

## **Administration**

### **Amy Bram** Camp Director

I LOVE THIS CAMP! This is my seventh summer at Camp Kingfisher and my 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Dave Shields** Assistant Director

Its time again for another year at CAMP KINGFISHER! I am excited and honored to be the assistant camp director again this summer. I am currently working at East Side elementary school as a P.E. teacher, mostly working with children K-2. I want every child, parent, counselor, co-worker, and boss to know how dedicated I am for another successful summer here at Camp Kingfisher and I wish everyone a wonderful summer.

### **Cindy Geisler** Camp Coordinator

This is my first 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!

## **Camp Counselors**

### **Half Day**

#### **Melanie Fiant**

I am a homeschooling mother of a nine year old camper. I enjoy being outside, gardening, hiking and biking. I have a passion for children and animals and am a pet sitter and childcare provider at the YMCA and church. I live in Marietta with my husband Jon and son Jesse.

#### **Nick Rosensweig**

I'll be attending GA Southern in the fall and plan to study international business. I hope you guys are ready for a fun summer, because I'm ready to have some fun.

#### **Colleen Murphy**

I am a junior at Georgia Southern University studying Recreational Management. I participate in Marching Band, Ultimate Frisbee, and Rock Climbing while at school. This is my first year working at Camp Kingfisher and will be my seventh 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.

### **Full Day**

#### **Andrea Pinzon**

This is my first summer at Camp Kingfisher and I can't wait to meet the campers and have a great time. I was born in Colombia and I hope to share with the kids all the wonderful outdoor activities that I experienced while I was growing up. I graduated in Spring 2009 from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology Education. I enjoy reading, outdoor activities, playing tennis and dancing salsa! ☺

#### **Andrew Parsons**

I graduated from Georgia State University in 2005 with a Bachelor's in Music education. I play French horn, Piano, trumpet, and various other instruments. I have been teaching middle school and high school band, high school chorus and general music in the public schools for the past 3 years. I love reading, video games and all music. I am very excited about using nature as a powerful conduit for teaching young students about the world.

#### **Apryl Milam**

Hello to all the Camp K campers and parents! My name is Apryl and I'm looking forward to my second summer here at camp! When I'm not here at the nature center you can find me hiking, camping or curled up with a good book. Looking forward to meeting all of you!

#### **Arden Craig**

Hey everybody! I'm a junior at UGA majoring in English and English Education. I worked at a children's summer camp last summer, but this will be my first at Camp Kingfisher! I enjoy photography and spending time outdoors. I love working with kids because they laugh at my bad jokes. I can't wait until camp starts and I hope to see you there!

#### **Ashley Ellis**

Hi! This is my first summer at Camp Kingfisher, and I am SO excited!!! I'm a rising senior at Emory University where I'm double majoring in Mathematics and French Studies. In my free time I enjoy riding my bike, crocheting, reading, scrapbooking, and listening to music. I love working with kids and can't wait for the summer to start!

#### **Courtney Zambroy**

Hello to everyone! I am super excited to be at camp this summer. Although this is my first year as a counselor, I was an L.I.T (a leader in training two summers ago, and I currently volunteer as a docent trail guide for the nature center.

This Fall I will be a freshman at Boston University, and I plan to study biology with a specialization in conservation and ecology. I am an avid swimmer and love the ocean and traveling around the world. I look forward to meeting everyone at Camp!!!!

### **Davis Pidgeon**

This is my first year working at Camp Kingfisher and I'm super pumped. I am a rising freshman 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 this year!

### **Franky Hunter**

My name is Franky Hunter. I am a 22 year old Georgia State student who enjoys mountain biking, tennis, and watching movies. One day I hope to be a speech therapist. Can't wait to see you this summer!

### **Heather Calhoun**

This is the first year my 2 kids and I are attending Camp Kingfisher and we are really excited! After majoring in French at the College of Wooster, I returned to my hometown of Chattanooga to marry one of my best friends. Eleven years later, we I have moved back and forth across the country and even lived overseas. I've had many different jobs over the years, and I realized that my favorites were working in a veterinary hospital and substitute teaching. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to combine my love of animals and nature with the enjoyment of teaching children. A wise man once told me: "The most important thing that you can do is teach". I am honored to teach your kids.

### **Jamison Chambers**

I'm an Eagle Scout and current Scout Leader, as well as a Geography major at the University of Georgia. I love spending time in the outdoors, and especially love teaching kids the outdoor skills that I have learned through a life-long love of scouting and the outdoors. I hope to pass that love on to any and all I come in contact with this summer, and I sincerely look forward to having a blast with your kids!

### **Jessie Read**

This will be my second year at Camp Kingfisher and I have volunteered at camps and been a camper myself. This fall I will be a senior at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina where I am making my own major in Art Therapy. In my spare time I like to read, listen to music and sing real loud, eat, be outside (especially in rivers), create artwork, and a lot more. I also love to be with kids and play like one myself, so I can't wait for camp to get started!

### **Joanne McWilliams**

Hello! I am a rising junior at the University of Georgia as a math education major. I have always loved working with kids, whether it be babysitting, tutoring, or now 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**

This is my first summer here at Kingfisher, but not my first year at camp by far. In the past I have worked with the Boy Scouts and 4-H. I am a senior at North Georgia College in Dahlonega. I enjoy camping, ecology, canoeing, caving, and gardening. I know this summer will be a great one!

### **John Beese**

This will be my second 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!!

### **Julie Simon**

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.

### **Laura McMillan**

Hi! I am a recent high school graduate, and next year will be attending Berry College. In my free time I like to ride my bike, row, or just hang out with friends. This is my first 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**

Hey everyone! I just finished my freshman 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 first summer working at Camp Kingfisher, and I'm very excited for it to get started. I hope everyone is ready for a great summer!

### **Matt Hines**

This is my first year at Camp Kingfisher and I am extremely excited for this experience with the nature center. In the Fall I will be starting my freshman 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!

### **Missy Reidy**

I'm a recent graduate of the University of Notre Dame with degrees in Biology and Spanish. I enjoy running, reading, hiking and playing sports in my free time. This is my second summer at Camp Kingfisher, and I'm excited to be back!

### **Riley Smith**

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

### **Safiya Jetha**

Hello! This is my fourth summer at Camp K  
Which is my favorite place to sing and play  
I just graduated from Emory  
Where I studied climate, rocks, and many trees  
Camping, photography, rafting, and climbing too  
These are all things I love to do  
I am so excited, I cannot not wait  
Because I know this summer will be GREAT!

### **Scott Tupper**

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 sophomore 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 older brother Paul and I'm proud to extend my streak of having never been employed indoors.

### **Stephanie Charles**

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

### **Tim Reidy**

I am pumped to start my second year at Camp Kingfisher as a counselor to the Great Horned Owls. As a rising junior at the University of Georgia, I am majoring in Marketing with a focus in Spanish. When I'm not at camp, I'll usually be camping, playing, basketball, hiking, throwing a frisbee, or strumming a guitar.

In previous summers, I have thoroughly enjoyed staffing Boy Scout camps and working at student tutoring centers. I can't wait for camp to start.

### **Zack Farmer**

My name is Zack Farmer and I just finished my second year at the University of Georgia, where I'm double majoring in Biology and Spanish. I'm so excited to be coming back for my second year of camp! Last year was so great 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!

### **Travel Program**

#### **Kate Hardin**

I am a sophomore at the University of the South in Tennessee, where I am majoring in German and Music. In my spare time, I knit, bake, ride horseback, garden, and play piano and fiddle. This is my first summer at Camp K, and I can't wait to get started!

#### **Paul Tupper**

This is my second summer at Camp Kingfisher, working with the Travel Program. I am a senior at UGA majoring 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 first summer at Camp Kingfisher, and I can't wait to start playing! I just finished my freshman 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!

#### **Brian Baker – Pre Care Supervisor**

I am looking forward to another great summer at Camp K, last year I had so much fun. I am college student studying History/Education at NGCSU. I have worked at the nature center for over a year now. After last summer's camp I moved in to education, where I taught school age children and adults all over the metro area. Now I work in the Wildlife Clinic as a Wildlife Technician, where I take care of all of our animals and rehabilitating wildlife.

#### **Chris Grier - Lifeguard**

I will be beginning my second year at Georgia Southern University where I am attempting to double major in Political Science and Spanish. I have always wanted to be an attorney and cannot wait to begin my career. Since the age of 14 I have been babysitting children in my neighborhood where I have formed a

bond with all of them. I love kids and could not help but jump on the opportunity when I heard about Camp Kingfisher. This will be my fourth year as a lifeguard and I cannot wait to begin my first year of hopefully many years at camp! There will be no doubt that we will all have a great summer together!

**Debby Head** – Canoe Specialist & Special Programs Manager

Hey everyone my name is Debby and this will be my second summer as the Canoe Specialist for the older campers along with organizing our special programs throughout the summer. This will be my seventh summer as a staff member Camp K. I will be attending Kennesaw State this fall. 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!!

**Jennifer Elliott** – Environmental Education Specialist & Curriculum Coordinator  
I'm excited to be returning to camp year. My passion is working in the outdoors with young people and helping them see their natural world in a new and creative light. I work part-time during the school year as a Naturalist here at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. I've seen many of my campers on field trips this year, and I can't wait to spend the summer with them again. When I'm not at CNC I enjoy painting, reading, trivia and communing with nature.

**Katie Bruder-Mattson** – Lifeguard

I'm new to Camp K this year, but I'm so pumped to hang out with all the campers this summer. I love being a camp counselor and this will be my third year working at a children's camp. I'm a rising sophomore at Samford University and am a pre-med biology major double minoring in psychology and chemistry. I love to swim, play tennis, hike, canoe, read in bubble baths, do ceramics, and bubble gum!! I can't wait to meet everyone.

**Kelsey Campbell** – Arts & Crafts Specialist

I am a rising sophomore at Wesleyan College. I am majoring in chemistry 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!

**Natalie Gerblick** – Canoe Specialist & Leadership Training Supervisor

Hey! I recently graduated from Georgia Tech with a Biology degree. The last year I have been an environmental educator at the Jekyll Island 4-H center and I love being outdoors. 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 joining the Camp Kingfisher team this summer!!!

**Philip Krogel** – Team Building Specialist & After Care Specialist

This is my second 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 rocking summer. See you out there!