



MEET OUR STAFF – 2010

JoAnn Apgar – *Instructor*

JoAnn is a 2nd grade teacher at Trenton Catholic Academy. This is her 3rd year at camp and she brings over 21 years of teaching experience. JoAnn enjoys arts & crafts, baking, reading, Disney World and spending time at the beach.

Nicole Amato – *Instructor*

Joining us for her first year Nicole is a first grade teacher at Sharon School in Robbinsville. Her interests include working with children, reading, biking, running, camping and kayaking.

Melissa Antler – *Instructor*

We welcome Melissa to her first year instructing at camp. Currently, she is an art teacher at Timberlane Middle School in Hopewell. Melissa is very talented and her professional experience includes Creative Director of Picassoknew Advertising & Design, Graphic Design and Art Director. She has participated in a number of fine art exhibitions and has won numerous awards.

Anthony Belfiore – *Co-Director*

A guidance counselor at Hamilton High West, Anthony is a lead staff trainer and one of the friendly faces that everyone knows around camp. In his spare time, Anthony is a sports enthusiast and serves as a baseball coach for the high school. Of course, he's never too busy to make time for his two beautiful children!

Toni Bennett – *Instructor*

Doesn't every camp have a celebrity they can call their own? Our Toni doesn't belt out a song, but we can certainly sing our praise for a job well done in her second year at camp. With more than 20 years as an art teacher, our toast of the town can whip up a project in less time than it takes the other Tony to lose his heart in San Francisco.

Judy Brodowski, RN – *Camp Nurse*

Nurse Judy has been an important part of camp for the past ten years. She is one of our friendly nursing team who tends to all of our campers and staff. Judy holds a BSN in Nursing and can be found during the school year tending to the needs of the students in the Ewing school district. In her spare time, Judy enjoys reading and a book is never far from her reach. She also enjoys cats, dancing, and country/western music. Two Step, anyone?

Marci Bruey – *Instructor*

Marci graduated from Rider University with a MA in Counseling Education. During the school year, she is employed as a guidance counselor in Hamilton. Marci enjoys arts and craft, swimming, animals and community service.



Kristen Callahan – Instructor

Kristen is back again this summer as an instructor for Camp College. She is a full-time professor at Mercer County Community College, where she teaches technology courses, business application classes, and manages several programs. She loves working with kids...as she would, since she is a mother of five! Kristen has a BA from Bucknell University and MBA from Rutgers, School of Management and excited to return to camp to share her skills.

Kristin Castaldo – Counselor

Kristin is currently a student at The College of New Jersey majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is returning for her third consecutive year at Camp College. Last year Kristin was the cheerleading instructor and this year she will be a camp counselor as well as instructing teaching cheerleading camp.

Micah Chan – Counselor

Returning for his second year, Micah is a freshman at Rutgers University's School of Arts and Sciences. He enjoys playing sports especially basketball, handball, and volleyball. Micah loves meeting new people and having fun.

Shannon Conover - Instructor

This is Shannon's second year at Camp College. She has a BA in Elementary Education with a Reading and Language Arts Specialty from Clemson University. Shannon has been teaching Language Arts at Crockett Middle School for five years. She is an avid reader (with soft spots for Harry Potter and Twilight) and loves to write in her spare time.

Jeffery Cooper – Counselor

Jeff enjoyed Camp College so much that he is returning for his second year. Because he loved working with our campers, Jeff switched his major from liberal arts to education at Rutgers University's School of Arts and Sciences. In his spare time he enjoys playing outdoors and, preferably in the summertime, going to the beach.

Jesse de Agustin - Instructor

Jesse is a former Camp College camper and currently is earning a B.A. in Philosophy from Rider University. At camp, he'll be teaching Beginning and Advanced juggling. When he is not philosophizing and juggling, he enjoys exercising, eating healthy and spending time outdoors at the pool and beach.

Nicole-Dickens Simon –Instructor

Nicole is returning for her 2nd year and is very excited to be teaching here. In her professional life, she teaches Spanish at Nottingham H.S. Nicole's interests and hobbies are rollerblading, tennis, swimming, traveling, and writing short stories.



Jacqueline DiDonato - Counselor

As a former camper, Jacqueline attended Camp College and Tomato Patch. This is Jacqueline's second year as a camp counselor. She completed her sophomore year at East Stroudsburg University majoring in Hotel Management. She loves working with children and enjoys dancing, working out and swimming.

John Diamond – Instructor

John is physical education teacher in Hamilton Township. He is returning for his 4th year as one of camp's Water Safety Instructors. His other experience includes coaching varsity high school swim, and aquatic and recreational director.

Kerry Donovan – Instructor

This is Kerry's seventh year at camp. With a BA in art education and an MA in teaching, Kerry will help develop our campers' creative talents. Kerry enjoys running, spinning, dancing, and painting.

Mike Epps – Instructor

As editor of the highly anticipated *Camp 'Zine* each session, Mr. Epps lends his expertise and creativity to the camp newspaper and is one of our lead instructor for Computer Specialty Camps. Mike has been part of camp for the past ten years. He has also taught credit courses at Mercer. This summer, campers can learn to make personal clips using digital photos and MPEG video clips. His three children keep him busy, but in his spare time he also enjoys mountain biking at Mercer Park and volunteers with church programs.

Isabel Fabrizio – Counselor

Isabel is returning for her third summer as a camp counselor. She graduated from Saint Louis University where she majored in psychology. She is a volunteer at University City Children's Center and serves as a student assistant for the Office of the Vice President of Student Development. One of our very popular counselors, Katie enjoys friendships, family, psychology, philosophy, reading good books, and fencing.

Sarah Greces – Senior Counselor

This is Sarah's third year as a senior camp counselor. She is employed in Hamilton as a kindergarten teacher. Sarah enjoys arts and crafts, skiing and going to the beach.

Debbie Gore – Instructor

Debbie is joining us for her third year at camp. For eleven years, she has been employed as a teacher at Steinert HS. She enjoys arts & crafts, sewing and cooking.

Linda Hamilton – Swim Coordinator/Instructor

Linda is continuing on to her fourth season with camp, and we couldn't be happier. She holds an MA in teaching and has been employed with Hamilton Twp Board of Education for the past 21 years and is now teaching with the elementary schools. Linda is a certified trainer for Hamilton Township BOE and



teaches water safety, lifeguard training, CPR/AED. Linda coordinates and instructs our Red Cross swim classes.

Karen Hogan – Counselor

This is Karen's fifth summer at camp. She graduated from Fordham University with a major in English. A huge sports fan, Karen spent four years working as a producer for the sports staff of Fordham's radio station. In her free time, she enjoys reading, exploring New York City, cooking and driving down the Jersey shore.

Jeff Kesten – Instructor

Check mate! Jeff has worked as an instructor with Camp College for the past 20 years and is closely associated with teaching chess strategies to campers of all ages. For the past few years, Jeff has taught a specialty camp, Design Your Own Business. This year, he will bring the specialty camp and chess program to the four-week session. During the year, Jeff is a computer instructor at East Windsor School District. He enjoys running, ice hockey, and naturally, chess!

Karen Kostro – Instructor

Karen is returning for her fifth summer at camp as an instructor. She is a first grade teacher at Mercerville Elementary School in Hamilton. Karen's interests include going to the beach, working in the yard and spending time with family and friends.

Beth Ann Maddalon – Instructor

Beth Ann is returning for her sixth summer with camp. She enjoys thinking outside the box, so most of her classes are the brain teasers that have our campers outwitting their opponents and stretching their brain muscles. Beth Ann is a guidance counselor at Crockett Middle School who also enjoys cake decorating as one of her hobbies.

Ross Maddalon - Instructor

Joining us for the very first year Ross is a business instructor in Old Bridge. He loves working with children and coaches football in his spare time.

Anna Maguire – Office Manager

This is Anna's sixth summer at camp. Anna has worn many hats at Camp College. In previous years, she has been an instructor, administrative head counselor and office manager. During the school year, Anna teaches basic math skills in Flemington.

Jason Malloy – Instructor

Jason is in his third instructing sports at Camp College. Currently, he is employed as a math teacher at Hamilton Township school district. His interests lay in the area of basketball for which he is currently a coach for Hamilton West JV. Jason has made a "slam dunk" addition to our staff.



Jessica Merrick – *Counselor*

This will be Jessica's third summer at camp. She has one semester left at William Paterson University and is a communication major with a minor in philosophy. Jessica is also a member of the Honors College with a focus in humanities. In her spare time she enjoys reading, spending time down at the Jersey shore and community service projects.

Chris Morales – *Counselor*

Chris is returning for his third consecutive year as a counselor at Camp College. He is currently majoring in education at the Pennsylvania State University. Chris enjoys sports and fishing.

Elzbieta Mrowinski – *Instructor*

This year is Ella's fifth year at camp. An elementary teacher from Poland, Ella will often share some of her traditions and customs with campers. In her spare time, she enjoys crafts, sports, traveling, history, and science.

MerryAnn Perpetua – *Instructor*

MerryAnn is here for her fourth year as an instructor for arts and crafts classes. She is a rare find with 10 years prior camp experience and over 20 years teaching experience. She is like a chameleon with the ability to adapt to any class we place her in. Her interests are writing, reading, hiking, canoeing, baking, karate, dancing, and painting.

Paul Poitras – *Administrative Head Counselor*

Although Paul hasn't been getting much sleep lately, he enjoyed his camp experience so much he is returning for his 2nd year. Paul and his wife recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Mia. During the school year, he is a Physical Education teacher in Old Bridge.

Karen Ricciardelli – *Instructor*

Joining us for her fourth year as an instructor Karen continues to dazzle us with her talents and flexibility. She is a 4th grade teacher at Trenton Catholic Academy and has more than 30 years teaching experience. She has also been a camp counselor for the Girl Scouts. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Courtney Rose – *Specialty Camp Head Coordinator/Counselor*

As a former camper herself, Courtney really knows about our program. This is her fifth year working at camp. She is a high school teacher in Edison, New Jersey and is working on her M.A. in Latin Teaching and her Ph.D. in Classics. She enjoys dancing, especially ballet and modern and has experience teaching ballet to school aged children. Other interests include singing, playing the piano, reading, and running cross country.



Emily Rossi – *Office Coordinator*

Emily started at camp three summers ago assisting in the camp office. For the past two years Emily has enjoyed working as an instructor. She is a kindergarten teacher at Kuser Elementary school in Hamilton. Her hobbies are walking, biking, reading, and traveling.

Ann M. Schiavoni – *Senior Counselor*

Ann is another one of those chameleons with the ability to adjust to anything. For her fourth year with camp she has moved over to an instructor position. In her professional life she can be found at Nottingham High School as a guidance counselor. Her hobbies are most likely the foundation that her flexibility is based on. Her interests are reading, volleyball, travel, crochet, needlepoint, french braiding, art, entertainment, and event planning.

Elizabeth Siwec, RN – *Camp Nurse*

Nurse Betty has been an important part of camp for the past ten years. Betty has degrees in teaching and nursing. As a former math teacher, she holds a BS in education, B.S.N and an M.ED. During the school year, she can be found as one of the Ewing Board of Education school nurses. She enjoys reading, needlepoint, walking, and traveling.

Natola Steer – *Co-Director*

This is Natola's eighth year with Camp College and is loved by everyone. She started as a counselor, instructed math and now wears many different hats as an administrator. Natola is employed by Burlington County Institute of Technology High School as a math teacher. She is dedicated, professional and does whatever it takes to keep our campers happy. Natola enjoys outdoor cooking, volleyball and community service.

Michele Tomasulo-*Counselor*

Michele attended Camp College, as well as Tomato Patch, when she was younger. She has recently completed her sophomore year at Centenary College and is returning for her fourth summer as a camp counselor. She is excited to again help provide a safe, nurturing, and fun-filled summer for campers. Michele's interests include theatre, music, figure skating, tennis, swimming, kickboxing, and writing.

Jenna Turdean – *Instructor*

Jenna is coming back for her third year. Currently, she is employed as a school teacher at Morgan Elementary in Hamilton. She enjoys arts & crafts, sports, drama and nature.

Courtney Valerio – *Lifeguard/ Counselor*

Courtney is joining us for her third year. She will be attending University of Mary Washington in the fall. She loves animals and would like to pursue a career as a veterinarian. Courtney enjoys horseback riding, swimming, softball and photography.



Diana Van Hise – Instructor

Diana has played an important role as an instructor at camp for the past 17 years. As an elementary music instructor for the past 20 years, Diana shares her interest for innovative music with her Philadelphia Style Drumming class at camp. Outside the classroom, she enjoys Tai Chi, gardening, Sudoku, ballroom dancing and jewelry making. She also shares her passion for designing jewelry right here at camp.

Anthony John Venanzi – Administrative Head Counselor

This is Anthony John's 9th year at camp. During the school year Anthony is a physical education teacher at St. Ann's. You can be sure that he will be actively motivating our campers in the importance of exercise. In his spare time, he enjoys watching and participating in all sports, and he also enjoys music.

Stephanie Venanzi – Instructor

Stephanie has been part of camp for the past ten years, first as a counselor and then as our dance instructor. A TCNJ graduate with a degree in Education and English, Stephanie teaches all of our dance classes. She is also responsible for encouraging our campers to make some noise with *Bangin' Beats*, her version of the Off-Broadway production, Stomp. For the past seven years, she has choreographed musicals at Crockett Middle School – *Once On This Island*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Oliver!*, *The Kina and I*, *Grease and more*. She also performs and dances regularly right here at Kelsey Theatre. Stephanie currently works at Pond Road Middle School teaching Language Arts and was the assistant director for their production of *Eloise*.

Wayne Wheeler – Instructor

Is anyone up for an Adventure? Wayne would say "yes". This summer marks the fifth year for our Adventure Camp leader. His weekly excursions to fun filled places have earned Wayne the instructor most counselors want to work with award. When summer is over and it's back to reality Wayne is a teacher of high school history and sociology. His interests include boating and biking.