



**Cliff**

Hello everyone! My name is Cliff, and I am from a city which has a long journey to the USA - Hong Kong! I am now a Year 3 student currently studying in Hong Kong Baptist University majoring in Physical Education and Recreation Management. Probably I am new to everyone because it is my first time being a counselor. I am excited and can't wait to meet all of the friends from different countries.

A little about me: I have a motorcycle license, so I like to ride my motorcycle around the city discovering new places and things. Besides that, I like to play sports such as swimming, water polo and also basketball and cycling. Other things I like to do in my free time is listening to English music songs, watching movies and chatting with my friends.

Throughout the year, I have been teaching children's swimming and I enjoy taking care of children and playing with them while having lessons. Also, I will think of some creative ideas to help them learn faster. I can offer a non-judgmental and unbiased perspective, creating a safe space for campers to express their thoughts and concerns.

Ultimately, as a new counselor my goal is to act like a role model to make a positive difference in the lives of campers by offering support, guidance, and encouragement. I aim to empower children to overcome obstacles, build healthy relationships, and thrive in various aspects of their lives.

See you all soon!



**Justice**

Hi everyone! My name is Justice. I am from the small town of Wauseon, Ohio which is close to Toledo. I am currently attending Ball State University studying Criminal Justice and Psychology, as well as minoring in American Sign Language. I was a camper for 6 years at a camp near my hometown, I was a counselor at this camp for 4 years, and an adult volunteer for 1 year, which brings me to this summer. I found out about Flat Rock through one of the other staff members who absolutely loves camp, and I am so excited to be part of the team this year.

I am most looking forward to showing campers what a good role model is by providing a positive attitude for them to follow. Being a camp counselor was my favorite part of my old camp because I was the one who got to show my campers the beauty of the outdoor world around us.

I feel that I am very skilled in helping kids push themselves out of their comfort zones to try new and exciting things in a safe manner. I feel that I can make a positive difference in the lives of my campers this summer by showing them that the outside world away from a screen has so many wondrous pieces to it, and that it is so much better to experience in person rather than through pictures.

My favorite camp song from my home camp is "Fishin' in the Dark" because all my friends from home know it. We all sit on the floor and do the dance together every time it plays. Outside of the camp setting, I love to read books with a thrilling twist, ride my horses at my grandparents' house, and make some small crafts for my friends. I am really looking forward to making memories at camp this summer. I'll miss my home camp, but I can't wait to see how I grow at Flat Rock with the campers and other staff members this year.





**Leo**

Hi there! My name is Leo. I'm from Indianapolis and I'm wrapping up my freshman year at IU. I am pursuing a major in Informatics and a minor in Environmental Science. I've been a camper for 11 years and this year will be my second year as a counselor.

I absolutely love camp. For me, camp started off as a place my parents sent me to get some time away, but it has turned into a home for me. Camp is about people, and the relationships you form at camp are for life. Camp has changed me for the better and helped me grow as a person. My goal is to help each camper break out of their shell and express themselves as I did.

I'm addicted to soccer and take any chance I can to play. I am very active and adore the outdoors. My free time consists of going to the gym, playing soccer, and fabricating. When I'm not studying or working at camp, you can find me on the soccer pitch or tinkering with things. To this day, my favorite camp memory is lying under the stars and listening to campfire stories at outpost. It's such a peaceful moment that reminds me of how much fun I had as a camper. And of course, my favorite camp song is The Bear Song!

I believe that my skills and experiences help me be a strong counselor and role model. As a role model, mentor, and camp counselor, I'm looking forward to making camp as enjoyable for the campers as it was for me when I was their age. I guarantee that all my campers are going to have fun and amazing experiences they wouldn't have outside of camp. I can't wait to make this the best summer for everyone!



**Stella**

Hi everyone! My name is Stella and I am from Munich, a beautiful city in the south of Germany. I am currently a student at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, majoring in German Studies and minoring in Law.

This will be my second year as a counselor at Flat Rock, and I don't think there are enough words to describe what an incredible impact camp has had on me. I love being a counselor with all my heart, it has taught me a lot about how the smallest moments and gestures can sometimes matter the most.

What I appreciate most about being a counselor is the opportunity to create a caring, supportive, and fun environment in our cabin where everyone can be themselves and feel seen. It means so much to me being able to support and encourage each camper on their journey of trying out new things, gaining confidence and creating lifelong friendships and memories. My favorite camp memories are the closing campfires and having an Iroquois dance party in our pajamas while we got ready for bed. When it comes to singing camp songs, it will always be -the one and only- Princess Pat that gets me on stage.

In my free time, I enjoy reading books and cuddling with my cats at home, getting creative with arts and crafts and traveling to new places whenever I get the chance. Family and friends are very important to me, and I love playing group games, going for walks or dancing in the kitchen to ABBA. Two fun facts about me are 1. that I absolutely adore cows and 2. that I don't go to bed without having a cup of tea before.

Flat Rock truly is a magical place. I can't wait to meet new and old faces, and I'm 100% sure we're going to have the time of our lives this summer!





**Rafa**

Hola from Rafa! I am joining the team from Puebla City, Mexico. This is my third summer at Camp but my second summer as a counselor. One of my main intentions is to be the person I would have liked to know as a child, so my approach is based on trust, caring and fun. One of my greatest satisfactions is to deliver useful knowledge to the youngest ones, whether in the educational, emotional, or artistic fields.

One of my motivations to return as a counselor is that during the last year I was able to spend some time with the children and one of them, after a little talk, had an incredible change of attitude. Her attitude was transformed into a friendly and bright version. I like to believe that attitude has always been there. However, sometimes we must give a little confidence boost.

It is my intention to return to support the youth, because I believe it is my responsibility to help campers develop a caring, confident, empathetic attitude that that becomes a natural part of who they are. I currently work with children introducing the English language in a small school and so I am familiar with children's life together. Some of the interests I seek to share are music, drawing and creative writing.



**Maddie**

Hey Flat Rockers! My name is Maddie McIntyre and I am born and raised in Noblesville, Indiana. I currently attend Noblesville High School, but in August I will be attending the University of Southern Indiana to major in social work! I am a performing arts student, and I am in my school's varsity mixed show choir, and our theatre troupe! I am also the co-communications director of the Noblesville Bring Change 2 Mind mental health club, working to reduce the stigma associated with mental health. I love to try new things, hang out with my friends, and be with my pit bull terrier named Spirit!

I spent nine years in Flat Rock as a camper, and I am so excited to make my first year as a counselor the tenth! Camp has definitely become something I look back on every day, from life lessons carried over, core values, staying truthful and lifetime friendships. I am grateful to call camp my second home. I love everything and everyone in camp, and I can't wait to make even more memories this summer!

Communication and respect are two of my biggest targets with every relationship I come across. I aim to uphold the other person's feelings and make them feel welcomed and accepted. My goal is to make connections with each camper I come across, not only in the cabin but in clinics, meals, and full camp activities! My favorite camp memory would have to be getting into the service corps program last year, and having fun with my friends and Dallyss in the dish room playing our favorite songs-lots of work but completely worth it! My favorite camp song is definitely 'yodeler on a mountain so high' because of the funny actions and lengthy lyrics. I can't wait to meet all of you, and have a fantastic summer!

