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STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Alyssa Holsten, Site Supervisor

This is Mrs. Holsten's 2nd year as the Site Supervisor of the Orchard Park Elementary ESE program. Alyssa worked at Forest Dale Elementary for 6 years as a kid counselor, head counselor, and the Assistant Site Supervisor. She was then promoted to Site Supervisor for the Carmel Elementary ESE program. She has worked for 9 years in the ESE/SCS department. Alyssa has two children, a daughter, Addi, and a son, Riley.

Fun Fact: Mrs. Holsten was a cheerleader for 7 years!



Anakin Monson, Assistant Site Supervisor

Mr. Monson is excited to be joining us for his first year as an Assistant Site Supervisor. Previously, Anakin was the Head Counselor at College Wood. He thinks that children provide new and exciting ways of viewing life and make every day an experience, which can be learned from. He enjoys video games and card games which helps him relate to the kids. In the future, he hopes to return to school to finish his college education.

Fun Fact: Mr. Monson is an avid book reader.



Adam Williams, Head Counselor

This is Mr. Williams first year as head counselor at Orchard Park Elementary. Adam previously worked at College Wood Elementary as a kid counselor for 4 years. Adam enjoys being outside and has worked at the Outdoor Explorers summer camp for 3 summers. Mr. Williams also enjoys teaching new activities two different age groups.

Fun Fact: Mr. Williams jumps out of airplanes and helicopters for the Indiana National Guard.

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Bob Wittig, Kid Counselor

Bob has been married for 63 years, is a father of 6, grandfather of 17, and great-grandfather of 3. He and Marty were foster parents of several young children and eventually adopted his second daughter. He retired from General Motors after 31 years.

Fun Fact: He was a dog trainer for over 30 years in Kokomo. He raised, trained, and showed German Shepherds in competition for many years. His favorite dog was Count Von Waldesruh, UDT.



Anna Kogler, Kid Counselor

Anna is a junior at Carmel High School. Prior to becoming a Kid Counselor, she was an IMPACT counselor for our CCPR summer camps. She also referees soccer games.

Fun Fact: Anna has never seen the ocean!



Jenna Patton, Kid Counselor

This is Jenna's first year working with the ESE department. Jenna worked at Chillville this past summer and had a great time. Jenna is currently a senior at Carmel High School.

Fun Fact: Jenna has a dog named Calbert which was named after an IU basketball player.

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Natalie Freehan, Kid Counselor

Natalie is currently a student at IUPUI, studying social work. Before college, she worked as an after school staff and summer camp counselor. Natalie has worked for Prairie Trace, Carmel and “Where it’s At” over the last two years.

Fun Fact: This is Natalie’s 10th year working with kids!



Halle Cole, Kid Counselor (Sub)

Halle is a junior in high school. Halle loves to do art. Halle has 5 siblings and 4 dogs. This is Halle’s first year at Orchard Park’s ESE program. She is very excited for her first school year in the ESE program.

Fun Fact: Halle is learning 3 languages.



Patrick Hurley, Kid Counselor

Patrick Hurley works as a kid counselor for our AM program. Patrick attended Indiana State University. He has worked for Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation for 6 years. For the afternoon ESE program, he works at Smokey Row as the head counselor.

Fun Fact: Patrick loves seafood and the beach!

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Jessica Bookout, Kid Counselor

Jessica has many years' experience in childcare. She has worked with Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation on and off since 2013 as she attends college. Jessica is attending Western Governors University for Elementary Education and Special Education for mild interventions.

Fun Fact: Jessica loves taking her 3 dogs to the dog park.



Jarred Crossley, Kid Counselor

This is Jarred's first year working for ESE. He works as a kid counselor for our AM program. He worked at Taco Bell for the first year of his professional life, moving on to a call center to gain more work experience. During this job he realized he enjoyed helping others learn. He believes you can learn something new every day and that is why he enjoys working with kids. They are naturally curious and force you to think about things differently. During the afternoons he is the Head Facilitator at College Wood!

Fun Fact: Jarred is a huge video nerd. He took film classes in high school and college!



Autumn Peyton, Kid Counselor

Autumn began working for ESE as a Kid Counselor at Mohawk Trails during the 2018-19 school year. She is currently studying to be a pilot. Her favorite thing about ESE is seeing students grow and learn new things!

Fun Fact: Autumn plans to join the Air Force after graduation.

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