

CAMP MONDAMIN STAFF 2009

We thought you'd like to meet our '09 Staff. Here they are... we're very proud of them. The staff's average age is 24.5. Fifty-two of the 65 counselors, and all eight of the support staff listed have been here as campers and/or counselors previously, which means we know them well.

Jo Aitken, from Charlotte NC, was back for a fourth summer as one of our June Camp nurses. She is a staff nurse and enjoys running, reading and laughing. Jo's twin boys were June Campers; she claims being at camp helps her deal with the rest of the year in the real world.

Tim Anderson, age 24, from Charlotte NC, was back for his fifth year on staff; he was a camper for three summers. This summer he was Senior linehead; in previous summers he has been on the biking staff. He attends UNC-Charlotte, where he is studying business; he hopes to own his own bike shop. Tim enjoys reading and biking (he's a nationally ranked biker); he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Ryan Barham, age 20, from Clemson SC, joined us for his first summer on the ICA staff. He is studying Nursing at Clemson University. Ryan enjoys playing the guitar; he recently hiked in New Mexico for ten days.

Andrew Bell, age 31, from Tuxedo NC, is here for his thirteenth summer on staff, this summer as assistant director; he was a camper for six years. He lives and works at camp year-round hiring staff and getting the programs ready for summer. In addition to paddling Andrew enjoys biking and working on VWs; he and his wife Sarah have a daughter and a son.

Frank Bell, age 65, from Tuxedo NC, has been Mondamin's director for 36 years. He enjoys flying, paddling, biking, hiking and grandchildren! He and his wife Nancy like to sail and travel.

Harry Bergmann, age 19, from Charlotte NC returned for his first summer on the canoeing staff; he was a camper for five summers. He attends George Washington University and enjoys kayaking, snowboarding and exploring new places. Harry paddled in Idaho last summer and is an ACA kayak instructor.

Sarah Wilder Brice, from Louisville KY returned to Mondamin after a long absence as one of our June Camp Taj Ladies. She was a Green Cove camper and counselor before making the move to Mondamin. Sarah enjoys travel, tennis and coaching field hockey; her son and daughter are campers here.

Brian Burton, age 21, from Ocala FL was back at camp for his first second summer; he was on the bike staff for Main Camp and on the swim staff during June Camp. He attends Central Florida Community College. Brian is working on obtaining his pilot's instrument pilots rating; he enjoys biking and flying.

Erich Burton, age 23, currently residing in Crested Butte CO, returned to camp for his second summer on the biking staff. He recently graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Philosophy and plans to take some time off to bike across the country and then climb in Mexico; after that he plans to go to medical school. Erich enjoys biking, climbing, reading and playing the banjo; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Emory Capps, age 22, from Boulder CO, was back for his third summer, leading the climbers as co-head of mountaineering; he was a camper for six summers. He attends Colorado University, studying Integrative Physiology. Emory enjoys climbing, snowboarding and playing the guitar; he is an Eagle Scout and a Wilderness First Responder.

Aubry Carmody, age 19, from Shreveport LA, returned for his first year on the swim staff; he was a camper here for two summers. He is a sophomore at Ole Miss and plans to go into banking after graduation. Aubry enjoys tennis, college football, music and community service; he is one of six kids, all who have attended Mondamin and Green Cove.

David Clarke, age 23, from Durham NC, came back for his third year on the paddling staff; he was a camper for two summers. He graduated from Appalachian State University. David has led paddling trips in Costa Rica and plays the guitar and drums; he is a Wilderness First Responder and is certified in Swift Water Rescue.

Nick Colquitt, age 21, from Charlotte NC joined us for his first summer on the mountaineering staff. He attends Central Piedmont Community College and works at a climbing center; he is a Wilderness First Responder. Nick enjoys music, art and climbing; he wants to climb Yosemite.

Cliff Cowan, age 21, from New Orleans LA, returned for his third summer on the June Camp paddling staff; he was a camper for nine summers. He attends the University of the South and enjoys playing the guitar and paddling.

Tom Cowan, age 24, from Brevard NC, came back for his fifth summer on staff, running the Nature Lab; he was a camper for eight summers. He shares his time working for the Autism Society, Camp Greenville and Inside Out; he will earn his EMT certification soon. Tom enjoys music and running; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Lyndsey Craig, age 20, from Oxford, England, returned for her second summer on the riding staff. She is enrolled in film studies at Cheltenham and plans to do set design and art. Lyndsey enjoys riding and basketball.

Shea D'Anna, from Atlanta GA was at Mondamin for her first summer as one of our Taj ladies; she was a Green Cove camper for 7 years and on staff there for 8 summers. She recently worked as a middle school English teacher and enjoys cooking, playing tennis and playing with her dog. Shea will be answering the phone, sorting the mail and running the store for Main Camp.

Robert Danos, age 40, Mondamin's year-round Program Director, resides in Hendersonville with his wife, two daughters and son. He enjoys politics and sailing. This is Robert's 28th summer at Mondamin: 9 years as a camper and 19 years on staff.

Jackson Davis, age 23, from Tallahassee FL, was back for his second summer on the mountaineering staff. He worked last winter in a day care and play center. Jackson enjoys playing the guitar and singing, and is a Wilderness First Responder. He plans to travel to China this fall to teach English for a year.

Anthony De Angelis, age 20, from Adelaide Australia, returned to camp for his second summer, this year on the tennis staff. He enjoys traveling and spending his summers at camp.

Rick Deluga, age 30, from Asheville NC, was back for his sixth summer as co-head of the mountaineering staff. He currently works as a teaching assistant here in Hendersonville, and will attend Western Carolina this fall. Rick enjoys cooking, reading, writing and just about anything outdoors; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Michael Dodd, age 19, from Greenville SC, returned for his first year on the swim staff; he was a camper for five summers. He is a sophomore at Clemson University; he plans to get his MBA. Michael enjoys sailing, photography and soccer.

Bobby Dowling, age 23, from Jacksonville FL was back for his fifth summer at camp as head of mountain biking. He graduated from the University of Florida where he studied food science. Bobby enjoys backpacking, traveling and cooking; he recently went rock climbing in Utah and Mexico. He is a Wilderness First Responder.

Jon Evans, age 22, from Charlotte NC, came back for his second summer on the bike staff. He has been working at a bike shop and hopes to open his own shop. Jon biked in Utah last spring; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Lange Eve, age 24, from Asheville NC, joined us for her second summer as crafts counselor. She attends grad school where she is studying art therapy; she has worked with autistic kids. Lange writes and plays music and also enjoys hiking.

Beau Evers, age 20, from Nashville TN returned for his second summer on the paddling staff; he was a camper here for eight summers! He attends Sewanee where he is studying Environmental Studies. Beau is an Eagle Scout.

Jimmy Fargason, age 20, from Birmingham AL was here for his first year on the paddling staff; he was a camper for three summers. He attends Washington University where he is studying Architecture. Jimmy enjoys reading and playing the drums.

Bill Felder, age 51, from Dallas TX returned to his Mondamin roots for his fifth year on staff; he was first here in the 1970's! He was a camper here for three summers, and now runs our sailing program. Bill is working on earning his pilot's instrument rating and enjoys fly fishing; he is a Wilderness First Responder. His older son was also on staff and his younger son has been a camper here for a number of years.

Davis Felder, age 21, from Dallas TX, returned for his third summer as head of paddling; he was a camper for eight summers. He attends Texas Christian University where he just completed his junior year. Davis enjoys fly fishing, kayaking and playing lacrosse; he recently returned from a trip to Peru where he worked in rural communities studying corporate social responsibility.

Charlotte Forbes, age 20, from London England, returned for her second summer on the riding staff. She is studying Political Science at the University of York. Charlotte enjoys music and riding. Charlotte was in the Pony Club for many years, competing in show jumping, dressage and eventing.

Will Forbes, age 19, from Charlotte NC was here for his first summer on the swim staff. He attends North Carolina State University where he is studying business. Will enjoys playing the drums, playing basketball and hiking; he recently did a two-week Outward Bound course in Utah.

Justin Freeman, age 23, from Bethune SC, was back at camp for his third summer on the June Camp riding staff. He attends the University of South Carolina where he is studying Education and Aerospace. Justin plans to teach or become a fighter pilot with the National Guard.

Barbara Fulciniti, from Alcolu, SC, came back for her third summer as head of the riding staff. At home she runs an equestrian center and also works as a medical transporter. Barbara enjoys dressage, photography and art; she will take an EMT course this fall.

Margi Woodbridge Gaffney, from Columbia SC, returned for her seventh summer as June Camp co-head of Riding. She was a riding counselor at Green Cove for eight summers and a camper for eleven summers! Margi works at a vet clinic, and enjoys gardening, riding, cooking and biking.

Joe Griggs, age 23, from Bell Buckle TN, was back for his fourth summer on the mountaineering staff. He recently graduated from Centre College and will be teaching at a school in Lexington, KY this winter. Joe enjoys backpacking, ultimate frisbee and the outdoors; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Kenneth Haggerty, age 22, from Florence AL, came back to camp for a fourth summer on the tennis staff; he was a camper here for one summer. He recently graduated from Rhodes College in Memphis and plans to continue his studies. Kenny enjoys film history, tennis and frisbee golf; both of his parents have been on staff and his brother is also on the Mondamin staff.

Michael Haggerty, age 19, from Florence AL, was here for his second summer, this year on the mountaineering staff; he was a camper here for three summers. He attends the College of Wooster. Michael enjoys ultimate frisbee, hiking and politics.

Lara Hakimi, age 20, from Weymouth England, joined us for her first summer on the riding staff. She attends Bath Spa University where she is studying early childhood education; she plans to teach in a primary school. Lara enjoys riding, swimming and watching movies.

Mike Harrington, age 24, from Greenville NC, returned for his third summer on the mountaineering staff. He attends East Carolina University where he is studying philosophy. Mike has hiked the Appalachian Trail and is a Wilderness First Responder and a lifeguard.

Aaron Jewell, age 20, from Newcastle England, returned to Mondamin for his second summer on the sailing staff. He is attending the University at Cardiff and plans to coach soccer. Aaron enjoys soccer, fishing, sailing and volleyball.

Lawson Johnson, age 21, from Charleston SC, returned for his third summer on staff; this year on the sailing staff; he was a camper for nine summers! He attends Clemson University where he is an accounting major. Lawson plans to teach English in a Spanish speaking country; he enjoys sailing, camp, school and the outdoors and is a Wilderness First Responder.

Cherie Jones, from Kernville CA, returned to her duties as one of our Taj ladies for her third summer. She answered the phones, ran the store, sorted the mail and performed many other duties to help keep Taj running smoothly. Cherie and her husband John (who was also here) enjoy sharing their time between California and North Carolina visiting their grandchildren here; they enjoy traveling to Europe and the Caribbean.

John Jones, age 61, from Kernville, CA, returned to camp for his third summer as Administrative Director; he lives and works in California the rest of the year. He was in charge of the trucking at camp which includes lots of vans and many drivers as well as the laundry and cleaning crews. John enjoys sailing, hiking, boating and climbing. He and Cherie are spending their summer at camp to be near their grandchildren (whom they share with Frank and Nancy)!

Jon Kalantar, age 20, from Gainesville FL came to us for his first summer on the swim staff. He attends the University of Florida where he is studying engineering. Jon enjoys climbing, surfing and playing the guitar; he has traveled to the Dominican Republic to work with orphans.

Tim Kellner, age 23, from Sarasota FL came back for his second summer on the swim staff. He recently graduated from Wingate University with a BFA in Studio Art; he plans to go to grad school. Tim enjoys snowboarding, art and design.

Rob Kowalski, age 22, from Gainesville FL returned for his second year at camp, this summer as Baron and then Middler Linehead. He recently graduated from the University of Florida and wants to work building eco-villages in India. Rob enjoys music and learning languages.

Landon Lemoine, age 20, from New York, NY was here for his first summer on the tennis staff. He attends Pace University where he is studying Broadcast Journalism. Landon enjoys jet skiing and wakeboarding.

Charles Lapeyre, age 22, from Metairie LA, was back at camp for his second year on the paddling staff; he was a camper for eight summers! He attends the University of the South.

Alex Loeb, age 19, from Tallahassee FL, returned for his first summer on the sailing staff; he was a camper here for eight summers! He attends the University of Virginia and hopes to go to medical school. Alex enjoys snowboarding and has been a soccer coach.

Andrea Luke, from Yorktown VA, returned to Mondamin for her third summer as one of our Main Camp nurses. She plans to return to school to obtain her Nurse Practitioner's degree and enjoys skiing, knitting, gardening and traveling; she will visit her family's roots in Sicily this coming year. Andrea's son and daughter are campers here.

J.S. Lyles, age 21, from Davidson NC, returned for his second summer, this year as head of swimming for Main Camp; he was on the mountaineering staff during June Camp. He attends the University of Charlotte where he is studying English; he later will attend graduate school. JS enjoys badminton and croquet; he has done an Outward Bound trip and has traveled to Chile.

Hannah Matthews, age 19, from Brighton England, was back for her second summer on the riding staff. She is studying Tourism Management at Southampton Solent University. Hannah enjoys going to the gym, swimming and seeing friends.

Colin McCrory, age 19, was back at camp for his first summer on the biking staff; he was a camper for five summers. He attends Colgate University where he is studying Chinese. Colin will travel to Beijing this fall and enjoys hunting, fishing and singing; he recently sang at the Fiesta Bowl.

Roland McNutt, age 49, from Chico CA joined us for his first summer on the paddling staff. Paddling is his full-time job; he recently visited Mexico and the Colorado River. Roland worked at camps when he was younger and is happy to be back working in this field. His wife was a paddling counselor at Green Cove.

Jon Mullen, age 36, from Charlotte NC, was back for his fifth summer taking amazing photos for camp. He teaches fourth grade and is working on getting his master's degree from Queen's University. Jon plans to open his own photography business or a school which takes kids around the world to experience different cultures; he lived outside of the US for 18 years while growing up.

Mark Nicolson, age 23, from Liverpool, England, returned for his second summer as June Camp head of swimming. He graduated from college last year and is currently working at an agency which places foreign staff in US camps. Mark enjoys playing soccer.

Andrew Norman, age 19, from Whitehall MD, was back for his second year on the paddling staff; he was a camper here for six summers. He took this past year off to ski in Colorado and to work on the family farm. Andrew enjoys paddling and skiing.

Venus Olejourryk, from Woodruff SC came back for her second year as one of our Main Camp nurses. She has worked as a pediatric nurse and enjoys skiing, watching hockey, cooking and boating; she plans to take an Alaskan cruise. Venus' two sons are here as campers.

Patrick Peacock, age 24, from Boone NC returned for this third year on the sailing staff. He recently worked as a Wilderness Counselor for Eckerd Youth Alternatives and plans to move to Florida to work in Outdoor Education. Patrick hiked the Appalachian Trail with his father last year; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Sam Perry, age 20, from Raleigh NC was back for his second summer on the sailing staff; he was a camper here for six summers. He attends UNC-Wilmington, studying biology and hopes to attend medical school. Sam enjoys snowboarding, surfing and lacrosse; he recently went snowboarding in Canada.

Aaron Post, age 24, from Asheville NC, was back at camp for his third summer as head of tennis. He recently graduated from Brevard College with a degree in Religious Studies; he teaches school in Asheville and coaches tennis. Aaron plays the banjo, guitar and harmonica.

Ryan Puckett, age 22, from Gainesville FL, joined us for his first year on the mountain biking staff. He attends Appalachian State University; he spent the last year biking, fly fishing and climbing. Ryan enjoys photography and climbing and has been a wrestling coach; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Nate Randall, age 23, currently living in Crema Italy, returned for his fourth summer, this year as Junior Linehead; he has previously been on the mountaineering staff. He graduated from Middlebury College last year and has recently been teaching English in Italy. Nate enjoys skiing, kayaking, reading and writing; he recently took an 11-day SOLO adventure through England, Ireland, Scotland and Spain.

Nicole Roberts, age 18, from Nelson New Zealand, was here for her first summer on the riding staff. She has recently been working at a dairy farm and enjoys basketball, rugby and snowboarding. Nicole plans to travel after camp.

Clay Savely, age 25, from Asheville NC, joined us for his first summer working in the Nature Lab. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a degree in Environmental Studies. Clay enjoys pottery, photography and teaching.

Courtland Smith, age 21, from Houston TX, returned for his second summer on staff; this year on the Main Camp paddling staff after serving as June Camp Junior Linehead. He was a camper here for eight summers! He attends UNC-Chapel Hill where he is studying Biology. Courtland enjoys whitewater paddling, college football and wrestling. He hopes to attend medical school.

Sean Snyder, age 23, from Charleston SC, came to us for his first summer on the ICA staff. He attends Wingate University and enjoys soccer, surfing and tennis.

Taylor Sprouse, age 20, from Greenville SC, was back for his second summer on the tennis staff. He attends Clemson University and is studying Physical Education. Taylor will travel to Belgium and Bulgaria at Christmas; he teaches tennis at a club.

Lauren Stuckey, from Mandeville LA, returned for her third summer on staff; this one as one of our June Camp nurses; she was a Green Cove camper for six summers. She has a son and daughter at camp. Lauren enjoys swimming, reading and having fun; she loves being mom to 185 boys for three weeks!

Phil Sukys, age 22, from Charlottesville VA, was here for his first summer on the ICA staff. He recently graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in Politics and Economics; he plans to travel to Australia and then attend law school. Phil enjoys movies, sports and politics.

Greg Swistowski, age 19, from Czeszochowa Poland, came to Mondamin for his first summer on the riding staff. He will study Business Administration in college this fall. Greg plans to become a pilot and enjoys motorcross.

Houston Taylor, age 19, from Murfreesboro TN returned for his second summer on the mountaineering staff. He attends Centre College in Kentucky where he is a Classics and English major. Houston enjoys working with kids, ultimate Frisbee and running.

Chris Wack, age 30, from Mannheim Germany, came back for his eighth summer, this year as Baron Linehead. He holds a Masters degree in Sports Management and has been working for a professional German soccer team as a marketing manager. Chris is a lead singer in a band and enjoys playing tennis and chess.