Wetlands & Woodlands Summer Camp Staff 2018

Linda Bowman – Summer Camp Environmental Educator (II) (Sessions 2A, 3, 4A, 5A)

Linda is a lifelong educator with a passion for the outdoors. The second of six children, she always envied her brothers who got to do yard work while she had to work indoors. She grew up in Minnesota where she remembers playing in the woods across the street. She spent her days at Blandford Nature Center where she is a teacher for CA Frost students. She is also involved in several local organizations including Plaster Creek Stewards and River City Wild Ones. This is her first summer working for the Calvin College Ecosystem Preserve and she is excited to bring her passion and gifts to a new place!

Fun Facts about Miss Linda:
- Linda walked her first half marathon last fall. She has loved walking her whole life.
- Some of her favorite Michigan animals are the wood frog and the turkey vulture because she loves spring and these critters and both signs of spring.

Rachel DeHaan – Summer Camp Environmental Educator (II) (Sessions 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B)

Rachel is a senior at Calvin College and will be graduating in December with a degree in Elementary Education with a focus in Language Arts and the Integrated Sciences. She discovered a passion for being active in the outdoors in high school and has been on staff for Calvin's Outdoor Recreation Department since her freshman year where she gets to share her love of backpacking, rock climbing and creation care. This is her third summer leading summer camps (she must really love this place!) She loves to share her curiosity for the wonders, small and large, that God has created for us to enjoy right here at the preserve. Rachel hopes to work in urban education after she graduates and dreams of interweaving her passion for environmental education with her desire to work in high-need public schools.

Fun Facts about Miss Rachel:
- Her favorite Michigan animal is black bear. She has never seen one in Michigan, but did encounter a grizzly bear while backpacking in Montana and would love to tell you all about it.
- Rachel loves to go backpacking. She enjoys the solitude of being several days away from civilization and pushing herself physically and mentally on long hikes. She also loves that everything tastes better in the woods.
Jeanette Henderson – Camp Director (All sessions)

Jeanette's official title is Program Manager of the Calvin College Ecosystem Preserve (CCEP). Her responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of CCEP's education and outreach programs including but not limited to developing curriculum and programs, training Calvin students in environmental education/interpretation techniques, and teaching programs for Pre-K through adult. She holds a B.S. degree in Biology from Calvin College and certifications in Project Learning Tree, Project WILD, Aquatic WILD, Growing Up WILD, Flying WILD and Leopold Education Project. She has worked at the state level for Michigan Audubon directing and coordinating programs. Additional experience includes designing and teaching school and family programs as a marine educator for the University of Georgia’s Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Savannah, Georgia and as a naturalist for several state parks in Michigan through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, cooking, knitting, and traveling.

Fun Facts about Miss Jeanette:
- Her least favorite animal are snakes! It has a good portion of her life to not scream when she sees one. Even naturalists have fears! However, she is fascinated by most every other creepy crawlies. Millipedes, grasshoppers, slugs, worms, spiders and katydids are just a few creatures that fascinate her.
- Her childhood dream was to be a marine biologist studying marine invertebrates such as crabs and sea stars, fish and sea otters.
- Abbie Kat, her calico cat plays fetch and rolls on her back to be petted just like a dog.

Amberleigh Greene – Summer Camp Environmental Educator (I)

Amberleigh is a junior at Calvin studying K-12 French Education. She is from Valparaiso, Indiana and has memories of summer vacations spent hiking and camping in national parks with her family. She spent last fall in France and got to hike in the French Alps! This is her first summer working as a camp leader and she is excited to learn more about the Michigan ecosystem and use her creativity to work with young learners.

Fun Facts about Miss Amberleigh:
- She loves sweet food because she loves to bake cookies, pies and other goodies!
- She doesn’t really like cats because they don’t seem to like her, they always look at her suspiciously.
- Her favorite spots in the preserve are the ponds because she loves looking for frogs and turtles.
Joshua Moelker – Summer Camp Environmental Educator (1)

Josh is a junior at Calvin majoring in Elementary Education with minors in Integrated Science and Math. He was born and raised in Grand Rapids and grew up playing in the parks near his house, exploring the woods at his grandparent’s house, and boating with his family on Lake Michigan. Josh loves to be outside; he enjoys hiking, biking, running and can even be found reading a good book in the great outdoors. This is his first year working as a camp leader and he is excited to share his passion for exploring and being in nature with his campers.

Fun Facts about Mr Josh:
- His favorite Michigan animal is the Elk because they are huge, beautiful animals and have a very funny sounding bugle.
- Morning bird or night owl? “I am definitely a night owl.”
- His favorite childhood memory of being outside is learning to water ski.

Julie Wilbourn – Department Assistant

Julie grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has a B.S. degree in Marketing from Miami University. Her work experience includes project management and analysis of market research studies, as well as market analysis and product management of various manufactured products. Most recently, she spends time volunteering at her children’s schools, coordinating enrichment presentations, book fairs, and hot lunch programs. Julie joined our staff in 2012, and in regards to camp assists Jeanette with camp registration and marketing. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and outdoor activities like biking and swimming.

Fun Facts about Miss Julie:
- Her favorite spot in the preserve is on North Pond deck in the fall, because when the wind blows the leaves off the trees and sends them swirling over the water, you feel like you’re in a giant snow globe.
- If she could be a tree, she would be a dogwood.
- She doesn’t have any pets - at the moment, she thinks her family is enough to take care of! But, she has had ladybug, ant & butterfly habitats at home.
Volunteer Camp Assistants

We are grateful to the following teenagers for donating their time and skills to serve as Camp Assistants this summer.

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