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Valeska J. Simmonds, Site Supervisor

Valeska is beginning her thirteenth school year in the ESE program. Valeska came to CCPR from the YMCA where she worked as the Lead Teacher in their K Plus program. Valeska has two grandchildren who she loves to spoil rotten and then return to their parents!

FUN FACT: Valeska is an avid football fan and truly believes that Football Season should be made a national holiday!



Charlsie Krauss, Assistant Site Supervisor

Charlsie is in her second year as the Forest Dale ESE Assistant Site Supervisor. Charlsie worked previously as a Head Counselor for the Vacation Station at Carmel Middle School as well as a Kid Counselor at Town Meadow and Smokey Row elementary.

FUN FACT: Charlsie was in the top 10 of the Carmel Idol singing competition at her high school.



Ashley Salinas, Kid Counselor

Ashley is beginning her first year with the FDE ESE program. Ashley has worked with children for three years and has also volunteered with CCPR as a youth volunteer for respite events!

FUN FACT: Ashley has a little brother who is 17 years younger than her!

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Grant Fellabaum, Kid Counselor

Grant has worked for the Forest Dale ESE program for three years and will be studying Criminology at IUPUI next semester.

FUN FACT: Grant was a student at Forest Dale Elementary!



Kassandra Huey, Kid Counselor

This is Kassi's second year with the ESE program, she is a Ball State University graduate and works as an IA at Forest Dale Elementary. Kassi loves taking care of her plants and her pet cat Rupert.

FUN FACT: Kassi has taught her cat Rupert to play fetch!



Jamie Kessilyas, Kid Counselor

Jamie is beginning her third year with the ESE morning program and she loves it!. Jamie has been working with children for thirteen years. She loves to help them in any way she can. In her spare time Jamie loves to bake and cook!

FUN FACT: Jamie enjoys knitting and crocheting!

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Molly McGeehan, Kid Counselor

Molly is beginning her tenth year with ESE. She enjoys working and helping the children in our program. When she is not working or hanging with her friends Molly does public speaking events focusing on Disability Awareness.

FUN FACT: Molly has a YouTube channel that focuses on Disability Awareness.



Jill Fooksman, Kid Counselor

Jill is beginning her fifth year with ESE. Jill was with us at the beginning in 2006 and then moved with her family to Ohio. Jill has since returned to Indiana and we are very happy to have her back! Jill enjoys reading, crocheting and spending time with her dog Bandit.

FUN FACT: Jill can name every official Pokémon there is and loves to collect crystals!



Anna Koenig, Kid Counselor

Anna is starting her second year in the ESE program and is a junior at CHS. She comes to us from McAlister's but also volunteered at St. Vincent's Peyton Manning Children's Hospital over the summer!

FUN FACT: Anna can play eight different instruments and counting!

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Soren Foster, Kid Counselor

Soren is in her first year with the ESE program. When she is not working with our kids at ESE Soren is working at Bubs Burger and Ice Cream in Carmel!

FUN FACT: Soren has a little brother named Fox!



Hope Castillo: Head Counselor

Hope is a returning staff member to the FDE ESE program. Hope currently works at Woodbrook elementary as a Kindergarten IA. Hope has two children Noah who is in third grade and Lucy who is two and in Pre-School!

FUN FACT: Hope is a freelance make up artist!



Emily Huettemann, Kid Counselor

Emily is in her first year with the FDE ESE Program. Previously Emily has worked as a child instructor at a martial arts studio, a camp counselor and a college mentor for kids at Ball State University!

FUN FACT: Emily is a die hard fan of the Goo Goo Dolls!

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