life so I know how to make it fun! I have younger cousins and neighbors who I babysit often.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Some hobbies of mine are going on hikes, swimming in the pool, and going to the beach. I am an adventurous person who likes cool experiences like scuba diving and ziplining over a rainforest. I also love animals and have volunteered at several shelters. I'm not sure what I want to do in the future but I can see myself going into finance, business or being a teacher. I played on the soccer and flag football teams for my school.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to having a lot of fun this summer! I can't wait to meet my camp kids and do cool activities with them this summer!



Morgan M Klempner

Junior Counselor - Chipmunks

Where are you from?

I attend Somers High School and will be a junior this year. I live in Somers, New York.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I went to North Salem Day camp when I was 11 years old. I met some people who I am still friends with today from the camp. I have also been a CIT for 2 years in a row at North Salem Day Camp. I really enjoyed being at the camp and working with the kids.

What is your experience working with children?

My experience working with kids started when I was a CIT at North Salem Day Camp. I am currently part of the tusker tots program at Somers High School. I worked with 3 and 4 year olds and guided them in different activities. We also play games and spend time reading.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am on the dance team and read a lot. I also like to bake and go to concerts. I would like to major in film study.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to spending time outside and spending time with the kids. My goal is to make sure everyone feels included because I know what it is like to not feel included.



James Altro

Junior Counselor - Chipmunks

Where are you from?

In the fall, I will be attending North Salem High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I had a great experience as a camper many games to play, great counselors.

What is your experience working with children?

Two years ago, I was an LIT or leader in training for the whole summer. Last summer I was a CIT for the whole summer.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Hiking.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to gaining more experience with watching children and having fun with all of the campers and staff.

Blue Jays



Mariela Silva

Co-Head Counselor - Blue Jays

Where are you from?

I will be starting my freshman year of college this fall at the University of Paris studying political science and international relations.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked at Mt. Lakes last summer and had an amazing time with the group of kids I had. I worked with 1st and 2nd graders they were all pretty easy going and just so nice.

What is your experience working with children?

I've worked at North Salem Day Camp as a Counselor, I've been a babysitter for years and a monitor for young kids.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I really take an interest in traveling and hope to travel a lot when I'm in Europe. I love to play lacrosse in my free time, go out with friends and ride my bike in town. An interesting fact about me I'm double jointed.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to meeting my group of campers. I can't wait to learn about everyone's personalities and hope to inspire my group with new ways on how to be kinder and have a little more fun.



Benjamin Gerstman

Co-Head Counselor - Blue Jays

Where are you from?

I'm going to be attending Skidmore College in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked as a counselor at Mt. Lakes camp for 3 years and was a camper throughout my childhood.

What is your experience working with children?

I have worked in several special ed classes and online zoom meetings for helping children.

What are your hobbies and interests?

My biggest hobby is playing soccer.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking most forward to getting to know the new campers.



Jack Newman

Junior Counselor - Blue Jays

Where are you from?

I am from North Salem and attend North Salem High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I went as a camper for many years and I enjoyed it each year.

What is your experience working with children?

I watch/babysit my younger cousins.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like soccer and fishing.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to help each kid have fun at camp.



Sawyer Loftus

Junior Counselor - Blue Jays

Where are you from?

I attend North Salem High School and will have completed my Freshman year this summer.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been going to Mt. Lakes every summer since 4th grade.

What is your experience working with children?

I did the CIT program for 2 years and I also have a younger brother who I babysit a lot.

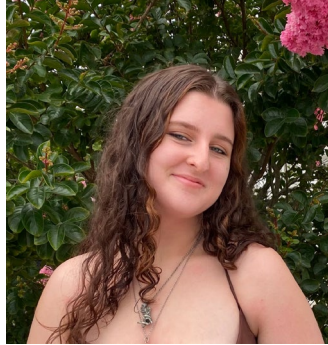
What are your hobbies and interests?

I like to play piano and skateboarding.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This will be my first job, so I am hoping that everything goes well and I have a fun summer.

Foxes



Samantha Bogart

Substitute Counselor & Specialist

Where are you from?

I am currently a rising Junior at Binghamton University studying Philosophy, Politics, and Law with a minor in Anthropology. I'm originally from the town of Carmel, NY and have lived there most of my life.

Have you been to NSDC before?

N/A

What is your experience working with children?

I come from an incredibly large family so I've been around young children my whole life. I also frequently help out at Happy Feet Dance School in Kent, NY with their younger dancers in preparation for their annual recitals.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy making paintings and other artwork as a side hobby. I have also been a dancer for the majority of my life, training in styles such as ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and ballroom which I still keep up with while at college.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer I'm most looking forward to get to know all of our campers and provide them with their most memorable summer yet.



Brooke Fazio

Counselor - Foxes

Where are you from?

In the fall, I will be attending Somers High school for my junior year.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been at North Salem day camp for almost every summer since I was little. I always had so much fun. This will be my second year being a counselor.

What is your experience working with children?

I have babysat for many families and I have many younger neighbors that I like to spend time with.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am on my high school's cross country and track team. In the winter I enjoy skiing with my family.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer I am excited to get to know all my campers and help them have a fun and safe summer.



Zachary Polner

Junior Counselor - Foxes

Where are you from?

I am going to be a sophomore entering 10th grade at Somers High School

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a CIT for the past 2 years and a camper.

What is your experience working with children?

I babysit my younger cousins. I have been a CIT here for 2 years.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I play Varsity Tennis at Somers High School. I like to work-out and go to the gym.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to spending my days outside and helping to make the camp a safe environment for the campers.

Wolves



Gabe Feinstein

Head Counselor - Wolves

Where are you from?

I will be a junior at Fordham University in the Fall of 2023 majoring in Psychology.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked at North Salem Day Camp at Mt. Lakes during Summer 2022. I was the head counselor for the Tadpoles (Pre-K) Group. I really enjoyed the experience and it was a lot of fun. I loved getting to know all the campers and spending the day at camp with them. It was awesome to be outside every day and participate in the different activities.

What is your experience working with children?

Besides working for NSDC during Summer 2022, I have worked with children during rehearsals for musicals that my mom directs. I worked as an assistant to the director, running lines with the actors, practicing their scenes, working on their songs, etc.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to play sports including tennis, basketball, and golf. I also love the outdoors and I especially enjoy hiking in the wilderness and conquering difficult mountains.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to being outside at beautiful Mountain Lakes enjoying all the different activities and spending time with the campers and other staff. I hope to get close to all my campers and continue to develop my leadership skills.



Maggie Higgins

Counselor - Wolves

Where are you from?

In the fall of 2023 I will be entering my Senior year at Somers High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I enjoy working at North Salem Day Camp at Mt. Lakes. I love all of the creative activities and fun events planned for each day of camp.

What is your experience working with children?

I enjoy working with children. I have babysat, I have been a teacher of religious education, and I have taken a childhood education class at my high school.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to read, bake, and play sports, especially soccer.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer I am looking forward to meeting new campers and making new memories.



Memphis Garvin

Counselor - Wolves

Where are you from?

In the fall I will be attending Immaculate high school as a junior.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have both attended and worked for North Salem Day Camp for 4 years now. My experience has been nothing but positive. Everyone at North Salem Day Camp is friendly and caring.

What is your experience working with children?

My experience with the children has been so much fun! We have the best group of kids here!

What are your hobbies and interests?

My hobbies/interests are Mock Trial, Debate, skiing, going to the gym and hanging out with family and friends.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer I am most looking forward to seeing all of the familiar faces and meeting new ones as well!



Samuel Polner

Junior Counselor - Wolves

Where are you from?

I'm going to be a sophomore at Somers High School in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I used to be a camper and I was a CIT for two years.

What is your experience working with children?

I babysit my two 7-year-old cousins.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I play Varsity Tennis at Somers High School and I play basketball in my free time.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to working with kids and growing as a leader. By the end of camp, I want to increase my communication skills.

Bears



Simon Rubini

Head Counselor - Bears

Where are you from?

I am from Brewster/North Salem and I have lived on Peach Lake since I was in first grade

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been a camper for 6 years and this will be my sixth year as a counselor.

What is your experience working with children?

I have been a counselor of Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 7th grade, and CITs. I also have a younger sister and many younger cousins.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy playing guitar and taking care of animals as well.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to facilitating a fun camp experience for everyone!



Marko Salih

Counselor - Bears

Where are you from?

I will be attending Embry-Riddle in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been a camp counselor at Mt. Lakes for a few years.

What is your experience working with children?

I have had experience in groups from 3rd-5th grade.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like Star Wars and Sports.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Reconnecting with friends from last summer and making new ones.



Stevie Nadig

Counselor - Bears

Where are you from?

Kennedy Catholic High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a junior counselor last year.

What is your experience working with children?

I have experience in babysitting for years prior to becoming a junior counselor at NSDC.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love swimming and spending time outside.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to seeing my previous campers and meeting new ones.

Bobcats



Juliana Viebrock

Head Counselor - Bobcats

Where are you from?

I will be a senior next year at Penn State University where I am studying middle level math education.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a camper at mountain lakes for two years and was a CIT for two years as well. This will be my fourth year being a counselor at Mt. Lakes.

What is your experience working with children?

Aside from my Mt. Lakes experience, I worked at the toward tomorrow preschool at the Jewish Community Center of Mid-Westchester. I have also done some babysitting.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I played soccer from age five all the way through High School and I have been dancing since I was three.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to meeting new campers this year and creating a fun environment so everybody can have a great summer!



Arielle Zeitchick

Counselor - Bobcats

Where are you from?

I will be attending Binghamton University as a freshman this coming fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been at Mt. Lakes since I was 11, as a camper and continued through the CIT program, then to staff.

What is your experience working with children?

I have been working with campers since I was 13 in the CIT program and then as a Games specialist, Trash to Treasure specialist, and Theatre Explorers specialist. I also was a children's party host and studio instructor at the Pottery Factory for 2 years.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am super into theatre, everything from acting, directing, to crew (with light and stage design). I have been in theatre since I was 12 and it has been a passion ever since. I am also very into music in general. I love jamming with my band and finding new sounds to dance to, listen to, and experiment with.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to have a super fun summer with everyone and make lifelong memories!



Luka Salih

Junior Counselor - Bobcats

Bio not available

Eagles



Niamh Mulcahy

Head Counselor - Eagles

Where are you from?

I will be entering my junior year of college at Siena College as a biology major.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have worked at North Salem Day Camp for 3 years, this year will be my 4th year.

What is your experience working with children?

In addition to camp I also babysit and worked with children often while I was a girl scout.

What are your hobbies and interests?

A hobby I recently got into has been crocheting.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This year at camp I am most excited about working with and meeting the kids. I always enjoy going to activities and playing games or making bracelets with them. They are always very fun to be around and I am excited to meet the campers and say hello to returning campers.



Sara Hanford

Counselor - Eagles

Where are you from?

I am going into my junior year at Somers High School.

Have you been to NSDC before?

This is my second year working at North Salem Day Camp. I had an amazing time last year, and I'm looking forward to another great summer!

What is your experience working with children?

Outside of camp, I babysit and assist younger students in dance.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I also enjoy soccer, reading, swimming, tennis, dancing, and skiing.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

This summer, I am looking forward to meeting new campers, trying new activities, and having lots of fun!



Adeline Moia

Junior Counselor - Eagles

Where are you from?

I will be returning to North Salem High School as a sophomore in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been attending NSDC since 1st grade and every summer I enjoy coming back and look forward to it all year.

What is your experience working with children?

I've worked as a CIT for two years with NSDC and two other times for other programs. I enjoy the comical and pure nature of working with kids and getting to teach and offer new experiences to them.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love playing sports, especially volleyball, lacrosse and swimming. Another hobby I enjoy is hiking, my family and I are always enjoying nature.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am hoping to be able to offer the campers new experiences and a fun summer as I did when I was younger.



Stephen Moore

Junior Counselor - Eagles

Where are you from?

I will be a sophomore at Kennedy Catholic High School in the fall. I currently play soccer, baseball, and basketball.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a camper at Mountain Lakes when I was going into first grade. I have come every summer since, completing 8 years as a camper, and 2 years as a CIT.

What is your experience working with children?

I love being with and playing with kids of all ages, especially teaching or sharing like sports, games, and other things. I have many family friends with young kids, and I love being around them.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I currently play soccer, baseball, and basketball. I like playing online sports games with friends, like Madden, or MLB The Show.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am excited to use what I have learned as a CIT to make it a great summer.

Falcons



Olivia Simpson

Head Counselor - Falcons

Where are you from?

I attend Alvernia University and I'm taking Criminal Justice as my field of study.

Have you been to NSDC before?

My experience last year was super fun. All the staff were really welcoming.

What is your experience working with children?

I've been working with kids ever since I was 14. I've always looked after them and made sure they had fun at camp every day.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love sports and nature.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to seeing some of the returning staff members again and work with them.



Adam Cannistra

Counselor - Falcons

Bio not available



Peter Guiliano

Counselor - Falcons

Where are you from?

I go to north salem high school.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have had a great time with campers and staff.

What is your experience working with children?

I have a fantastic time connecting with people of all ages.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I play baseball year-round and for my school.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to making friends and enjoying the outdoors.



Olivia Casabona

Counselor - Falcons

Bio not available

Hawks



Chloe Stalker

Head Counselor - Hawks

Where are you from?

In the fall I will be returning to Pace University for my senior year studying environmental studies.

Have you been to NSDC before?

This will be my second summer at North Salem Day Camp!

What is your experience working with children?

I work part time at our local Ice Arena where I typically interact with kids of all ages on and off the ice.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love hiking in my free time, as well as listening to live music.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to another fun and safe summer at camp, and I'm so excited to meet everyone!



Ryan Campbell

Counselor - Hawks

Where are you from?

I attend John Jay high school and will be attending Paul Smiths college in the fall

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked at North Salem Day Camp last year

What is your experience working with children?

I worked at North Salem Day Camp as a counselor.

What are your hobbies and interests?

My hobbies include video games and RC cars

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to seeing other councilors from last year and meeting a new group of children.



Alex Coutsouradis

Substitute Counselor & Specialist

Bio not available

CIT Leaders



Timothy James Giacchetto

Leader - Counselor-In-Training Program

Where are you from?

I am currently enrolled at SUNY Plattsburgh way up north. I am a History/Adolescent Education Major hoping to become a history teacher once I graduate with my Masters. This fall I will be starting my first semester senior year.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've worked at this camp for several years in a row now. I started when in 2019 when I was 16 years old with the 6th grade group. Every year following I've been working the C.I.T program with the greatest co-counselors I could ask for.

What is your experience working with children?

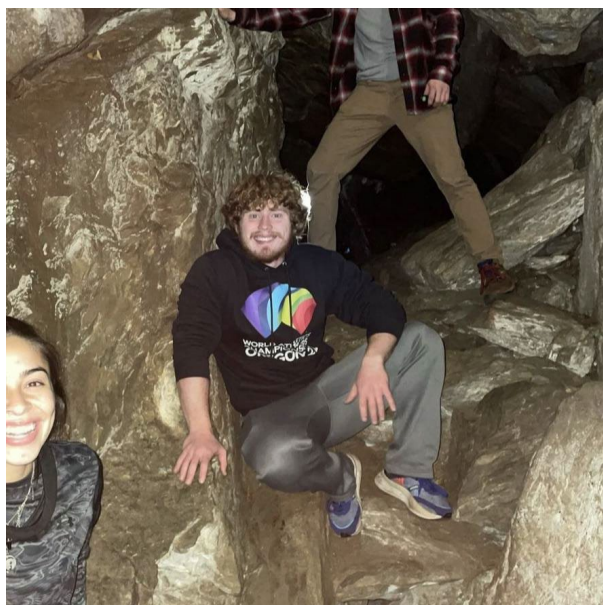
My experience mainly stems from working at this camp. I also worked at the summer camp I went to as a child when I was 15. So I've been going to camps my whole life and have been working with children for several years now.

What are your hobbies and interests?

My biggest two hobbies are probably Music and Outdoor adventure. Music has really shaped my life and I even sing from time to time. Anyone who knows me knows that I'm listening very frequently. I love some good rock music. I've always loved the outdoors and things like hiking which I attribute to my parents taking my brothers and I hiking a lot when we were all young.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish with the C.I.T group this year. Every year with them so far has netted different projects and experience so I'm excited to see how that plays out. I'm also looking forward to working alongside my fellow counselors who I've come to rely on as well as enjoy spending my days with. Also more experience under my belt never hurts.



William Ford

Leader - Counselor-In-Training Program

Where are you from?

I just graduated from SUNY Oneonta in May with an undergraduate degree in education and will be attending some grad school at some time for some degree (open to suggestions?).

Have you been to NSDC before?

This will be my third year as CIT leader at NSDC

What is your experience working with children?

Besides working with CIT kids at North Salem, I coach high school cross country / track and field and have student taught in middle and high school. Additionally, I run a week-long camp through Southeast rec for kids entering 1st through 8th grades.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am very into track and field, having competed for over 10 years and now coaching as well as being an avid fan of professional competition. I also am a part of multiple Dungeons and Dragons campaigns and have been a player and a DM.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to working with an excellent staff and working CITs through projects and activities that help the rest of camp.

Specialists



John Cerny

Specialist - Archery

Where are you from?

Graduated SUNY Purchase

Have you been to NSDC before?

Archery Instructor since 2014

What is your experience working with children?

Camp Staff and Substitute Teacher at Pequenakonck Elementary for 5 years

What are your hobbies and interests?

Archery, Fishing

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Teach more children Archery and continue with my past students



Tyler Golisano

Assistant Instructor - Archery

Where are you from?

I will be attending The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) for my 3rd year for junior year. I am currently studying Technology and Engineering Education.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have worked at the North Salem Day Camp for three years as an archery instructor and this will be my fourth year as the instructor. I also worked at as an archery assistant for two years as a CIT.

What is your experience working with children?

I have taught the campers at Mt. Lakes archery for five years. I also was a Boy Scout and I have taught scouts survival skills and cooking skills along with leading them in projects and guiding them along the way. I also had an internship during my senior

What are your hobbies and interests?

One hobby of mine is Fencing. I started fencing at 13 and I've been doing it for six years. I'm currently the Vice President of the fencing club at TCNJ. Another hobby of mine is spending time with family and friends.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to helping the campers have a great summer and teaching them the sport of archery.



Amanda Nailor

Specialist - Art

Where are you from?

I currently attend Siena College for History Education with a minor in Italian.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked at North Salem Day Camp the last two years and had a wonderful time and cannot wait for another great summer!

What is your experience working with children?

I also work while I am not at school for the YMCA after school program. Before that I was a babysitter and tutor. While I am at school I am in a classroom for about 20-30 hours a semester coming up with lesson plans and working with other teachers!

What are your hobbies and interests?

Two of my favorite hobbies are reading, especially during the summer to fill up my free time and crocheting, which has become a new hobby of mine recently!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am so excited to come back to camp and work with the campers on the art projects for this summer.



Matthew Peck

Specialist - Music

Where are you from?

I will be attending Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island as a Robotics Engineering Major. I am from Somers, New York.

Have you been to NSDC before?

This will be my first year attending North Salem Day Camp, and I am very excited!

What is your experience working with children?

I have been a CIT at Hillcroft Day Camp in LaGrangeville, NY, and a Counselor for 4th-Grade boys at Kiwi Country Day Camp. I have experience helping out in a music classroom at Pequenaconck as well.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love making music. I was the bassist/backup guitarist/vocalist in a band in high school, and I am looking forward to continue my passion and form a band in college. I also collect vinyl records and CDs. My favorite one that I own is "Being So Normal" by Peach Pit, one of my favorite bands.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to meeting my awesome new musicians for the summer, and share my love of music with them.



Morgan Edgar

Specialist - Trash to Treasure

Where are you from?

I am an early childhood and childhood education major at Pace University in NYC and I will be a sophomore this fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

This is my first year at NSDC and I'm super excited to get to know everyone this summer!

What is your experience working with children?

I have been babysitting and nannying for over 6 years now, and I also work at Congregation Shir Shalom's early childhood center over in Ridgefield. I'm a dual education major with a focus in special education and have even taught or interned in a few of the campers classrooms!

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love anything crafty or creative. I enjoy spending time thrifting, crafting, and coming up with new projects for myself!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Since this is my first year here, I'm looking forward to meeting everyone, having fun, and seeing everyone's own unique creativity!

Tralee Cotter

Specialist - Games

Bio not available



CJ Casale

Assistant Instructor - Sports & Games

Where are you from?

North Salem High School

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a CIT previously and have been a long-time camper every summer prior.

What is your experience working with children?

I have worked with children in the past at camp, and during school functions as well.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like long walks on the beach and reading.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to hone in on my leadership skills, meet new people, and have fun.



Colleen Casale

Specialist - Yoga

Where are you from?

I have been a North Salem Resident for 16 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 11 years.

What is your experience working with children?

I'm a Mom, was a Class Mom, Cub Scout Den Leader and Book Club Organizer for years. I have been teaching yoga for many years and love everything about sharing yoga with our campers.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I sing in a few bands and always incorporate music into my classes. I love nature, animals, I have WAY too many plants and 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 always excited to bring yoga to all the campers and counselors at camp. I have some new games and ideas for fun yoga activities, a few new decorations for the yoga cabin and I can't wait to see all of my campers and my North Salem Day Camp family.



Gianna Leidich

Specialist - Nature

Where are you from?

Next fall, I will be a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. I am working towards a major in Computer Science and minor in English with a concentration in Creative Writing. I graduated from North Salem High School in 2022.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have not previously attended North Salem Day Camp at Mt. Lakes, but I have several friends who have and enjoyed their experiences.

What is your experience working with children?

I am a former employee at Kumon and former Girl Scout, so I have experience teaching and working with children.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am an all-around creative person who loves making bracelets, drawing and painting, and reading and writing. I also love listening to music while doing the above activities, as well as working and studying for classes.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to contribute to a positive camp experience by educating campers about nature and environmental awareness, as well as organizing fun activities and crafts.



Bart Casabona

Specialist - Outdoor Skills

Where are you from?

I am a senior at Kennedy Catholic High School and will be attending SUNY Polytechnic Institute in the fall.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have been an outdoor skills counselor for two years.

What is your experience working with children?

I have worked with kids at camp for many years.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy watching basketball.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to make outdoor skills a fun and welcoming place for the campers.



Samuel Munson

Assistant Instructor - Outdoor Skills

Where are you from?

I'm attending Somers High School as a sophomore next school year. My studies will focus more into sciences, but I'm taking a photography class as well!

Have you been to NSDC before?

I've been coming to this camp for at least 5 years now, and it really filled my summers with something to do, when I would otherwise be doing nothing at home.

What is your experience working with children?

As someone with a couple younger cousins I've had to take care of children when parents aren't able to while they do something else. I also have experience from two years of CIT training and helping around at a daycare in an afterschool program.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like to hike and swim, and with being in the boy scouts, being outside is something i find very fun.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to working somewhere that I feel that I want to work, and gaining valuable work experience for future endeavors.

Support Staff



Michael Bonelli

Substitute Counselor & Specialist

Where are you from?

I attend North Salem High School and will be a junior next year.

Have you been to NSDC before?

In the past my experience at Mt. Lakes has been very positive and I enjoyed every minute of it.

What is your experience working with children?

I have a younger brother who is 10 years old now and I have CIT'd in the past for the camp. I have also coached at youth lacrosse and hockey events.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I'm really big into sports being a 3 sport athlete at north salem and got all league this year in XC and lacrosse but the sport I most enjoy definitely has to be hockey which I now play for both travel and high school teams.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to seeing all my old friends from last year and all the campers that I've had fun with in the past!

Aquatics



Ashley Kivela

Director - Aquatics

Where are you from?

I am from New Milford and currently work as a 7th grade Social Studies Teacher during the rest of the year. I went to Quinnipiac University for my undergraduate degree in History and my master's degree in Secondary Education.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I started as the Aquatics Director here at North Salem Day Camp in 2021 and have had a blast so far! Duck day is the BEST!

What is your experience working with children?

I have worked at summer camps for over a dozen years and have been working in schools for over a decade.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I adore Disney, Broadway, and hanging out with my kittens!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to getting everyone back in the pool for a fun and safe summer!



Gabby Pelosi

Lifeguard

Where are you from?

In the Fall, I will be entering my Junior Year at William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. I am a History major and Educational Studies: Policy and Equity minor.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I have worked as a Lifeguard at North Salem Day Camp for the past two summers and am excited to be back on the staff this year. I also previously attended camp years ago as a camper from Kindergarten through 4th grade.

What is your experience working with children?

I was a soccer coach during high school for young children ages Pre-K through 3rd grade through the Bedford Youth Soccer Club. In college, I am a member of an organization called Griffin School Partnerships that provides academic support and tutoring for

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am a big reader and love to spend my summers catching up on books. I also love hiking, specifically in the Adirondacks and I plan to take a 16-mile hike with my Dad this summer.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am most looking forward to working with the pool staff to ensure that all campers are being safe, while also having lots of fun at the pool.



Hannah Rubin

Lifeguard

Where are you from?

I attend John Jay High School in Cross River, a public school with amazing academics and extracurricular programs. I am a member of my schools art club and a reach out program where i tutor children in the elementary school.

Have you been to NSDC before?

Last year was my first year at NSDC and it was the best. I loved getting to know all of my fellow lifeguards and I got to know all of the campers!

What is your experience working with children?

In the fall, winter, and spring I work with children ages 3-12 as a swim instructor and lifeguard with the City of Stamford, CT. I also tutor elementary age kids and babysit all ages in my spare time.

What are your hobbies and interests?

My hobbies include singing, arts and crafts, and swimming. My grandpa and my dad both taught me how to swim when I was super little. My dad was the head of the waterfront at the sleepaway camp my grandparents owned. I have also been singing when I was really little since both my parents love music.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

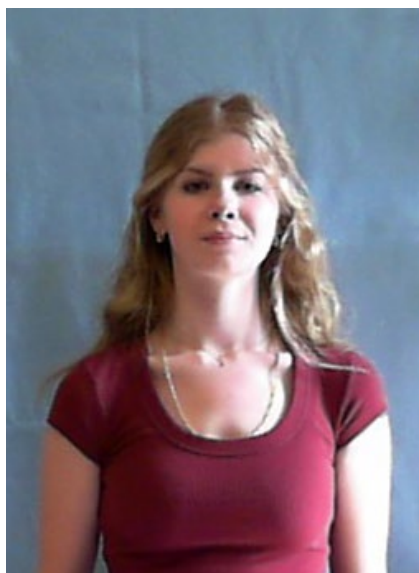
I am looking forward to working with my close friend Sabine as a fellow lifeguard and having a blast with all the campers. I am especially excited for duck day!!



Justin Major

Lifeguard

Bio not available



Sabrina Carangelo
Lifeguard

Bio not available



Sara Major
Lifeguard

Bio not available



Troy Panek

Lifeguard

Where are you from?

I am attending Suny Geneseo, and I am studying psychology. I want to become a therapist.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I went here in 4th grade and remember the nature being fantastic!

What is your experience working with children?

I supervised children in a program called project outreach which took place at the Ridgefield Recreation Center. I also have 3 siblings and am used to watching children.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Weightlifting, Cooking, Meditation.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

To benefit my knowledge and to grow who I am as a person.

Medical Staff



Susan Reo

Nurse



Mia Hoxhaj

EMT

Where are you from?

I graduated from Pleasantville High School this June and will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next fall! I will be double majoring in Public Health: Health Policy & Management and Neuroscience on the pre-medical track.

Have you been to NSDC before?

This is my first year working at the North Salem Day Camp at Mt. Lakes, but I am so excited to meet everyone and have a great summer together!!

What is your experience working with children?

I absolutely love working with kids! I babysit and tutor for children of all ages, and have for the past 5 years. In the past, I have worked at other camps in my town. Whenever I can, I also love to visit my younger cousins and spend time with them.

What are your hobbies and interests?

My favorite sports to play are basketball and lacrosse, but my favorite sports to watch are football and ice hockey! I also love cooking and experimenting with new recipes! In my free time, I volunteer at Pleasantville Ambulance Corps as an EMT!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'll be at camp this summer in the nurse's office, working as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). I'll be there to provide support and care to anyone in need, but look forward to spending time with the campers every day while they rotate through their various activities. I can't wait to meet everyone and have some fun!!



Susanne Townsend

Paramedic

Where are you from?

My name is Sue and I am a Paramedic. I have been a Paramedic for the past 16years and I love what I do. Helping people is my passion and now I get to extend this to being here for all the cute ones that visit our camp. I love the outdoors and hiking.

Have you been to NSDC before?

Last year I had so much fun being part of this crew and working in such a magical place. Mt Lakes is one of the most beautiful places I have seen and it's perfect for camp.

What is your experience working with children?

All children were such a joy to be with. Their curiosity and sense of adventure is a delight to witness. Sometimes they have to be seen for the odd mosquito bite or just to take a little break. We accommodate it all in our little Nursing Cabin!

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to go hiking with my dogs and I am living out my creative side doing a lot of crafts and arts.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I am looking forward to watching the joy in every kids face when they go on treasure hunts, celebrate duck day or play games.

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.

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. Missing camp in 2020 was tough!

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!



Dan Savo

Assistant Director

Where are you from?

I'm from Danbury and currently reside in Brookfield.

Have you been to NSDC before?

I worked for NSDC last year and enjoyed the experience.

What is your experience working with children?

I am a Middle School teacher and former Football Coach.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I am a Football Fan and support the NY Giants, I'm a big history buff, and I am interested in film.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to seeing all of the campers and counselors have a great time and make great summer memories.



Frank D'Erasmus

Security

Where are you from?

Retired from American Airlines/TransWorld Airlines after 42 years Materials Management department. Have lived in North Salem since 1989.

Have you been to NSDC before?

Have worked as Security Officer since 2015.

What is your experience working with children?

Having worked here at NS day camp since 2015

What are your hobbies and interests?

Love Yankees Rangers and Giants!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Hope all kids have a safe and enjoyable experience here.



Elena Nikisher

Administrative Assistant

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 7 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 9 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!



Elaina Nacinovich

Programing Leader

Where are you from?

I'm a graduate student at Manhattanville College - I am studying Secondary Education (Biology) and Special Education!

Have you been to NSDC before?

This is my 3rd year at NSDC! I was previously the Games Specialist!

What is your experience working with children?

I am currently a Biology teacher at Mamaroneck High School and I've worked at camp for 3 years! I have also coached field hockey for Kennedy Catholic High School!

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love the outdoors and hiking! I am also an avid reader!

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm super excited to help bring back color wars!



Tyler Sandor

Leader - Grounds and Facilities

Where are you from?

I currently attend Anna Maria College in Paxton, Massachusetts. I will be a sophomore in the fall and I major in Fire Science

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a camper as a child and was also a CIT. I have been in my current position for the last two years.

What is your experience working with children?

I've been working at North Salem Day Camp and the campers for years.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like to do anything outdoors and I also work as a volunteer firefighter.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I hope to work with the staff to have a fun and successful summer.



Gavin Smith

Assistant - Grounds and Facilities

Where are you from?

I am going into senior year at Stepinac High school in White Plains and run cross country and track

Have you been to NSDC before?

I was a camper for 6 years and a CIT for 2 years. I've worked as a Canoe and Sports Assistant, and as a Grounds and Facilities Assistant last summer.

What is your experience working with children?

I worked in pre-k as a CIT and assisted at canoe and sports.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I play video games and play soccer with my friends.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to working and having a good time. For me, it's hard to not have a fun summer at NSDC!



Jake Greenberg

Assistant - Grounds and Facilities

Where are you from?

I'm going to be attending the University of Delaware in the fall and I'll hopefully be majoring in wildlife conservation

Have you been to NSDC before?

I use to go as a little kid and I remember always having fun being outside and participating in nature

What is your experience working with children?

I was part of a color war at my old camp and as leader of my "tribe" I had to work with the younger campers and make sure everyone had a role and was happy.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I like fishing and archery. I used to do both at my old camp and I still fish to this day.

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

I'm looking forward to being outdoors this whole summer and working with my friends rather than being cooped up at the cash register.