



MEET OUR STAFF – 2008

Greg Alvarez – *Assistant Head Counselor*

Greg is completing his final semester at TCNJ with a major in English. Greg has been a counselor for the past 7 years and has moved up to a Head Counselor this year. In his spare time, he enjoys literature, art, and culture.

James Angiolino – *Head Counselor*

James is a middle school teacher in Hamilton Township and this is his 1st year at camp. He enjoys coaching basketball and baseball. One of his greatest accomplishments since becoming a teacher has been raising over \$2,000 in a program called “Socks for Soldiers.”

JoAnn Apgar – *Instructor*

JoAnn is a 2nd grade teacher at Trenton Catholic Academy. This is her 1st year at camp and she brings over 21 years of teaching experience. JoAnn enjoys arts & crafts, baking, reading, Disney World and spending time at the beach.

Anna Barcellona – *Instructor*

Anna returns to the camp this summer as an instructor for Camp College. This is Anna’s fourth summer at camp. In previous years, she has been the camp office manager and administrative head counselor. During the school year, Anna teaches advanced math in Hopewell.

Anthony Belfiore – *Administrative Head Counselor*

A guidance counselor at Hamilton High West, Anthony is a lead staff trainer and one of the friendly faces that everyone knows around camp. In his spare time, Anthony is a sports enthusiast and serves as a baseball coach for the high school. Of course, he’s never too busy to make time for his two beautiful children!

Toni Bennett – *Instructor*

Doesn’t every camp have a celebrity they can call their own? Our Toni doesn’t belt out a song, but we can certainly sing our praise for a job well done in her second year at camp. With more than 20 years as an art teacher, our toast of the town can whip up a project in less time than it takes the other Tony to lose his heart in San Francisco.

Jason Broach – *Instructor/After-camp Coordinator*

This is Jason’s fourth year with camp. Jason received his degree from Rider University in Education/Psychology. His hobbies include swimming, golf, football, martial arts, fishing, basketball and soccer.



Judy Brodowski, RN – Camp Nurse

Nurse Judy has been an important part of camp for the past eight years. She and Nurse Betty are the friendly nursing team who tend to all of our campers and staff. Judy holds a BSN in Nursing and can be found during the school year tending to the needs of the students in the Ewing school district. In her spare time, Judy enjoys reading and a book is never far from her reach. She also enjoys cats, dancing, and country/western music. Two Step, anyone?

Tom Brettell – Instructor

Tom has been an instructor with Camp College for six years. A high school physics teacher, he introduces the principles of physics to our campers with a fun approach in two popular classes, *Flying Objects* and *Crazy Construction*. In his spare time, Tom enjoys golf, sports, and time at the beach.

Marla Burchell – Camp Director

Although Marla is new to Camp College, she has extensive camp experience which includes both day and overnight camps. For five years, Marla developed and directed Happy Days Camp in Hamilton. She also worked as program directors for Round Lake Camp in PA and Camp Taconic located in MA. She is currently employed as a speech therapist for the Hamilton Twp. BOE for 35 years. In 2007, she was voted Teacher of the Year at University Heights for her positive interaction with children and staff. Marla is creative, well-organized, an excellent communicator, and has a great sense of humor.

Craig Cady – Counselor

This is Craig's second year as a counselor, but he is not new to our program. As a previous camper with Camp College and Tomato Patch, he will be able to encourage new campers to enjoy new experiences and make new friends. Craig enjoys reading, writing, theatre, music, tennis, and community service.

Marci D'Errico – Instructor

Marci graduated from Rider University with a MA in Counseling Education. During the school year, she is employed as a guidance counselor in Hamilton. Marci enjoys arts and craft, swimming, animals and community service.

Nicole Dickens-Simon – Instructor

As a new teacher this year, Nicole is very excited to be teaching here. In her professional life, she teaches Spanish at Nottingham H.S. Nicole's interests and hobbies are rollerblading, tennis, swimming, traveling, and writing short stories.

Kerry Donovan – Instructor

This is Kerry's fifth year at camp. With a BA in art education and an MA in teaching, Kerry will help develop our campers' creative talents. Kerry enjoys running, spinning, dancing, and painting.



Mike Epps – *Instructor*

As editor of the highly anticipated *Camp 'Zine* each session, Mr. Epps lends his expertise and creativity to the camp newspaper and is our lead instructor for Computer Specialty Camps. Mike has been part of camp for the past eight years. He has also taught credit courses at Mercer. This summer, campers can learn to make personal clips using digital photos and MPEG video clips. His three children keep him busy, but in his spare time he also enjoys mountain biking at Mercer Park and volunteers with church programs.

Katie Fabrizio – *Counselor*

Katie is returning for her sixth summer as a camp counselor. She graduated from Saint Louis University where she majored in psychology. She is a volunteer at University City Children's Center and serves as a student assistant for the Office of the Vice President of Student Development. One of our very popular counselors, Katie enjoys friendships, family, psychology, philosophy, reading good books, fencing, and learning.

Joe Falk – *Administrative Head Counselor*

Joe is joining us for his second year at camp. He is an ambitious, self-motivated individual who loves working with children. In his professional life, Joe is an attorney, teaches history, and religious education.

Megan Gallagher – *Instructor*

Meg began as a counselor, taught for one year, and then moved up to administrative head counselor for four years. Professionally, Meg is a fourth grade teacher at McGalliard Elementary School in Hamilton. In her spare time, she enjoys yoga, cycling, traveling, snowboarding, and going to the beach.

Katie Gildea – *Administrative Head Counselor*

Although Katie is new to Camp College, she has many years of camp experience from Brooks School Day Camp in North Andover, Maine. Katie is a fifth grade teacher at Pond Road Middle School. She enjoys nature, arts & crafts, sport & fitness and is an avid marathon runner.

Debbie Gore – *Instructor*

Debbie is joining us for her first year at camp. For ten years, she has been employed as a teacher at Steinert HS. She enjoys arts & crafts, sewing and cooking.

Linda Hamilton – *Swim Coordinator*

Linda is continuing on to her second season with camp, and we couldn't be happier. She holds an MA in teaching and has been employed with Hamilton Twp Board of Education for the past 19 years and is now teaching with the elementary schools. Linda is a certified trainer for Hamilton Township BOE and teaches Water Safety, Lifeguard training, CPR/AED. Linda will coordinate our Red Cross swim classes.



Karen Hogan – *Counselor*

This is Karen's third year at camp. She has just completed her junior year as an English major at Fordham University. Her hobbies include reading, writing, baseball, arts & crafts, and music.

Natola Hylton – *Administrative Head Counselor*

This is Natola's sixth year with Camp College and is loved by everyone. She started as a counselor, instructed math and now wears many different hats as an administrator. Natola enjoys outdoor cooking, volleyball and community service.

Carrie Kaczorowski – *Office Coordinator*

Carrie is joining us for her first year at camp. In her professional life, she is a teacher at Mansfield Township Elementary. She loves working with children and her hobbies include cheerleading, dance and gymnastics.

Jeff Kesten – *Instructor*

Check mate! Jeff has worked as an instructor with Camp College for the past 18 years and is closely associated with teaching chess strategies to campers of all ages. For the past few years, Jeff has taught a specialty camp, Design Your Own Business. This year, he will bring the specialty camp and chess program to the four-week session. During the year, Jeff is a computer instructor at East Windsor School District. He enjoys running, ice hockey, and naturally, chess!

Keith Kesten – *Counselor*

Keith is returning for his fourth year as camp counselor. He is a History major at Lafayette College, with a minor in French. Keith and his father, Jeff both enjoy hockey and running. Keith includes violin as one of his interests. No chess?

Lisa Kokotajlo – *Instructor*

This is Lisa's third year at camp, and her second year as an instructor. With a degree in health and physical education, Lisa will be teaching speedstacking and outdoor sports. Lisa comes to us with coaching and training experience.

Karen Kostro – *Instructor*

Currently in a Master's degree program for teaching, she has spent the past seven years as a first grade teacher. Karen's interests include reading, the beach, and exercise. Now that sounds like a perfect combination of summertime fun.

Jenna Kroslin – *Instructor*

Give me a J!! New to camp this year is our cheerleading instructor, Jenna. She is a 6th grade teacher at Crockett Middle School. She enjoys cheerleading, photography, movies and fashion. Let's C-H-E-E-R!



Michael Lee – Counselor

Michael is returning for his second year with camp. He is a Rider graduate and enjoys hiking, swimming, canoeing, tennis and fitness.

Beth Ann Maddalon – Instructor

Beth Ann is returning for her fifth summer with camp. She enjoys thinking outside the box, so most of her classes are the brain teasers that have our campers outwitting their opponents and stretching their brain muscles. Beth Ann is a guidance counselor at Crockett Middle School who also enjoys cake decorating as one of her hobbies.

Jason Malloy – Instructor

Jason is in his second year as an instructor for Sports and Games. He has been a substitute teacher and student teacher in the Hamilton Twp. School district. His interests lay in the area of basketball for which he is currently a coach for Hamilton West JV. Jason has made a “slam dunk” addition to our staff.

Daniel Mesaros – Counselor

This is Dan’s third year at camp. He is an international studies major at Arcadia University and, so he really knows how to help staff and campers find their way around all the nooks and crannies on campus. Dan enjoys fencing, tennis, soccer, cooking, and music. He can also make a killer latte and any other specialty coffee drinks.

Elzbieta Mrowinski – Instructor

This year is Ella’s third year at camp. An elementary teacher from Poland, Ella will share some of her traditions and customs with campers as she offers Pisanki classes which are something to look forward to. In her spare time, she enjoys crafts, sports, traveling, history, and science.

MerryAnn Perpetua – Instructor

MerryAnn is here for her second year as an instructor for arts and crafts classes. She is a rare find with 8 years prior camp experience and a combination of 20 years teaching experience. She is like a chameleon with the ability to adapt to any class we place her in. Her interests are writing, reading, hiking, canoeing, baking, karate, dancing, and painting.

Craig Quat – Instructor

Craig is joining us for his first year. Currently, he is a student at Rider University studying English Literature. His previous camp experience has been instructing juggling and chess at The Ronald McDonald Camp. Craig also enjoys skating, hackiesack and knitting.

Karen Ricciardelli – Instructor

Joining us for her second year as an instructor Karen continues to dazzle us with her talents and flexibility. She is a 4th grade teacher at Trenton Catholic Academy and has more than 30 years teaching



experience. She has also been a camp counselor for the Girl Scouts. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Courtney Rose – Head Counselor

As a former camper herself, Courtney really knows about our program. This is her second year as a camp counselor. She has recently become a teacher for high school after earning her B.A. in classics and archaeology. She enjoys dancing, especially ballet and pointe and has experience teaching ballet to children. Other interests include singing, piano, and puzzles.

Ann M. Schiavoni – Head Counselor

Ann is another one of those chameleons with the ability to adjust to anything. For her second year with camp she has moved over to an instructor position. In her professional life she can be found at Nottingham High School as a guidance counselor. Her hobbies are most likely the foundation that her flexibility is based on. Her interests are reading, volleyball, travel, crochet, needlepoint, french braiding, art, entertainment, and event planning.

Elizabeth Siwec, RN – Camp Nurse

Nurse Betty has been an important part of camp for the past eight years. Betty has degrees in teaching and nursing. As a former math teacher, she holds a BS in education, B.S.N and an M.ED. During the school year, she can be found as one of the Ewing Board of Education school nurses. She enjoys reading, needlepoint, walking, and traveling.

Taheera Taylor – Camp Office Assistant

Taheera loved registering all our campers last summer. She enjoyed it so much she will be working this year in the camp office. Taheera is attending Delaware State University majoring in Business Administration. Her hobbies and interests include arts & crafts, animals, French, cheerleading, sewing, interior design and inflating balloons.

Jenna Turdean – Head Counselor

Jenna is joining us for her first year at camp. Currently, she is employed as a school teacher at Morgan Elementary in Hamilton. She enjoys arts & crafts, sports, drama and nature.

Megan Vallone – Counselor

This is Megan's first year at camp and she joins several other Elementary Education majors. Her hobbies include movies, music, hiking, writing, puzzles, science, animals, singing, dancing, and acting. Her varied interests are perfect for being a counselor in our unique and interesting camp college classes.

Diana Van Hise – Instructor

Diana has played an important role as an instructor at camp for the past 16 years. As an elementary music instructor for the past 19 years, Diana shares her interest for innovative music with her Philadelphia Style Drumming class at camp. Outside the classroom, she enjoys Tai Chi, gardening,



Sudoku, ballroom dancing and jewelry making. She also shares her passion for designing jewelry right here at camp.

Lauren Van Hook – *Instructor*

Lauren is now in her third year at camp. For the past six years, she has taught secondary education at South Brunswick High School where she is also active with students as the Student Council advisor and Student Leadership teacher. Outside of the classroom, Lauren enjoys quilting, scrap booking, reading, and skiing.

Anthony John Venanzi – *Counselor*

This is Anthony John's 7th year at camp. Now at TCNJ where he is a NJ Stars scholar, Anthony is completing his degree in education as a health & exercise science major. You can be sure that he will be actively motivating our campers in the importance of exercise. In his spare time, he enjoys watching and participating in all sports, but he also enjoys music.

Stephanie Venanzi – *Instructor*

Stephanie has been part of camp for the past eight years, first as a counselor and then as our dance instructor. A TCNJ graduate with a degree in Education and English, Stephanie teaches all of our dance classes and has introduced a new musical theater class. She also is responsible for encouraging our campers to make some noise with *Bangin' Beats*, her version of the Broadway production, *Stomp*.

Wayne Wheeler – *Instructor*

Is anyone up for an Adventure? Wayne would say "yes". This summer marks the fourth year for our Adventure Camp leader. His weekly excursions to fun filled places have earned Wayne the instructor most counselors want to work with award. When summer is over and it's back to reality Wayne is a teacher of high school history and sociology. His interests include boating and biking.

Jesse Yesenosky – *Instructor*

Jesse is returning for her third year at camp. For the past five years, Jesse has taught 6th grade writing and gifted reading at Fisher Middle School. She has coached cheerleading and softball and brings her interest and talents with cheerleading to camp. Jesse stays active and enjoys cheerleading, dance, softball, reading, exercise, writing, word searches, crosswords, movies, and music.