

Aidan Aquatics Coordinator

My name is Aidan and I am a proud Hoosier from Indianapolis. I'm currently studying at Indiana University, taking classes on boring stuff like Economics and much more fun topics including SCUBA Diving. I suppose you could call the latter a hobby, along with my perennial joys of running, reading and rock-climbing. I was a camper for the better part of a decade between 2011 and 2019, happily calling Flat Rock my home-away-from-home every summer. Now, in college, I've decided to come back for my third year as a Counselor, and my first as Aquatics Coordinator.

My favorite part of the job is being able to unleash my inner kid- it's kinda hard to convince grownups to sing "Boom Chicka Boom," and downright impossible to start a friendly Paint Battle! (Don't try that at home kids, Paint Battles aren't socially acceptable for whatever reason.) Only at Flat Rock can I do that and it is largely with this free spirit and community that I am who I am today, for better or worse. It's easier to see the many little blessings in life when you've been going to Flat Rock for so long.

This summer, I want to make hay for my campers by giving them the chance to connect more directly with nature and one another – I am of the strong opinion that constant internet connectivity has been a drain on our collective soul, taking from us the very core of what it means to be a human on this beautiful Earth. I intend on providing a plethora of river walks and ecological studies for the kids to do, all while singing my favorite camp song: "Da Moose." For those of you who don't know, "Da Moose" is an insightful narrative on the circle of life, very prescient in the conversation of natural processes.



I cannot WAIT for this summer's shenanigans! It is always a blast but this time I expect awesomeness, definitely some bodaciousness and it might even be a little incredible. I've been going for more than half my life, and I can say that I have yet to be disappointed.



IsabelleProgram Coordinator

Hello! My name is Isabelle! I am from Greenwood, Indiana. I currently attend Indiana University, where I am studying business. Go Hoosiers!! I have been a camper here at Flat Rock for about 6 years and was a counselor at a YMCA overnight camp in Ohio. This year I will be my second year on staff, and I will be the Program Coordinator. That means that I am in charge of scheduling and planning fun activities. So, get ready for an amazing summer!

Like many other counselors, I return to camp because I love the camp culture. The community is designed to be inclusive of all people and backgrounds. I have not only found a place where I feel that I am appreciated and loved but I also have met diverse people and built everlasting relationships here at camp! As a counselor, I have been able to spread that feeling of being accepted and appreciated just the way you are to other campers – and that is truly rewarding!

As a camper and even now as a staff, I love water activities, such as paddle boarding or swinging from the rope jump. Likewise, my favorite memory from camp is sliding down the paint slip-and-slide! My favorite camp song was and still is "The Button Factory Song". Something that I enjoy doing outside of camp is eating ice cream, playing board games, and watching movies.

I am so excited to meet all of you this summer! This summer is going to be awesome!!





Ethan
"River Rat"

Hiya my name is Ethan and this summer I will be in charge of the river trips. As a second year lifeguard I had tons of fun with campers kayaking and navigating down our river. I'm from Kokomo, Indiana and for the past year I've been attending Ivy Tech Kokomo getting my liberal arts degree, with sights to get an EMT certification. I'm excited to lead everyone on one of the most exciting trips on camp and enjoy the outdoors and learn more about our river. Working at camp has allowed me to branch out and make friends in all sorts of new places. I wanted to make a positive difference by helping kids have new, exciting experiences outside and have fun!



In my free time, I like get outside to longboard and primitive camp. I also like to write stories. My favorite camp song is Princess Pat and one of my favorite memories is going out and playing soccer in the field.



Kira

Hello Flat Rock Campers and Friends! I am Kira, a current IU freshman studying Comprehensive Design. In my free time I love to be creative and work on different art projects or thrifting old Garfield memorabilia. While I currently live in Bloomington for school, I was born and raised in Franklin, Indiana.

I was a camper for only two years, but I loved every moment of it! The highlight of my camping experience would be singing songs while canoeing with the friends I made at camp. Aside from camp, I have always loved being outside, whether it be hiking, swimming, or just relaxing. This upcoming summer will be my first as a counselor and I am looking forward to making more amazing memories.

I am so excited to be a role model and mentor as a camp counselor so that I can encourage campers to be the best they can be! Going to camp can be tough for some kids and trying new things can be difficult. I know it wasn't easy for me to leave home for a week as a kid, so I hope that I can make camp a positive experience for the kids. Being able to encourage a camper to try new things and helping kids enjoy camp will make my time here worth it.





Paige

Hello! My name is Paige and I am from Greenwood, Indiana. I currently attend IUPUI and will graduate in May with my bachelors in Health Service Management and hope to continue my education in the fall for my masters. I attended camp for 8 years as a camper and this will be my second summer on staff! I love being a counselor and helping campers grow inside themselves, see all the amazing things they accomplish, help them create goals for themselves through the week and for the year, and see friendships blossom in just one week.

Camp has made me a more confident, inspired, and given me some of my best friends that I still keep in contact with. Every week I enjoy helping my campers build relationships, do activities that are unique to camp, and watching them conquer activities like the Wet Willy or Zip Line. My favorite camp songs are the early morning "Funky Chicken" and "I Ride my Bike". My favorite memory to create every week is closing and seeing all the friendships and growth made in just one week. My hobbies include coaching club volleyball, shopping, and hanging out with my friends.





Samantha

Hi! My name is Samantha and I'm so excited to be returning to Flat Rock this year! I spent 6 years as a camper but this will be my first year on staff. I'm from Indianapolis and I am currently a journalism major with a Spanish minor at IU Bloomington. I am so excited to get to be a part of making lifelong memories for my campers! I have always said that I was at my best at Flat Rock – my week at camp was when I let all of my anxieties fall away and focused not on to-do lists but on kayaking and goofy cabin activities.

It was at cabin devotions where I let my emotions lay bare in a way I never would at home. It's where I learned independence from my parents, not to put the pellet for a BB gun in the scope, and the power of a good nap (siesta time forever). The affirmation I got from counselors really bolstered my confidence as a kid and I want to help those kids who are maybe new to camp or a little less confident find their place at Flat Rock.

My favorite camp songs are Good Riddance and Sea of Galilee and my favorite camp memory is when my cabin decorated oranges and rolled them down the hill into the pond in a race. That is definitely a core memory!





Rhiannon

Hello wonderful people of Flat Rock!! My name is Rhiannon Vrooman but ya'll can call me Rhi! I am from Greenwood, Indiana and plan to study Mechanical Engineering in the fall at Purdue! I have been a camper for 10 years and this year will be my first on staff! One of my favorite camp memories was from my CIT year, where I was able to see the positive impact my friendship bracelet and inclusivity had on a younger camper.

Becoming a summer counselor at Flat Rock has always been a dream of mine; it feels like a rewarding way to give back to the camp that played an important role in shaping my confidence and self-awareness. I have battled social anxiety in large groups and unfamiliar settings, and I would cope with heightened energy. With the guidance and reassurance of different counselors throughout the years, I learned to become more aware of when to take a deep breath and appreciate the value of silence versus when to be goofy. My past counselors have also taught me the value in loving and accepting myself, one I hope to further for future campers.



Over the past two years, I've served as the Co-Founder and President of the Greenwood Chapter of Women in STEM. I led my community's female students in different STEM experiments, our first ever STEM Orientation night for middle schoolers, and organized professional speaker events with professionals from Eli Lilly, Cummins, and the Indiana Department of Cybersecurity. I have been able to inspire so many girls in my community to further study their passions in STEM. This experience has taught me the value behind positive leadership, patient communication, and taking initiative! I aim to use these values while leading camp and hope to inspire the campers to pursue their goals and dreams. I also want to inspire them to feel confident in their own skin, try something new or make a new friend, and appreciate the beauty of nature in Flat Rock.

For some fun facts about me: I have a passion for performing (having been part of Varsity Show Choir), painting, and drawing. Additionally, I have a first-degree black belt in taekwondo, two little cats (Toonie and Catman), and a love for my favorite camp song "O A MILKSHAKE..."!

I'm so excited for the best summer ever and to meet all of you awesome Flat Rockers!



Claire

Hello! My name is Claire and I am from Fishers Indiana. I'm a recent graduate of Marietta College and I am currently working as a substitute teacher. This will be my second summer as a Flat Rock counselor and I am so excited to be back! Camp is such an amazing place to be and gives you the opportunity to try new things and discover new interests. Something I love about being a camp counselor is introducing campers to new activities and watching them light up when they learn new skills. One of my favorite camp memories from last summer was taking my cabin to feed the horses watermelon on one of the hottest days of the summer.

Some things I enjoy outside of camp are playing pickleball, going to Pilates, spending time with my family, and playing the New York Times puzzle games! I am looking forward to meeting you all. Maybe I will see you up at ranch this summer!





Brooke

Hello! My name is Brooke, and I am from Beech Grove, Indiana. I currently attend Butler University, and I am majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Diverse Learners. I am also a member of Pi Beta Phi at Butler, where we work to raise money to promote childhood literacy and provide underfunded schools with books. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, substitute teaching, reading a good book, watching movies, doing arts and crafts, and exploring outdoors. One of my favorite memories is going to the lake every summer and water tubing!

I am beyond excited to be a counselor at Flat Rock this summer, and I cannot wait for the awesome memories I know we are going to make! I look forward to serving as a positive role model for the campers and helping them gain once-in-a-lifetime experiences and lifelong friendships. It is my goal to help make this summer one of the best ones yet and leave a lasting positive impact on the campers, as I know they will definitely have a positive impact on my own life! I can't wait to meet everyone and get the summer fun started!

