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2010 Summer Camp Staff

The following directory gives you a brief description of our 2010 summer camp program staff leaders. Since we are still in the hiring process, we have not listed our assistant teachers at this time.

Lindenwood hires over 30 staff each summer. Many of our staff are college students who are out of school for the summer. Several of our staff, such Program Director, Mary Phillips, were

former campers at Lindenwood. Some of our staff will be starting their first year on staff, others will be completing up to 15 years or somewhere in-between.

To be a staff member, you must be 18 years old or older and out of high school. We look for staff who have experience, skills, leadership ability, and of course a genuine love for children.

Camp Director: Toni Key-Hall

Mrs. Toni has been a part of Lindenwood's Life Center for over eight years. She started in our K-1 classroom, moved to the front desk, and has served as our School Age Program Director (After School, camps, **School's Day Out** and Freedom Fridays) for the past two years.

Mrs. Toni has a keen understanding of our programs as a teacher and as an administrator.

Mrs. Toni and her husband Sidney have two children, Sidney Jr. and Sintonyo, ages

8 and 3. "It has been said that Directors aren't allowed to have fun but I beg to differ.

I can enjoy the "FUN" too.

Please feel free to talk to me about any issues or concerns that you may have.

We are here to help you and your child in any way we can.



It is my # 1 priority to keep the staff and students safe while here."



"People often think I am too serious.

There is definitely a serious side to my job, but I also like to play with the children and get silly at times. We are going to have a **GREAT summer."**

Mary Phillips: Program Director



After attending Lindenwood as a child, Ms. Mary has returned for her third summer as a staff member. As K-3 program director, she is responsible for planning camp activities for the youngest of our Lindenwood campers; and, with a passion for volunteerism, she is planning service projects for all of the grade groups. Ms. Mary is also committed to making Lindenwood a greener place with her gardening and recycling programs.

Ms. Mary is an avid gardener, runner, reader, and writer. She graduated from Warren Wilson College with a B.A. in English, and she is currently seeking a Master's Degree in Special Education.

"Camp is not just arts and crafts and outdoor games. Camp is an opportunity for children to learn and grow in ways that are not always possible in a classroom setting. With every activity that the children engage in, they are given the chance to learn sportsmanship, responsibility, and compassion."



Kenny Fleming: Program Director



Mr. Kenny has returned for his third Summer as a member of the greatest STAFF in the Tri-State area. Known as the "FUN" guy, he focuses on programs and activities that are not only physically but socially beneficial to the camper. As a product of the Life Center's one-word vision statement, GROW, Mr. Kenny is determined to create an atmosphere where the campers may do the same.

Mr. Kenny is currently pursuing a degree in Child Development with a minor in Sociology

at the University of Memphis. He enjoys all forms of recreation, traveling, and music.

"The ingredients for a GREAT Summer Camp include sunshine, smiles, a couple of pies, water balloons, dirt, and You, the camper. So parents if your child is not sleepy on the ride home, I did not do my job!"



Jeremy Lawson: Program Director

Mr. Jeremy is nothing but a big ball of energy and fun. He joined the Lindenwood staff in the summer of '09. Mr. Jeremy is a well rounded individual who is a hard worker and a team player. He loves kids with all his heart and wants



nothing but the best for all of them. Jeremy and his wife, Tanisa, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Janie Marie, born in January 2010.

During summer camp, his primary focus will be the arts (music, art and drama) and the scriptural aspects of camp, which includes the weekly chapels and our own praise team. He has a lot of ideas and we are excited to have him on board.

Mr. Jeremy has been in the child care field for over nine years. He is a Performer of the arts, he dances, sings, acts and plays the piano. He is also a Junior at the University of Memphis where he is a Dance education major with a minor in non-profit administration.

Mr. Jeremy believes that every adult is a bridge that can help guide a child over to the other side. Were does your bridge lead?



Miles Kovarik: K-1 Lead Teacher

This will be Mr. Miles's second summer at Lindenwood. He is currently the lead teacher in the K-1 after school program. During the summer, he will lead the K-1 camp in another exciting year.



Mr. Miles is pursuing a degree

in Anthropology with a minor in Spanish at the University of Memphis. He had attend Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC for three years.

Before Mr. Miles came to Lindenwood he spent time in a self-designed intensive study abroad in Peru, Chile and Argentina.

Mr. Miles loves teaching the K-1 kids and wants to expand their minds about the world around them and help them appreciate the outdoors and "green" oriented activities. Mr. Miles says, "I am still a kid at

heart, so I truly enjoy my job, but I want to help my students' minds, body, and spirits".

Mr. Miles is a soccer fanatic and loves anything in the "great" outdoors.



Sherry Brown

Duke Jones



Star Dunning

Thomas Caldwell: 2 & 3 Co-Lead Teacher



Mr. Thomas has been at Lindenwood for two years now and is

currently a senior at the University of Memphis with a study in Political Science. Because of his hard work and commitment to his kids, he has been asked to be a co-lead this summer with the mighty Second and Third grade camp in what is sure to be a fun and adventure filled summer.

He loves playing, running, and laughing with the ALL the kids.

"I believes that children are our future and its up to us to guide them in the right direc-

tion. That means showing them right from wrong and most importantly how to have a fun, yet safe summer!



Trey Flowers



Brittany Cation



KC Cottingham



Devin Walker



Carmen Fentress and Jan Waller: 4 & 5 Co-Leads Teacher



*Ms. Carmen has been at Lindenwood for the past two summers and is OVERLY excited for returning for her third summer!

She loves music (plays three instruments), dance (has been dancing since age 9), and having OODLES of fun! Even though sports is not her strong point, she still enjoys playing basketball and flag football with

the kids.

*Thus far, Ms. Carmen has worked with 2nd and 3rd grade, however this summer she will take on new challenges by working with Lindenwood's 4th and 5th grades as a co-lead teacher.

Ms. Carmen attends school at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and will be going into her final undergraduate year in the fall. She majors in Psychology with a minor in Elementary Education. She also dances for the University of Tennessee's official hip-hop team "Allure".

"This summer will be a special joy to me because I have always had such a strong

love for music, dance and drama. This year's theme, discover the STAR within you, provides plenty of opportunities to share my passion with our campers".

Jan Waller will be featured next week.

Emily Dunn



Trevor Hardaway



Rachel Refearn



Annie Strong: 6 & 7 Lead Teacher

Ms. Annie has been with Lindenwood since the Summer of '09. She currently works with grades 4-8.

This Summer Ms. Annie will be our Lead Teacher for the 6&7 graders. She took lots of notes from last year's camp and is ready to make a huge impact on the many activities Lindenwood

has to offer during Summer Camp.

Ms. Annie is a professional Dancer and Singer. She works with Hispanic students and parents to ensure their path towards graduation. She attended Tennessee State University obtaining her Teacher's Certification.



"I believes that it is our job as Educators to find that special niche in a child and help blossom it into something that will allow them to impact the world.



Taylor Hollenbach



Brittany Gragg Ms. B



Dustin Rovey



Nancy Harwood: 8-10 Co-Lead Teacher



Nancy has a long history at Lindenwood. She was among one of our first children in our child care center. She has been on our staff for the past 2

years. Nancy has worked with a variety of ages in our after school program and our summer camp. This year, we have asked her to co-lead the 8-10 grade group. Nancy is very creative and talented in art, arts and crafts, and writing. She is also very loving and caring toward her campers. We feel she will be a great roll model for our older campers.

“I look forward to getting to know each of our 8-10 grade campers this

year. I think we are going to have a fun and meaningful time together. Parents, please feel free to stop by anytime. I would love to get to **meet you”**.



Brent Lamer: 8-10 Co-Lead Teacher

Brent is high energy and brings excitement and fun to everything he does. We feel Brent will be a great addition to our 8-10 grade camp.

Brent excels in sports. He was very active in high school on the wrestling team and he now coaches baseball at Lindenwood.

Brent has been a member of Lindenwood church for the past 8 years.

Brent also has a unique ability to talk to young teens and to help them deal with issues that they face **in today’s world.**

“I am looking forward to working with the 8-10 grade campers. We have a lot of fun activities planned and we get to use the new TUNNEL. It is a very cool place”.



Phil Vaughn: Life Center Director

Mr. Phil has been a part of Lindenwood's Life Center for over 23 years. He is credited with developing the after school program, child care center and summer camp programs.



"Working at the Life Center is never boring. I love meeting new families, creat-

ing new programs, and learning new things".

Mr. Phil's interests include playing guitar, gardening, running and biking. He has completed 10 half and full marathons and three MS 150's bike rides and looks forward to someday running the New York Marathon..



Mr. Phil has his Master's Degree in Education from Memphis State (U of M). He is active in his church at Lindenwood where he serves as a

Life Elder. He and his wife Shelly have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

"This year's summer camp is full of new ideas, staff, and facilities. Camp planning started in November and is still going strong. This is one summer you don't want to miss. We look forward to seeing you soon".



Jean Ann McBride: Office Manager

Ms. Jean Ann has been a part of the Life Center family for over 15 years. She is truly the glue that holds it all together. With over 500 families that use our services, she keeps up with the registrations, payments, receipts, rosters and bus lists.



Ms. Jean Ann is also in charge of

the concessions and meals for both the Life Center and the child care center. She creates the menus, purchases food & supplies, fills in when the cook is out .

Ms. Jean Ann is also a certified instructor in first aid and CPR and teaches classes for all Lindenwood staff. She is a certified archery instructor and teaches campers during the summer

Ms. Jean Ann is also licensed to drive the after school van and often substitutes when needed.

And she is the Girl Scout coordinator of the

Lindenwood scout troops.

Ms Jean Ann has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. She has a double major in Biology and Chemistry and worked for a number of years as an analytical chemist. She is active in her church, loves to camp and spend time with her grandkids.



Bill Ferguson: Transportation/Building Supervisor

Mr. Bill has a long history with Lindenwood's Life Center. Eight years ago, he



started driving our after school buses. Today, he is the director of our transportation program, maintains our 6 buses, provides security as a licensed security guard, produces children's plays with our

after school students, and handles most construction projects and building repairs. He is truly a jack-of-all trades.

"I enjoy staying busy. The Life Center keeps me on my toes and is always changing something, moving something, building something or painting something. I never run out of projects. Working with kids keeps me young



at heart. I love to watch them grow and learn new things".



Kristen Lamer: Front Desk and Office



Ms. Kristen spent most of her growing up years at Lindenwood. She was in the youth group and sang in the youth choir for 6 years. Ms. Kristen has worked with the Life Center for the past 2 years. She quickly showed a talent for handling the organized chaos at the front desk.

She loves interacting with the parents and greeting the kids when they arrive and saying goodbye when they leave.

This summer, Ms. Kristen will be working at the front desk each morning. She will also assist Ms. Jean Ann with summer camp clerical work.

Jordan Turri: Kidz World Coordinator

“I have been at Lindenwood for almost ten years. As a child, I was involved in the youth group, and even was able to go on a mission trip to Mexico. Lindenwood has done so much for my family and me, and I will always be thankful for the love the church family has shown. Because I am away at college I do not get to visit as often as I'd like, but I love coming back and working in the summer.

Although being a student is my number one priority, I also enjoy running, being with friends, and traveling. I love being creative and always have an art project to work on.

I am studying to become an event planner, and plan to open my own business. I also have a dream of being an interior designer on the side.

Two of the things I love the most are children and art. I couldn't think of a more amazing opportunity than to be working with both this summer. This is my second year working at Lindenwood Summer Camp, and I am so happy to be back. I look forward to seeing everyone again and can't wait to meet all the new campers! “



Memory Schwartz: Lindy's Café Manager

Ms. Memory is a new addition to our Lindenwood staff. Ms. Memory started as a volunteer working with Coach David. After displaying great organizational skills and a solid work ethic, we asked her to come to work for the Life Center.

She continues to volunteer her time with the recreation program, she is also the director of the Wednesday night Kidz Express program.

Ms. Memory is now the concessions manager and will be busy preparing and serving meals and snacks at Freedom Fridays, School's Day Outs and of course summer camp. This job is especially important now that we have moved our summer camp food services from the church kitchen to the Life Center.

Ms. Memory has a 7 year son, Rico, that also keeps her busy. Ms. Memory is very involved with Lindenwood church. She loves working out at the Lindenwood fitness center and she loves the Memphis Grizzlies Basketball team.



Caitilin Sheridan: Lindy's Café Assistant



Caitilin grew up at the Life Center. She was active in the Life Center programs, girl scouts, and youth programs. We are excited to be working with Caitilin this summer. She is a hard worker and really loves our children.

Best staff pictures from week one

