

Summer Staff 2016

Bryan: This is Bryan's second summer as a counselor with us at Cactus Day Camp. He will be with the Roadrunners again this summer. Bryan is an Arizona native and graduated from Arizona State University where he studied Human Development. This fall, Bryan will be returning to school to complete a second degree in Nursing. He hopes to one-day work with kids in a school health office, or a pediatrician's office. Bryan enjoys movies, traveling, hiking, and archery!



Marteen: Marteen is spending her third summer here with us at Cactus Day Camp as our Counselor Extraordinaire. She recently graduated from Northern Arizona University with a degree in Creative Media and Film. With her degree, she hopes to one day own her own production company and make documentary style promotional work. She wants to make influential documentaries that will be shown at film festivals and travel the world doing so. Marteen has worked many summers as a counselor and has loved every minute of it. She has even worked with youth in the community to help them make their own film productions. Marteen loves to dance and considers it her biggest hobby. She danced through high school on the senior dance company, and continued to dance at NAU on the dance club team 'Badjacks'. Along with Lifeguarding and dancing, she will also be teaching Cooking this year! Marteen holds her Lifeguard Certification as well as a Food

Handlers Certification. Marteen is excited to be back at camp this summer with all the campers, as well as to be teaching ribbon dancing!

Jack: We are excited to have Jack back for his second summer here at CDC. Jack will be a counselor for the Coyotes. Jack is going into his Junior year at the University of Arizona where he is studying to become a Cardiovascular Surgeon. Besides working at camp last summer, Jack has been working with kids, teaching and helping teach kids martial arts. Jack's hobbies include martial arts, with his favorite styles being Tai Chi and Shaolin Kung Fu. He also enjoys video games with family, piano, woodworking and sketching. Jack currently holds certifications in both CPR and Basic Life Support.



Sarah: We are so very excited that Sarah is joining us for her 10th summer at Cactus Day Camp. She has been with us every single year since the beginning of camp and this will be her first summer as a Junior Counselor for the Butterflies. Sarah attends Desert Mountain High School and is going into her Senior year. She has been a Counselor-In-Training at Cactus Day Camp for the past four summers. She is also very involved in the theater program at her high school. Sarah is very excited to spend yet another summer with us at Cactus Day Camp.

Connor: We are so excited to have Connor with us at CDC for his 8th summer. Connor is a camper Alumni and has been with us as a camper, CIT, and now a Junior Counselor for the Mustangs. Connor has recently graduated from Fountain Hills High School and will be attending University of Arizona in the Fall. He plans on majoring in Business Management with a minor in Sports Management. His experiences working with kids include his four years as a Counselor-In-Training at Cactus Day Camp. Connor is an extremely active person who loves playing any kind of sport and spending time in the outdoors. Connors true passions are baseball and basketball.



Hannah: This is our second year with Hannah at CDC. She is a Senior at Barrett Honors College at ASU majoring in Political Science and Minorng in Criminal Justice. Hannah participated in a Full-Time internship position at the Arizona Supreme Court this year and is very excited to be graduating this year. Hannah loves children and is known for being able to make every child smile, laugh, and feel comfortable. She enjoys running and cooking new and healthy recipes. Hannah enjoys living a healthy lifestyle and trying new things to make sure she maintains the healthy lifestyle she loves. She also enjoys drawing and being creative in any way possible. Hannah is thrilled to return this summer and is excited to hang with the Zebra girls! She truly loves being able to foster children's friendships and show them the volumes kindness speaks to all ages.

Jenna: Jenna is joining us for her second summer at Cactus Day Camp. Her first year here at CDC she was a certified lifeguard at our pool. We are excited to have her back this summer as a counselor for the Butterflies group. Jenna has recently graduated from Grand Canyon University with a degree in Psychology. She plans to get a Masters in counseling or social work. Because of her love for children she plans on using her degree to become a teacher and eventually work to become a school counselor. Not including the time spent here with us at CDC, her experience with children ranges from babysitting for several years to working in kindergarten and first grade classrooms. Throughout high school and college, Jenna has enjoyed pole vaulting as a track and field athlete. Pole vaulting has been a huge success for Jenna, and it has become a huge part of her life. She also enjoys hiking, arts and crafts, and spending time with friends.



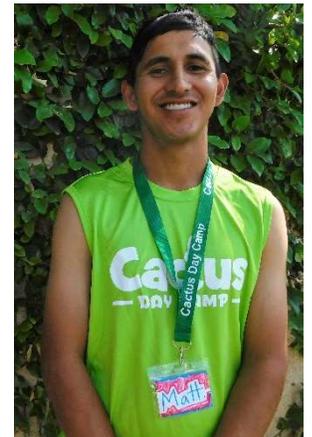
Annie: Annie has a B.S.W. from Boston University and was a nationally certified muscular therapist for over 10 years. She moved to Fountain Hills, AZ from MA in 2001. She enjoys many outdoor activities like golfing, hiking, and motorcycling. Annie loves creating art and music, and spending time with friends and family. In 2010, Annie obtained her lifeguard certification and worked at the CDC pool in 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014. She was our Arts and Crafts Coordinator in 2015 and returns to that position this summer for her sixth summer as CDC.

Amy: Amy is joining us again this summer after taking some years off to raise a family! This will be Amy's 5th summer at Cactus Day Camp and we are so excited to have her back! Amy has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and has been teaching for three years in grades ranging from second to fifth grade. Amy has lived in Arizona for almost 16 years. She has a son that attended Cactus Day Camp for four summers and had a blast. She is eager and excited to have her 4-year-old daughter at camp now. Amy has worked with kids in some capacity for nine years. Amy enjoys art (especially drawing), cheerleading, rollerblading, cooking, and writing. Amy is certified in CPR and First Aid.



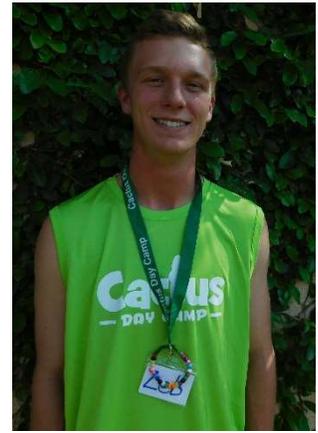
Victoria: This will be Victoria's first year with us at CDC as a counselor for the Wildcats. Victoria is an Arizona native and just finished her last year at Northern Arizona University. Victoria holds a degree in biology along with a certificate in conservation biology. In the future she hopes to work with animals, nature and people (especially children) in order to teach people about biology and conservation. Victoria has held many babysitting jobs and has even taught sustainable farming/gardening to high school students in the Northern Marina Islands. While growing up, Victoria loved playing in the dirt, doing science projects, dancing, and even participating in theater. She now enjoys hiking, yoga, and country dancing. Victoria is excited to make new friends this year at Cactus Day Camp!

Matt: Matt is spending his very first summer here with us at Cactus Day Camp as a Counselor for the Falcons group. Matt holds a Bachelors in Elementary Education from Arizona State University and wants to lead a classroom of elementary grade level students and watch them grow academically, emotionally, and socially. He has had many experiences working with children, ranging from spending time with his eight nieces and nephews, to performing duties as an Outdoor Environment Teacher, Assistant Teacher, and an after school Co-Teacher. In his younger days Matt always enjoyed being with his family and spending time with his cousins playing creative imagination games. He now has a passion for playing drums and writing songs that he loves to share with others. He uses music as a creative outlet and is excited to showcase his talents at camp. This summer, Matt hopes the campers will pick up on some qualities he has to offer, such as kindness, patience, and selflessness.



Joelle: Joelle is spending her very first summer with us here at Cactus Day Camp as a Junior Counselor with the Hummingbirds. Joelle is Junior at Notre Dame Prep High School. In the future Joelle would like to study Human Philology with a minor in Psychology as she plans to become a Physician's Assistant or a Physical Therapist. She has volunteered with many organizations working with children and has always enjoyed the company of her many little cousins. Growing up in Grand Rapids, Minnesota Joelle enjoyed dance, basketball, and swimming. She now enjoys skiing and hanging out with friends and family. Joelle is really looking forward to having a fun filled summer and creating a fun environment for the kids to make new memories.

Zeb: This is Zeb's first year as a Junior Counselor for the Roadrunners. He has just recently completed his Senior year at Fountain Hills High School and will be going to Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University in the Fall. Zeb plans to major in Business Finance and hopes to find a job where he can play an active role in a successful business and work with others in the most efficient way possible to achieve their goals. Zeb has had numerous experiences with children ranging from volunteering to his experiences through Key Club at his school. In his down time, he enjoys playing all types of sports (especially baseball and basketball). Zeb is looking forward to having a great summer working with children and being active.



Kelsie: This is Kelsie's first summer with us at Cactus Day Camp and she is VERY excited to be here. Kelsie is our Certified Nursing Assistant and is currently in her second year of studying Nursing at Northern Arizona University. She hopes to one day travel the world with her Nursing degree helping people all over the world. Born and raised in Arizona, Kelsie has experience babysitting and working as an attendant for disabled children. In her spare time, she enjoys horseback riding, baking and volleyball. Along with her Certified Nursing Assistant certification, she holds a CPR and First Aid certification. Kelsie is beyond excited to be working with CDC for the first time and already can't wait for more summers to come. Kelsie is the lead counselor with our youngest campers, the Geckos.

Zach: Zach will be joining us for his first summer as one of our lifeguards here at Cactus Day Camp. He is going into his sophomore year at Arizona State University and plans to become a Fire Fighter and Paramedic. Zach is currently a theater major exploring technical theater arts and learning about sound design. He would like to help various schools with their own productions. Zach's experiences with children mainly consists of assisting with the 'Bully Patrol Squad' at local elementary schools. In his down time Zach loves participating in his schools marching band, paintballing, playing football and baseball, swimming, hiking, and working with computers. Zach currently holds a Fire Science Certification, CPR/First Aid Certification, as well as his Lifeguard Certification.



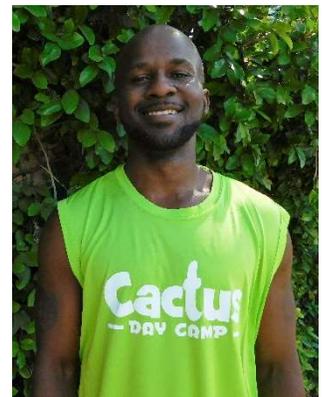
Cole: Cole will be joining us as a Junior counselor this year with the Geckos. Cole is a camper alum here at Cactus Day Camp and this will be his fourth year returning. He is an Arizona Native and is currently going into his Junior year at Horizon High School. Cole has had many experiences with children in various atmospheres. He is a certified referee for youth soccer and has even taught art classes to youth. Cole thoroughly enjoys playing soccer, hiking, kayaking, being outdoors, and having fun!

Jay: Jay will be joining CDC for his first summer as our Head Lifeguard. Jay is in his fourth year at University of Arizona where he is working towards his goal of owning his own business. Jay has spent the last four years working with children. He has worked with at risk youth in a behavioral center and various summer camps for behavioral, mental, and emotional disabilities. Jay has also worked with after school physical education programs and has even spent the last two summers teaching swim lessons. In his spare time Jay enjoys being outside, camping, fishing, dirt biking, as well as mountain biking. Jay holds a Lifeguard certification and is a Water Safety Instructor. He is looking forward to making this the best summer for the campers and himself!



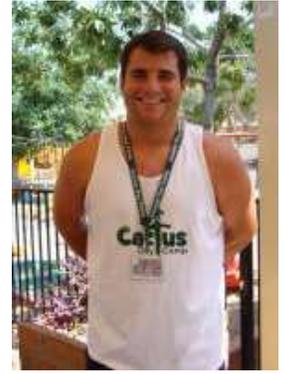
Kami: We are very excited to have Kami with us for her first summer at Cactus Day Camp. She is a Junior at Northern Arizona University and is seeking an Elementary and Special Education degree. She hails from the wonderful city of Grand Rapids, Michigan and has had a ton of experience working with children. She has volunteered at a nursery for four years and has coached youth soccer while in high school. This past year, Kami worked as a teacher's aide for her college practicum in various elementary schools. In her down time, Kami enjoys playing soccer, running, hiking, and loves to read! Kami loves children and is excited to be working with them in a camp setting!

James: This is James' second year as a counselor with us at Cactus Day Camp. He is joining us as counselor for the Rattlers this year. He is currently a high school math teacher at Maya High. James studied at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. While at MSU, he played and coached basketball for the University. James is so excited to build new and meaningful relationships with all campers this summer. James has two daughters that attend Cactus Day Camp.



Micah: Micah is joining us for his third summer at CDC, and his first summer as a Junior Counselor for the Coyotes. He is going into his senior year at Scottsdale Preparatory Academy. He is an Arizona native that wants to change the world! Micah has been a CIT for 2 years at Cactus Day Camp and has even been a CIT at other various camps. He has always been the go to person for babysitting amongst his family, and has learned a lot from those experiences. He loves playing sports especially with his friends! Micah plays baseball and football competitively but also loves reading and singing. He has sung in three choirs with his school. Micah is looking forward to working at camp this summer in his new staff position and hopes for a great summer.

JT: J.T returns to CDC for his fourth summer. He moved to Arizona from Washington State five years ago. J.T graduated from Arizona Christian University with a degree in business. J.T is an avid baseball player and would love to play professionally one day. He has enjoyed being a referee for a youth flag football team and has coached many youth baseball and little league teams.



Casey: This is Casey's first summer at CDC, where she will be lifeguarding at our very own pool. She is currently a junior attending Northern Arizona University. She hopes to one day be a Creative/Art Director at an advertising firm. Casey's experience with kids consists of various babysitting jobs. Casey enjoys painting, reading, and dancing. She is a certified lifeguard with CPR and First Aid Certifications.

Alexis: Alexis is joining us for her first summer at Cactus Day Camp as a counselor for the Hummingbirds. Alexis was born in Jacksonville, North Carolina and is currently a Junior at Arizona State University. She is working on a major in Business Sustainability and plans on opening a business that incorporates environment friendly products. Alexis experiences with kids ranges from babysitting all throughout high school and currently works at Desert Canyon Elementary in the afterschool program during the school year. She loves to hike, read, and try new recipes. Alexis is certified in CPR and First Aid. She is so excited for the summer.

