

Administration

Amy Bram Camp Director

I LOVE THIS CAMP! This is my eighth summer at Camp Kingfisher and my 18th summer working at camps. When camp is not in session I am making plans to create amazing summers of fun with nature. My interests outside of camp include reading, traveling, movies, hiking, and making up the silly songs we sing at camp. At Camp K I am living my dream and having a great time doing it.

Samantha Spitale Assistant Director

Hey Camp! I am thrilled for another summer at Camp Kingfisher: Even more so to be Assistant Director! I have a degree in Landscape Architecture with a minor in Horticulture from the University of Georgia. I cannot wait to contribute to this stellar staff! I love the arts, trees and wildlife.

Cindy Geisler Camp Coordinator

This is my second summer camp experience at Camp Kingfisher and I am so excited! I spent my entire childhood in the outdoors! I believe being connected with the natural world is such an important part of childhood & beyond so I am honored to be a part of making this experience the best that it can be for the campers! I love to hike, read non-fiction & study about geology & paleontology. See you at camp!

Head Counselors

Zack Farmer - Screech Owls

My name is Zack Farmer and I just finished my third year at the University of Georgia, where I'm double majoring in Genetics and Spanish. I'm so excited to be coming back for my third year of camp! The past two summers have been incredible and I cannot wait to get to know you and your kids this summer. I'm ready for some awesome memories and a summer that is sure to be unforgettable!

Joanne McWilliams - Barn Owls

Hello! I am a rising senior at the University of Georgia as a Math Education major. I have always loved working with kids, whether it be babysitting, tutoring, or working at camp. In my free time I enjoy reading, playing frisbee, baking, or just hanging out. I also love the outdoors and think this summer at Camp K will be fabulous!

Joe Briggs - Barred Owls

Welcome to camp! My name is Joe Briggs and I love camp! This is my second year at Camp K and my 12th year playing at summer camp. My interests include canoeing, caving, cheese making and cultivating my garden. I live in a tiny house and I am a senior at North Georgia in Dahlonega. I aspire to be Camp Director or a Park Ranger!

Natalie Brett - Environmental Education and Specialists

Hey! I recently graduated from Georgia Tech with a Biology degree. Previously, I have been an environmental educator at the Jekyll Island 4-H center and am currently working as a part-time naturalist at CNC. I enjoy working with children because they have a great sense of humor! These are a few of my favorite things: watermelon, hamsters, SCUBA, seagulls, tie-dye, and candy! I am looking forward to helping lead the Camp Kingfisher team this summer!!!

Half Day Counselors

Kelly Doyle – Junior Counselor

Hey everyone! This is my first year working at Camp Kingfisher and I am really excited. I just graduated from Wheeler and am attending Georgia Tech in the fall. Outside of school, I love playing sports, hiking, and just being active and outdoors. I also enjoy reading and traveling. I look forward to meeting everyone this summer!

Some Full Day Counselors will also be working Half Day sessions.

Full Day Counselors

Arden Craig – Counselor

My name is Arden Craig and I'm a senior level English major at UGA. When I'm not swamped with homework, I enjoy photography and hiking. I love the unpredictability of children- they always keep me on my toes. I'm so excited to be back for my second year at Camp K!

Becky Casstevens – Counselor

Hi! This is my third summer at Camp Kingfisher. I am a senior at the University of Georgia. I love to read (especially fantasy books) and I also love music. I have played the piano for many years. Most of all, I am excited for camp this summer!

Cassie Chan – Junior Counselor

Hello to campers & parents! I'm super excited to be at camp this summer! Although this is my first as a counselor, I've been an LIT (Leader in Training) for the past two summers. I really love the outdoors. In my spare time I like to chill out, listen to music, volunteer, and play tennis. I just graduated from Pope High School and I'm currently going to be a freshman at University of Georgia. I plan to major in either business finance or psychology. I love working with kids and I'm super psyched for another fantastical summer!

Courtney Zambroy – Counselor

Hello to everyone! I am super excited to be at camp this summer. This is my second year as a counselor. This fall I will be a sophomore at Boston University,

studying in conservation and ecology and earth science. I am an avid swimmer and love the ocean and traveling around the world. I look forward to meeting everyone at Camp!!!!

Colleen Murphy – Counselor

I am a senior at Georgia Southern University studying Recreational Management. I participate in Marching Band, Ultimate Frisbee, and Rock Climbing while at school. This is my second year working at Camp Kingfisher and will be my eighth year working as a counselor. I love being outdoors and working with kids. I am excited to learn as much as possible this summer with the campers and can not wait to get started.

Daphne Astolfi – Junior Counselor & Arts & Crafts Specialist

Hey everyone! My name is Daphne and I am so excited to be a counselor at Camp Kingfisher this year. I was a member of the leadership in training program last summer and am familiar with the nature center. I love being outdoors and with kids. I look forward to a great summer!

Davis Gilbertson – Junior Counselor

I am 18 years old and will attend GCSU to pursue a pharmaceutical degree. I enjoy all sports, spending time with my friends and keeping my life fun and stress free. We're going to have a crazy fun summer, so I hope to see you there!

Davis Pidgeon – Counselor

This is my second year working at Camp Kingfisher and I'm super pumped. I am a rising sophomore at Kennesaw State University. In my free time I like to ride and race downhill mountain bikes. I also love working on mountain bike trails out of Big Creek Park. I really enjoy working with children and am super excited to be a part of camp again this year!

Debby Head – Substitute Counselor

Hey everyone my name is Debby and this will be my eighth summer as a staff member Camp K. During the year I attend Kennesaw State University and work as the Head of Visitor Services at CNC. In my spare time I like to play softball and play with my dog. I am looking forward to another GREAT summer, See you on the pond!!

Elyse Elliott – Counselor

This is my first summer at Camp Kingfisher, though I've attended a few nature camps in the past. I am a sophomore at Centre College, and I am majoring in English. I love being outside for any reason, reading, cooking, singing LOUDLY, painting, and laughing. I can't wait for the summer and to meet everyone, it's going to be a blast!

Evan Neal – Counselor

Evan Neal here, born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. I am a recent New College of Florida graduate. As a fervent believer in the power of the Chattahoochee River, I am very excited to be sharing the summer with campers at Camp Kingfisher and having some serious fun.

Franky Hunter – Counselor

My name is Franky Hunter. This will be my third summer at Camp Kingfisher. I am a Georgia State student who enjoys movies, hiking, and basically anything outdoors.

James Briggs – Counselor

I am so excited for my first summer at Camp Kingfisher this year! I am a sophomore at North Georgia College and State University. I have experience in environmental science through my university and the Boy Scouts of America. My interests include backpacking, cooking, traveling, and culture. I love spending my time in the outdoors and in the wilderness and cannot wait to share that with all the campers at Camp K!

John Beese – Substitute Counselor

This will be my third year at camp! I am beyond excited to be back this year! After an awesome summer last year I can't even imagine how wonderful this summer will be. I am an early childhood education major and hope to teach 2nd or 3rd grade in the coming years. I love the outdoors and being able to explore them with the eager minds of children. I can't wait to see everyone at camp again!!

Julia Burger – Counselor

Hi! My name is Julia Burger. This is my first year as a counselor and I am a rising sophomore at Presbyterian College. I love to camp, create duct tape art and to play with my 3 nephews. I am super excited about Camp Kingfisher and looking forward to a great summer.

Julie Simon – Substitute Counselor

I am thrilled to be back this summer for another fun week at Camp Kingfisher. I'm a part-time naturalist at the Chattahoochee Nature Center and also a freelance writer. In my free time, I enjoy running, reading, gardening, and exploring the outdoors with my family. I love sharing nature with kids, especially the wonders of the Chattahoochee River and CNC.

Kelsey Campbell – Counselor

I am a rising junior at Wesleyan College. I am majoring in psychology with a minor in Studio Art. Growing up, I always loved camping and hiking and cannot wait for CAMP! My hobbies and interests include music, reading and crafts. I cannot wait to meet everyone at camp! See ya soon!

Laura McMillan – Counselor

Hi! I just finished my first year at Berry College. In my free time I like to ride my bike, row, or just hang out with friends. This is my second summer working at Camp Kingfisher, but when I was a kid I enjoyed coming to camp here for the summer. I can't wait for the summer to start and have lots of fun.

Lucy Barber – Counselor

Hey everyone! I just finished my sophomore year at the University of North Carolina. I'm an English major and creative writing minor and spend a lot of time at elementary and middle schools reading and writing – two things that I really love to do. This will be my second summer working at Camp Kingfisher, and I'm very excited for it to get started. I hope everyone is ready for a great summer!

Maggie Barber – Counselor

This is my first year as a counselor at Camp K. Although I worked here last summer as a lifeguard, I'm super excited to be a counselor! Next year, I will be a freshman at the University of North Carolina. As of now I am undecided on a major. I can't wait for what is sure to be another fun year at Camp Kingfisher!

Matt Hines – Counselor

This is my second year at Camp Kingfisher and I am extremely excited for this experience with the nature center. In the Fall I will be starting my sophomore year at the University of Michigan. I have worked at a few other camps but have never been able to incorporate my love for the outdoors with camp. I love nature and the outdoors and can't wait for camp to start!

Rachel Cohen – Junior Counselor & Lifeguard

Hi everyone! I am very excited to be returning to Camp Kingfisher this summer as a counselor. For the past two summers, I have served as an L.I.T (Leader in Training). I am a recent graduate of Walton High School and will be attending the College of Charleston in the fall where I intend to major in nursing. I enjoy singing in my school's choir, swimming, arts & crafts, and any activity involving the outdoors. I am looking forward to working with your kids this summer and having a blast!! 😊

Riley Smith – Substitute Counselor

Hi! My name is Riley Smith and this will be my second summer at Camp Kingfisher! I am a rising senior at Georgia College and State University and started the Education program last fall. I enjoy reading, running, music, volunteering, and especially working with children. I am so excited for camp to begin! See you this summer!

Sarah Mayer – Counselor

Hi, I'm Sarah Mayer. This will be my first year at Camp Kingfisher. I'm really excited about having fun outdoors with your kids this summer. I'm a Montessori paraprofessional at Briar Vista Elementary. I love working with kids and have

volunteered at Cub Scout Day Camp for many years. I love camp too because I can be a kid again. We're going to have a lot of fun this summer!

Scott Tupper – Counselor

I am really excited to be working at Camp Kingfisher this year. Many years ago I myself was a camper here, and I'm glad to be back. I am currently a rising junior at the University of Georgia (Go Dawns) and I am double majoring in Spanish and Sports Management. I have always had a fondness for nature and teaching, so I'm really looking forward to being a counselor here. Additionally I'm excited to be working here with my brothers and I'm proud to extend my streak of having never been employed indoors.

Sophie Conboy – Junior Counselor & Lifeguard

Hey! This is my first year working at Camp Kingfisher. I just recently graduated from St. Pius X High School and will be attending UGA in the fall. At UGA, I will be majoring in Education. I am an enthusiastic, positive person, and I love working with kids. I also enjoy sports, the outdoors, dancing, and most of all laughing! I can't wait for a great summer at Camp Kingfisher!

Stephanie Butzer – Junior Counselor & Arts & Crafts Specialist

I am SO excited to return back to Camp Kingfisher as a Junior Counselor! I love hiking, running and taking photographs outdoors. I love teaching children about the world around us and how it works. I will be a freshman at Elon University in the fall of 2010 and cannot wait! See you at Camp K!

Stephanie Charles – Counselor

I just finished my fourth year at the University of Georgia majoring in Recreation and Leisure Studies. This will be my sixth summer at camp and my fifth summer as a counselor. I love spending time with nature and especially children. I am so excited to be back for another summer!

Tucker Wells – Counselor

Hello! My name is Tucker Wells, and I work in the film and television business as an Assistant Director. My fondest passions in life are writing and nature, and I love being around kids because I'm just a big kid on the inside. Atlanta is my home town, and I am thrilled to be working at Camp Kingfisher again!

Zach Tupper – Junior Counselor

This is my first summer working at Camp Kingfisher. I recently graduated from Pope High School and I will be attending KSU in the fall. I love running, playing, music and experiencing nature!

Zehra Husain – Counselor

This is my first year at Camp Kingfisher. I'm going to be a senior at Emory University in the fall, where I'm majoring in Political Science and Religion. I've taken my fair share of outdoor education classes and have learned to appreciate

the wonder in the spaces around us! I look forward to meeting all the campers and sharing great experiences with them. Here's to a great summer!

Travel Program

Amanda Rissley

Hi there! My name is Amanda Rissley, I am the Counselor for Travel Program for the summer of 2010. I have worked for camp since 2008. I am originally from Michigan and moved down here permanently a year ago. I teach resource math at Brookwood High school. See all of your smiling faces this summer! :)

Paul Tupper

This is my third summer at Camp Kingfisher, working with the Travel Program. I graduated this spring from UGA with a major in Natural Resources Recreation and Tourism, so camp is right up my alley. I love sports and the outdoors, and am looking forward to an amazing summer!

Specialists

Brittaney McDermott – Arts & Crafts Specialist

This will be my second summer at Camp Kingfisher, and I can't wait to start playing! I just finished my sophomore year at UGA as an art education major. Besides art, I enjoy music, outdoor activities, reading, and traveling. This summer is going to be so much fun – get ready!

Camille Scent – Pre Care Supervisor

This is my second summer at Camp Kingfisher; I am thrilled to be a part of this exciting and absolutely wonderful experience at the nature center. I am also a part-time naturalist and a canoe guide here at CNC. I have been working with children from pre-school age through college age since 1989. When I'm not at CNC, I'm likely to be reading, practicing yoga, taking a hike with my family or walking our Labrador. Helping children feel good about themselves, make new discoveries, and just enjoy being in nature is the most rewarding work I know of. I'm looking forward to having a great summer with all the kids at Camp K!

Catherine Clark – Lifeguard

I am a sophomore studying psychology at North Georgia College and State University. This will be my first year at Camp Kingfisher but my fifth year as a lifeguard. I am extremely excited to see how the beauty of nature and the thrill of adventure combine into an amazing summer!

Ian - Canoe Specialist

Hello all, I'm Ian and I'll be the canoe instructor for the Bared & Great Horned Owl campers. I'm currently a second year Biology (Pre-Med/Vet) major at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. Last summer I was a camp counselor and part of the wildlife rehabilitation staff at a nature center in

Connecticut that I attended when I was a wee one. Environmental education has been an integral part of my life, thus I very much look forward to teaching and hopefully inspiring the next generation of outdoor geeks like myself during my first summer here at Camp Kingfisher.

San (aka Maday) Travis– Canoe Specialist & Leadership Training Supervisor
This is my first summer with Camp Kingfisher and I am so excited to be here! I grew up in New England, have worked at camps and nature centers in four other states, and currently study Environmental Studies and Economics at Oberlin College in Ohio. I love gardening, swimming, canoeing and bird watching; during my time off you are likely to see me with binoculars in my hand! I am stoked about my new headquarters down at Beaver Pond and all the great adventures to come at camp!

Philip Krogel – Team Building Specialist & After Care Specialist
This is my third summer at Camp K. I can't wait to see both returning campers and new faces. I work the after school program at Murdock Elementary School, and go to class at Kennesaw State University. I love kids, and I am excited for another great summer. See you out there!