



Aaron

Hello everybody, my name is Aaron Mathew and I'm from Fishers, Indiana. Currently I am a Cybersecurity and Global Policy major at IU Bloomington. I'm a first-year counselor here at Flat Rock after some of my friends told me I would enjoy being on the team here. As a camp counselor and mentor, my favorite part comes from meeting new people and forming friendships with all the people here. I have been working with kids my whole life, whether it be tutoring and teaching to babysitting or giving tours of places. Seeing kids grow in even subtle ways is always a treat and is the reason I enjoy working with them. I love cooking and with that comes by my love for eating, I love trying new foods and I will eat literally anything. I love all kinds of music. And I also love traveling and shopping when I have the funds to do so!

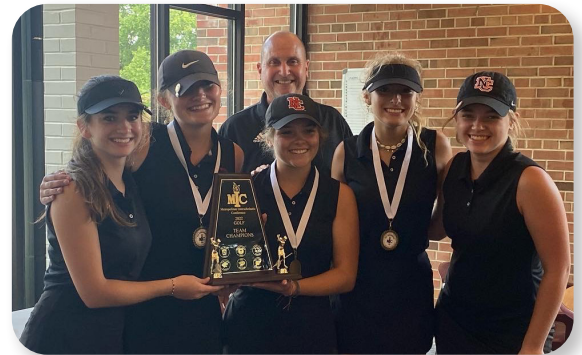


Anne

Hi! I am Anne from Indianapolis, Indiana. I just finished my freshman year at Hanover College as an Elementary Education major. I was a camper for 3 years starting in 4th grade after my school principal took the entire 4th grade class to Flat Rock for the night as a tradition where many of us got to learn lots of outdoor skills for the first time. I have discovered so many fun skills through Camp that I now love to do with my family like hiking with my family and being outdoors. I also learned other things like how to make friendship bracelets and target shoot with a BB gun and bows and arrows. I learned how to fish although not successfully! But all of this make me a more diverse and skilled person now.

I look forward to making the campers' week the best week of the summer, filled with lots of fun activities! I love teaching kids and guiding campers through learning new skills and celebrating the new accomplishments with others. I want to show campers a great time learning and experiencing new things and then for them to be able to tell others by the end of their stay that they enjoy being outside and doing new things! I think my favorite camp memory was riding a horse for the first time! His name was Angus and he was so sweet!

Outside of camp, I have lots of interests, I love going outside and hiking and downhill skiing with my family. I love music and books! I occasionally play the bass too! I love to golf with my family and was on my high school golf team! I love to swim and was on a club swim team. But my most favorite thing to do is build and paint large sets for theater!



Jack

Hello everyone! I'm Jack and currently studying Theatre and Film Production at Indiana University. Having called Cleveland home for the past decade, I'm thrilled to embark on my first Flat Rock experience. I am ready to craft an unforgettable summer for all campers while serving as a positive role model. With a background in mentoring—thanks to my two step siblings and two half siblings—I approach working with kids with responsibility and enthusiasm. Having been inspired by my own camp counselors in the past, I'm determined to pay it forward.

Outside of camp, I find joy in acting, singing, film watching/making, going to the gym, hiking, and traveling. I am eager to learn the traditions and make long lasting memories. I can't wait to dive into all that Flat Rock has to offer and to meet each one of you!





**Josiah**

Greetings All,

My name is Josiah and this will be my third summer as a counselor at Flat Rock. I go to school at Purdue University for Film/Video and Theatre Production, but I live in New Castle, IN. I aim to enrich campers’ experience this summer by clueing them into all sorts of fascinating possibilities that camp has allowed me, such as to make great friends, to understand the richness of the natural world around us, and to be able to communicate effectively with peers. I greatly appreciate how I am able to influence the summers of children for the better, create lasting positive memories, and change the perspective towards one of gratitude and peaceful coexistence.

Last year, I ran into some health complications and my camp friends helped motivate me through such a difficult time and to revitalize me to return to camp stronger and more supported than ever before.

Best regards and see you all soon!



**Dylan**

Hey Flat Rockers!! My name is Dylan and this will be my second year as a counselor here at Flat Rock. I am so excited to see so many new and familiar faces this summer! A little bit about me; I’m from Carmel, Indiana but currently live in Madison, Wisconsin for school where I will be a sophomore in the fall majoring in Genetics and Gender & Women’s Studies at UW-Madison. Go Badgers!! When I’m not in class, you can find me tinkering over a craft (seriously, name a hobby and I’ve probably tried it), at the gym, or catching up on a new book series.

I was never a camper at Flat Rock but last summer here, as a counselor, was such a wonderful experience that I wish I had been a camper! I believe that camp is truly magical and my goal this summer is to make every camper I meet feel that way too. Having a cheerful attitude and positive mindset as a role model is super important to me and I think it makes a big impact when it comes to campers having a great time at camp! I am also super focused on inclusivity, balance, and making a safe space here, which helps me ensure not only a uniquely fun individual experience for campers but also a great group experience, both in camp and with the whole camp.

My favorite camp song is definitely “Purple Stew”, and some of my favorite memories here include shaving cream wars, Macho Mondays, and handfishin’ down at the river! I can’t wait to meet you all, see ya soon!!







**Roman**

Hey hey! I'm Roman, born and raised in Puebla, Mexico. As an international staff, I love to learn about different cultures and topics and always will share mine with others. I'm in the last lap of university, working for the degree of Environmental Engineering. If you came last year, probably you saw me in the Valley or on Woodworking. I spent all summer there and hope to do it again this year. The first time I got here was just for curiosity, this time, I came back because I found a home here, and I know that it's going to happen to you if is your first year.

Here in Mexico, I went to a lot of camps in the scouts. As for a favorite song, maybe there is not the same as in the U.S. but there's one about a guy working in a button factory that I really like. As for my interests, I not only like to sing camp songs, I also love bike riding and playing board games with friends. I think that there is no better way to spend time and get to know each other. As an adult, it's great seeing life through the eyes of a child. All the creativity and imagination that sometimes we lose with age, I can recover along with the kids and that experience is amazing.

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

You will love camp, especially the last day because only that day you realize how many friends you made and will be missed and how much you will be missed, including by me. So hope to meet you soon.



**Miguel**

Hi there, my name is Miguel, huge fan of riding bikes, the outdoors and animals, especially birds. I'm from Cholula, a town in the state of Puebla at the southeast of Mexico. It's a very nice place known for being the oldest living town in all the continent and with that said it's no surprise my love for history, in which I majored at BUAP, the Puebla's state university. I currently work at Museo Regional de Cholula, a museum dedicated to archeology and history of the region. There I do several chores but my main activities are dedicated to Human Resources, managing the museum staff and Social Services, scheduling the activities and capacitation for social service and professional practices for high school and college students. Along with the paperwork, I also oversee the planning of workshops and expositions, and the planning and choosing display pieces for the mounting and the inauguration of such exhibitions.

As for summer camps this will be my first experience both in a camp and as a counselor. I'm confident I'll do fine as I'm a big fan of the outdoors, from the experience I got as a former teacher and at the museum dealing with schools full of lively children. I'm looking forward to knowing that by the end of the week, we'll all be leaving with a bit more of knowledge, a wider point of view and lots of great stories. I'm very excited for this summer and to get along with my campers learning new things and having lots of fun.





**Lily**

Hi! I'm Lily, and this will be my second summer as a counselor at Flat Rock! I'm from Indianapolis, Indiana, and I'm about to go into my sophomore year at Indiana University studying Political Science with a pre-law focus. I love reading, listening to music, and spending time in nature. Hikes are my favorite thing in the world. I'm always looking to discover new trails around Bloomington. I've been coming to camp since 2012 and it is my absolute favorite place in the world. I believe that being at camp turns me into the best version of myself. I love being able to disconnect from technology and the stress of the outside world and truly connect to the magical camp community. At camp, I help run the wilderness survival clinic. I love wilderness survival not only because it is important and useful, but also because it is a unique way to express creativity and resourcefulness. One of my favorite memories from last summer was spending all 3 clinic slots building a raft out of only wood found in nature and rope, and then sending Jack out to sea on the pond. Some other honorable mentions include cabin dance parties, singing my absolute favorite song (New Knocker!), face paint fashion show, and the color kingdom boat races!

Without camp, I would not be the person that I am today. It gave me so many meaningful, lifelong friendships, wonderful memories, a deep appreciation of nature, and helped me become a more caring, responsible, honest, and respectful person. One of my favorite things about being a counselor is watching campers have the same experiences I did as a camper. Watching a camper go from being shy, homesick, and unsure about camp on the first day to ending the week with new friends, memories, and fears conquered is truly an indescribable feeling. I can't wait to see all the returning campers this year, and I'm just as excited to meet the new ones! See you all this summer!



**Pryor**

Hey everyone, my name is Pryor. I am from the eastside of Indy, specifically Cumberland. This will be my 2nd year as one of your summer camp counselors, and my 11th year at camp! This spring I worked Outdoor Education here at camp, and I'll be working Fall as well! Flat Rock is what I'm all about. I've really been able to find myself here and I hope you can too!

My favorite part of being here is the community and the atmosphere. You're almost never alone and to make friends here. I've met so many people from so many different walks of life, and I look forward to meeting more. Camp has taught me new levels empathy, patience, compassion, understanding, and most importantly, it's taught me how to have fun. This place will be one of the most fun weeks of your entire life. You will experience things you may have never experienced, overcome fears you didn't think you could overcome.

Since I've been here for 11 years, there's a TON of memories, skits and songs to choose from. If I had to choose a song, it would be Little Red Wagon. Now my favorite memory, it would probably be from around the middle of camp last year. One of the campers really, really attached to me, came to my activity all day, and continuously asked me why he wasn't in my cabin. At the end of the week, at our closing campfire, he thanked me for bringing him back to camp and even described me as a father figure. That seriously changed my life and showed me the type of impact I can have as a counselor.

See you soon!







**Jackson**

Hi There! My name is Jackson and this upcoming summer will be my 11th year at Camp Flat Rock! I've been working for the YMCA the past two years, my first year I was a camp counselor and last year I decided to take up to photography position! I have a deep passion for photography and videography as I filmed my high-school's sports in Noblesville. I am one year graduated out of Noblesville and I've been pursuing my dream job to be a successful freelance photographer/videographer. Along with my passion for photography comes my passion for camp, nothing brings me more excitement than to come to the place I call home every summer. Despite not being a counselor I'm still very happy to share the joy of camp to new and returning campers this summer.



**Isabella**

Helloooo, my name is Isabella and I am from Colombia. I have lived all my life in the rural area of a small city called Popayán. I am a person who enjoys the beauty of nature so perfectly created by God, who loves animals, reading, dancing and listening to music.

I took dance classes at a Latin dance academy for 4 years and studied music for another 4 years while I was in school and now I am a lawyer. I graduated last year and worked in court for a year. I love learning new things and being able to share my knowledge with others so I wanted to take a break from my work and do something that I was passionate about, something that forces me to be the best version of myself and something that allowed me to help others grow and... I am here! In this incredible camp, where I know I will be able to help in the personal, intellectual and spiritual growth of the wonderful campers who will come.

It is my first time working as a counselor in a camp but I am certain that I always try to do things in the best way and I do it with all my love! I love everything I do and I love to be able to build lifelong memories with my campers.





Eli

Hello! My name is Eli, and I am from Greenwood, Indiana. I currently attend Indiana University, where I am majoring in Advertising Media and minoring in Business. I went to camp for one summer as a camper and had a blast. My favorite memory was a giant food fight where we got really messy with chocolate syrup, followed by a swim in the lake to clean off! I learned so many great things during my week at camp, and I am so excited to come back and give the kids a similar experience to the one I had!

I'm looking forward to being a photographer this summer, where I will have the privilege of capturing the joy and excitement of kids during their week at camp. As a photographer, I will take photos and upload them daily for parents to see and enjoy. Witnessing kids try new things, build friendships, and have fun brings me immense joy, and being able to share those moments with parents is going to be an amazing experience!

Some fun facts about me: I love sports! I played baseball for over 15 years and also enjoyed playing basketball and football as a kid. Additionally, I'm an avid sports fan and love watching games whenever I can. Along with sports, I have a passion for fishing. I took up fishing as a hobby around 6th grade and have loved it ever since! My biggest largemouth bass ever is 7 lbs 6 oz, caught in central Indiana!



Travis

Hi everyone! I am Travis, and I'm from Hong Kong. I'm currently studying Physical Education at Hong Kong Baptist University. As a role model, mentor, and camp counselor, I'm really excited to share my love of sports and physical activity with the campers. I want to inspire them to live healthy, active lifestyles and pursue their interests in athletics.

My experience playing basketball and other sports has taught me so many important skills like teamwork, leadership, discipline, and good sportsmanship. I'm really looking forward to applying those skills as a counselor. My studies in physical education have also given me valuable knowledge about fitness, health, and coaching techniques that I can use to be a strong role model.

Most of all, I'm eager to make a positive difference in the lives of my campers. I want to create a fun, inclusive environment where they feel safe to try new things, make friends, and discover their talents. As a caring mentor, I hope to help build their confidence, resilience, and sense of community. I truly believe I can be a meaningful, trustworthy presence that inspires them and helps them grow.







**Lydia**

Hello! My name is Lydia and I am from Indianapolis, Indiana! I'm wrapping up my freshman year at St. Louis University where I study Communication. In my free time, I love to listen to all kinds of music, play guitar, sing, crochet, read, do gymnastics, tell stupid jokes, cuddle with my cats, practice Mandarin and Spanish, and do French braids for anyone who will let me. My favorite camp song is, without a doubt, "There Was a Great Big Moose."

My first experience at Flat Rock was on a school trip in 3rd grade. I loved getting to do fun activities with my friends away from home and I am so excited to spend this summer making new friends and hanging out with some awesome kids! One of my favorite things about going to camp is that it feels like an escape to a simpler world - no screens, no schoolwork, just nature and good people. I am a big advocate for slowing down and enjoying the little things, so I hope to spend the summer practicing gratitude and encouraging campers and fellow counselors to do the same.

One of the most important lessons I learned through various camp experiences growing up was that everyone brings something valuable to the table, which is what makes authenticity so important. Whether it be our hobbies, niche interests, or individual talents, we all have things in common and things that make us special - which is pretty cool. I am learning to find my own sense of confidence as a young adult, and I want to inspire campers to have the courage to be whoever they want to be while being a friend and advocate for the people around them.



**Tom**

Service Corps Coordinator

Hey everybody! I'm Tom. I am from Greenwood, Indiana and just graduated from Purdue University after studying chemistry and science education! I love the outdoors, whether it's hiking, canoeing, camping or anything else that one can do while enjoying nature. That's part of the reason I adore camp so much. You are surrounded by nature here.

This coming summer marks my fifth on staff, my fifteenth as a Flat Rocker and my first summer as the Service Corps Coordinator. I keep coming back because Flat Rock truly is the best camp on the planet. Flat Rock helped make me the person I am today and being able to give campers the same amazing experience I had at camp fills me with a tremendous amount of pride and passion. I love working with campers and forming connections. Every time I have gone to camp, whether as a camper or as a counselor, I have made friends, and I cannot wait to see old friends and to make even more this summer at the place that taught me how to.

At camp, my goal is to create the most fun, most welcoming, most magical experience for everybody there. My favorite camp memory has got to be the massive and epic rock, paper, scissors battle for The Valley. Seeing everybody running around The Valley in their finest handmade armor was truly the most beautiful sight I have ever beheld. I am looking forward to working on service projects with our Service Corps volunteers, but what I am most excited for is seeing my friends, new and old alike. I am counting down the days until camp starts and I get to spend time at my favorite place on Earth with my favorite people on Earth.

