Indian Village Camp Staff

Katherine Wilson

Katherine was a counselor at Camp Terra last summer. This year she returns to her roots at Indian Village where she spent three years as a camper and five years as a CIT. She is a Biology Pre Med major at The Ohio State University and hopes to become a pediatric surgeon. She enjoys doing most outdoor activities and taking naps. Katherine plans to adopt a kitten and name it Milkshake.

Emily Carnevale

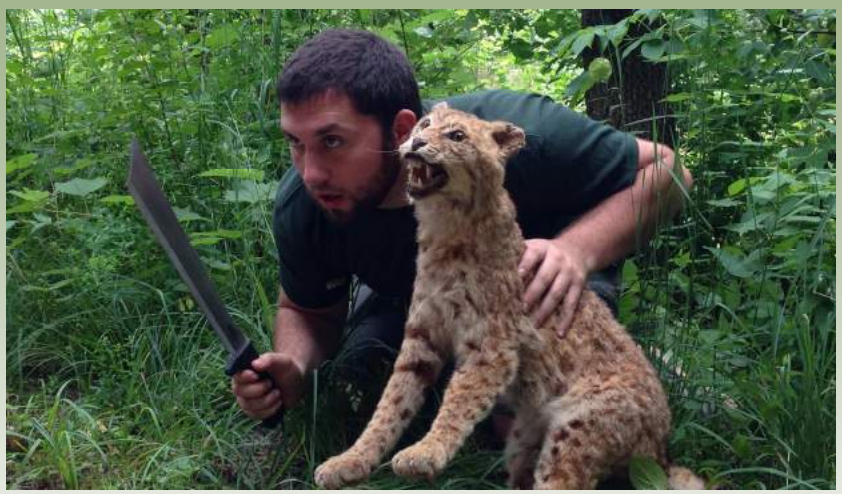
Emily is excited to be at Indian Village for her 3rd year as a counselor! When not at camp, Emily enjoys crafting, hula-hooping, reenacting scenes from movies, and competitive bird watching. Emily just earned her Bachelor's Degree from Denison university in Creative Writing and Cinema. She appreciates Film Noir and regrets that we will never have another Bogart.

Jack O'Brien

Jack is an undergraduate nursing student at Case Western Reserve University. He wants to travel to other countries and work as a nurse, learning about ways to improve nursing care. Jack came to Indian Village Camp at age 6 as a camper, became a CIT at 13, and is now a counselor! He loves exploring new places, singing, being with friends, and whistling with his throat. Jack looks up to his parents who have helped him get where he is today.

Justin Tartler

Justin started coming to Indian Village Camp when he was six and he has yet to leave. He attends Columbus State pursuing a Digital Photography degree. He hopes to shoot professionally for a magazine and visit every continent before he's 60. In his spare time Justin plays drums and journeys around Middle Earth with Samwise Gamgee. His twin brother Jake also works for Outdoor Education Camps at Camp Walnut.



Chas Parise

Chas is a third year counselor at Indian Village, and was previously a CIT and a camper. Chas just completed his 3rd year at Ohio State, studying Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife Management. He enjoys reading, video games, movies, and all things outdoors. Interestingly, Chas has visited 4 different continents! (Ask him about Antarctica, it was super cool!) Chas claims to be the rightful ruler on the Iron Throne and plans on saving the world by protecting our natural resources. Chas also likes to hold the door.

Kim Beyleveld

Kim is a student at The Ohio State University working towards getting into the nursing program. She hopes to someday work as a pediatric nurse at Children's Hospital. During the school year, Kim works at the Ridgewood SACC program and teaches dance on the weekends. This will be her first full summer as a counselor, having previously been a CIT and a substitute counselor. When she's not dancing, running, reading, and playing with her cat, she's watching Bob's Burgers and dreaming of one day backpacking across Europe.

Mickey Bivens

Mickey has been at Indian Village for 10 years? 11 Years? Well, since childhood at least. But this is his 3rd year as a full-fledged counselor. Mickey enjoys video games, rolling dice, and being an all-around good guy. CAUTION! If you are a level 9 or higher wizard mage-elf, Mickey's looking for you. If you are in the Kickapoo tribe, be prepared for a fun, exciting week.

Samantha Schmucker

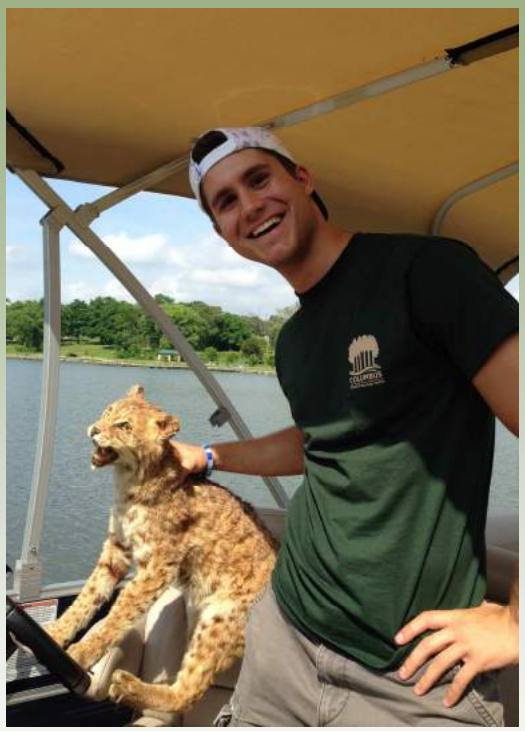
Sam just graduated from Kent State University this year with a Bachelor of Science in Education! She is excited to return to Indian Village for her 5th summer. Sam studied Early Childhood Education and enjoys crafting, camping, and taking care of her hedgehog named Wilma in her free time. Her goal in life is to one day be a full time elementary school teacher. Be sure to ask Sam about her gimp prowess, legendary at Indian Village for the past 10 years.

Sara Herman

Sara started at Indian Village as a camper and has spent the last five years as a CIT. Since she has just graduated high school, this will be her first year wearing the green shirt! In her free time, Sara enjoys all things hockey and playing video games. She's a serious nerd about video games. Sara says her mom is a great person who raised her to be the same. She hopes to get pet goats and some day be a zoologist.

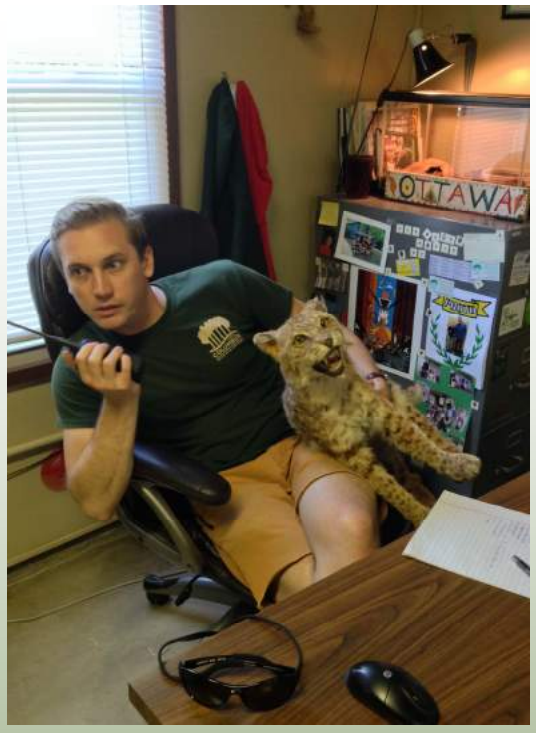
Stephanie Ransom

Stephanie is back for her 4th year as a counselor at Indian Village. She enjoys traveling, music, and dancing. Ask her about her time on 4 of the 7 continents! Stephanie will be leading the brave and courageous Miami tribe this year, hoping to solve the ancient mystery of Tongoa (Tongoa Tongoa). Stephanie just earned her degree in Environmental Science from The Ohio State University. Stephanie is knowledgeable in all things Indian Village, so be sure to ask her about camp lore. Stephanie has a twin.



Dominic Lombardi - Captain of the Aluminum Falcon

Three time Pontoon Boat Captain Dominic Maurice Raphael Lombardi sure has a nice ring to it, doesn't it? Dom has spent many years at camp having started as a camper, moving up to a CIT, and finally, almost becoming the real deal (a counselor) as the Captain of the Aluminum Falcon. He is a student-athlete at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa where he runs track and studies Pre-Optometry. He spends an unhealthy amount of time trying to be bit by a radioactive spider in order to become his favorite superhero, Spider-Man.



Phil Stammler - Deputy Camp Director/Climbing Wall Hauler/Photographer

Bio Coming Soon!

Casey Smith - Camp Director

Casey has a degree in Conservation Science from Muskingum College. She has worked for Recreation and Parks for nine years. Her goals are to raise her two boys to be nerdy little humans and to geocache on every continent. Casey's hobbies include coming up with answers to all her three year old's "why" questions and trying to find time for her hobbies. Test her on her knowledge of The Princess Bride.

Taylor Cunningham - Traveling Naturalist

Taylor is studying horticulture and crop science at The Ohio State University and has previously worked as a camp counselor and challenge course instructor. This is Taylor's first year with Outdoor Education and she will be our Traveling Naturalist, taking nature activities to Recreation Center Camps. She loves making pressed flower greeting cards, gardening, and helping out at a local organic dairy farm. Taylor finds her heroes in the pages of books where people are inspiring and courageous. Ask her about her ability to spin fire!

Camp Walnut Staff

Ellen Warfield

Ellen is a student at The Ohio State University pursuing a degree in Evolution and Ecology. She is very excited to share her passion for the outdoors with our campers during her first year with Outdoor Education Camps. Her goals are to have many dogs, travel to all 50 states and every continent, and have a job where she can connect people to the outdoors. Ellen was inspired by Jane Goodall to explore science, and Brutus Buckeye helps her channel her enthusiasm. She helps brighten her friends' days by randomly singing and dancing.

Jake Tartler

Jake grew up going to Indian Village and went from camper to CIT to counselor. He has been a part of the program for 11 years! Jake goes to Columbus State and is going to be either a teacher or a music supervisor for films (the soundtrack guy). His hobbies include snowboarding, listening to music, and watching films. Jakes newest goal is to travel to New Zealand with his twin brother Justin. He is the most energetic of the twins and his heroes are his parents.

Kim Chapman

Bio coming soon!

Kasey Sutton - Camp Director

Kasey has a degree in Environment & Natural Resources from The Ohio State University. Her goals in life include to one day own chickens, watch sea turtles hatch, and to attend Mothapolooza. She has spent two summers with the Barred Owls at Camp Terra and this will be her second summer at Camp Walnut. Her hobbies include picking paw paws, watching birds, and collecting pine cones. She also squints a lot when she smiles. Kasey admires Wangari Maathai and Bob Ross.

Camp Terra Staff

Brooklyn Conroy

You may hear Brooklyn talking strangely this summer, but don't worry, she's just learning Swahili. At the end of summer, she will be moving to Nairobi, Kenya for a semester abroad. She studies International Development at American University in Washington DC. This is her first year working with Outdoor Education Camps. In her free time she likes to read, cook, shop, play video games, and watch and rewatch all 32 seasons of Survivor. She has previously been a tutor, a nanny, and a preschool teacher. Brooklyn is excited to finally go skydiving with her dad this summer!

Deondra Reid

Deondra joins us for her first year at Outdoor Education Camps bringing a background in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement. She has worked as an Intervention Specialist and a Correction Officer. Deondra considers her Dad her hero because he has always been there. In her free time she enjoys shopping, traveling, cooking, and spending time with her son Nathaniel. But don't ask her to go barefoot. She doesn't like the feeling of anything sticking to the bottom of her feet!

Dexter McNabb

This is Dexter's first year with Outdoor Education Camps. He attends OSU and hopes to become a psychologist with specialties in family and child counseling. In his free time, he enjoys playing sports, hiking, and boating. Dexter was homeschooled until 8th grade! His Mom is his hero because of how well she has supported him throughout his entire life.

Drew Wagner

This is Drew's third year at Camp Terra. He did not have camp experience before working with Outdoor Education but has been told he is an "animal" that has "an unusually high percentage of Neanderthal DNA". He is a student at OSU majoring in Public Affairs who hopes to someday be the guy who hunts goats from a helicopter in Hawaii, or maybe a Bayou Boat Tour Guide. Drew is a movie enthusiast, Pokemon Master, and self proclaimed outdoorsman who once wrestled a mountain goat (true story). He was inspired by The Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin to work outdoors, but ultimately took the job at camp to support his Bob Evans habit.

Lauren Frericks

This is Lauren's first year with Outdoor Education Camps. She has previously worked at wildlife centers, teaching kids and caring for animals. She loves painting, crafting, traveling, outdoor activities, and singing in a Capella groups. Lauren attends Columbus State for Natural Resource Management and hopes to one day travel the world, work her dream job, and live in a cottage by the sea with a dog and an art studio. Her heroes are Jane Goodall, JK Rowling, and the Dalai Lama. Test her on her knowledge of Disney quotes.

Surya Freeman

Surya majors in Geology at the University of Dayton. This is her first year with Outdoor Education Camps. She loves hiking, camping, photography, and live music. Surya looks up to her Dad who has always encouraged her to chase her dreams and to always believe in herself. After summer she hopes to get into grad school, travel the world, and own a corgi. Ask her to show you the freckles on her tongue.

Taylor Shanley

Bio Coming Soon!

Dan Conroy - Camp Director

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