

CAMP MONDAMIN STAFF 2011

We thought you'd like to meet our '11 Camp Staff. Here they are... we're very proud of them. The staff's average age is 25. Fifty-two of the 68 counselors, and all seven of the support staff listed have been here as campers and/or counselors previously, which means we know them well.

Mark Allain, age 19, from New Orleans LA joined us for his first year on the sailing staff; he was a camper for four years. He attends Oberlin College where he is studying Creative Writing. Mark plans to teach history; he enjoys music and writing.

Tim Anderson, age 26, from Charlotte NC was back for this sixth year on staff, this summer as Senior Line Head. He attends UNC-Charlotte and enjoys cycling and playing the drums; he recently biked at a competition in New Zealand.

Max Appley, age 20, from Lafayette LA returned for his second summer, this year on the paddling staff; he was a camper for seven years. He will be a junior at Lewis and Clark College where he is studying International Affairs. Max enjoys traveling, skiing and kayaking; he worked on two organic farms in Scandinavia last summer. He is a Lifeguard.

Jeff Axisa, age 25, from Hamilton Ontario, was here for his first summer on our biking staff. He recently graduated from McMaster's University with a Masters in Geography. Jeff enjoys biking, climbing and ice hockey; he has hiked the Grand Canyon and hopes to travel to South America. He is a Wilderness First Responder.

John Barry, age 19, from Charlotte NC returned to Mondamin for his first summer on the paddling staff; he was a camper for four summers. He attends Wake Forest University where he is studying Sports Marketing. John likes to deejay and play soccer; he traveled to Zimbabwe last summer. He is a lifeguard.

Robert Beal, age 21, from Hendersonville, NC joined us for his first summer on the tennis staff. He attends UNC-Chapel Hill where he studies management. Robert enjoys basketball, soccer, and ping pong. He completed a one-month NOLS mountaineering course.

Andrew Bell, age 33, from Tuxedo NC, is our year-round assistant director. This is his fifteenth summer on staff; he was a camper for six years. He helps hire staff and works hard on 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 67, from Tuxedo NC, has been Mondamin's director for 38 years. He enjoys flying, paddling, biking, hiking and grandchildren! He flew his float plane to Canada for a two-week adventure in late August.

Russell Branch, age 24, from Richmond VA returned for his third summer on the paddling staff (which he led during June Camp); he was a camper here for seven summers. He enjoys kayaking and skiing; he plans to travel to Thailand to boat. Russell is a lifeguard and a Wilderness First Responder.

Sarah Wilder Brice, from Louisville KY was back at Mondamin for her third summer 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 volunteering at her kids' school; her son and daughter are campers here.

Matt Brown, age 20, from Catalina Foothills AZ, joined us for his first summer on the swim staff. He attends Ole Miss and enjoys swimming, sports and music. Matt plans to attend grad school and to do information analysis for the government.

Nathan Burks, age 22, from Birmingham AL was here for his first summer on the swim staff. He attends Auburn University and will graduate in December. He enjoys biking, playing the guitar and off-roading; he plans on hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Brian Burton, age 23, returned to camp for his fourth summer on the biking staff, leading lots of trips out of camp. He attends the University of Florida where he is studying Business. Brian is a pilot and is working towards obtaining his commercial pilot's license. He also likes to climb and kayak; he is a Wilderness First Responder; his brother Erich is on staff.

Erich Burton, age 25, was back for his fourth summer as head of biking. He is a graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in Philosophy. He spent a good part of the past year traveling; he enjoys kayaking and mountain biking; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Emory Capps, age 24, from Boulder CO, was at camp for his fifth summer as head of mountaineering; he was a camper for six summers. During the winter months he is a snowboard instructor and a barista. Emory enjoys climbing, snowboarding, biking and playing the guitar; he is an Eagle Scout, an AMGA Climbing Guide and a Wilderness First Responder. He plans to climb in Thailand and wants to learn Spanish.

Aubry Carmody, age 21, from Shreveport LA, returned for his third year, this summer as head of tennis; he was a camper here for two summers. He attends Ole Miss where he is studying Finance; he likes reading, music and trying new things.

Drake Carmody, age 19, from Shreveport LA, was at camp for his first summer on the ICA staff; he was a camper for two summers. He just completed his first year at Ole Miss. Drake enjoys all kinds of sports.

David Clarke, age 25, from Asheville NC was back for his sixth summer, leading the paddling program during Main Camp; he was a camper here for one summer. He teaches Spanish and canoeing at the French Broad River Academy during the school year. David enjoys paddling, music, snowboarding and traveling; he has paddled in the Grand Canyon, Ecuador and Costa Rica. He is a Wilderness First Responder, a Lifeguard and has his Swift Water Rescue certification.

Nick Colquitt, age 23, from Charlotte NC, returned for his second summer on the mountaineering staff. He is studying at Central Piedmont Community College. Nick enjoys climbing, playing the guitar and mountain biking; he is a single pitch climbing instructor and a Wilderness First Responder.

Blake Coscino, age 20, from Laguna Beach CA, was here for his first summer on the swim staff. He attends Ole Miss where he studies Homeland Security. Blake likes to surf, fish and snowboard (he has surfed in Mexico); he is a Lifeguard.

Robert Danos, age 42, Mondamin's year-round Program Director, resides in Hendersonville with his wife, two daughters and son. He enjoys politics and plans to run for office in the future. This is Robert's 30th summer at Mondamin: 9 years as a camper and 21 years on staff.

Rick Deluga, age 32, from Asheville NC, was back for his eighth summer, this year as Administrative Director. He is responsible for scheduling nine vans, one bus and lots of drivers in order to make our tripping program run well. Rick works as a teaching assistant and attends school full-time, studying Sociology. Rick enjoys cooking, reading, writing and just about anything outdoors; he is a Wilderness First Responder and a certified Leave No Trace trainer. He has spent the last nine months battling and successfully defeating cancer!

Harry Demere, age 21, from Lexington VA was back for his second summer on the tennis staff; he was a camper for six summers. He attends Washington and Lee University where he is studying Economics. Harry recently spent a semester abroad in Switzerland.

Maggie Depp, from New Hope PA, came back for her second summer as one of our Main Camp nurses. She is a full-time wife and mom and enjoys horseback riding, swimming and reading. Her son and daughters are campers here.

Michael Dodd, age 21, from Greenville SC, returned for his third year, this summer on the tennis staff (he has previously been on the swim staff); he was a camper for five summers. He just completed his junior year at Clemson University where he is studying marketing. Michael enjoys photography and traveling; he also DJs on his college radio station.

Alec Douglas, age 19, from Santa Cruz CA, was back at Mondamin for his first summer on the mountaineering staff; he was a camper for five summers. He attends Bates College in Maine and enjoys soccer, climbing, playing the guitar, geology and history. Alec spent five months in the Colorado Rockies with the High Mountains Institute; he is a Wilderness EMT.

Evan Dunne, age 18, from Davidson NC was back for his first summer on the paddling staff; he was a camper for five years. He attends North Carolina State University, where he plans to study Nuclear Engineering. Evan likes to play lacrosse and be outdoors. He is a Lifeguard.

Simon Everett, age 27, from Oak City NC was back for his third summer on staff as June Camp Junior Linehead; he was a camper for four summers. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and received his MBA from Wake Forest University. Simon owns and manages college student housing and enjoys flying, scuba, farming and dealing in real estate. He has traveled a great deal recently, including a trip to Eastern Europe, Germany and Canada.

James Farr, age 22, from Hagley Worcestershire in the UK joined us for his first summer on the tennis staff. He attends John Moores University in Liverpool. James enjoys rugby and scuba diving (he dove off of the Great Barrier Reef). After camp he plans to tour the US.

Bill Felder, age 53, from Dallas TX returned to his Mondamin roots for his seventh year on staff; he was first here in the 1970's! He was a camper here for four summers, and now runs our sailing program. Bill enjoys flying planes, fly fishing and traveling; he plans to visit Provence France and last year he went to the Canadian Rockies after camp. He is a Wilderness First Responder and an Open Water Scuba Diver. His youngest son is on staff as well this summer; his older son as been on staff too!

Ian Felder, age 20, from Dallas TX, returned for his first summer on the mountaineering staff; he was a camper for seven summers! He attends Boston University where he is studying Mechanical Engineering; he plans on obtaining an advanced degree in engineering and invention law. Ian enjoys electronics and sailing.

Hayes Friddle, age 18, from Charlotte NC returned for his first summer on the paddling staff; he was a camper for six summers. He will attend the Naval Academy next fall and plans to study Mechanical Engineering. Hayes enjoys paddling and basketball. He is a Lifeguard and an Eagle Scout.

Barbara Fulciniti, from Huger, SC, was back at camp for her fifth summer as head of the riding staff. She is working on her master's degree in Psychology so that she can practice Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. Barbara enjoys oil painting and photography; she is a Wilderness First Responder. Her daughter was a June camper at Green Cove.

Margi Woodbridge Gaffney, from Cayce SC, returned for her eighth 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 enjoys cooking and gardening. Her son and daughter have both been campers at Mondamin and Green Cove.

Joe Green, age 24, from Liverpool England, returned to us for his second year as head of swimming. He recruits for Camp Leaders, one of the agencies Mondamin uses to hire foreign staff. Joe plans to start his own company working in the camping industry and traveling around Europe. He enjoys biking, swimming, music, and hiking; he cycled 800 miles across Vietnam and Cambodia. Joe has worked at other camps in the US.

Mike Haggerty, age 22, from Florence AL, was here for his fourth summer on the mountaineering staff; he was a camper here for three summers. He recently graduated from the College of Wooster and plans to obtain his PhD in History. Michael enjoys archival research, and editing the college newspaper; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Lecky Haller, age 54, from Asheville NC was back as part of our paddling staff. He was a camper and on staff back in the 70's and 80's, which makes this his 16th year at Mondamin! Lecky has a distinguished paddling resume, which includes 19 years on the US Whitewater Canoe/Kayak Team, four World Championships, 14 National Championships, US Olympic Whitewater Slalom Team member in 1992 and 2000, 10 years coaching Junior and Senior team members, and more. He was an instructor at Nantahala Outdoor Center for seven years. Lecky enjoys spending time with his daughters (one is a Green Cove camper) and traveling - he has visited 43 countries!

Mike Harrington, age 26, from Greenville NC (but currently living in Hendersonville NC), returned for his fourth summer, this year as Middler Line Head. He has a degree in Philosophy and plans to attend Physician's Assistant school. Mike enjoys frisbee golf, kayaking, and reading; he has hiked the Appalachian Trail.

Jay Holman, age 20, from Waterville ME, joined us for his first summer on the paddling staff. He is pursuing a degree in Religious Studies at Colby College. Jay enjoys kayaking, hiking, fly fishing, snowboarding and blacksmithing. He is a lifeguard and an EMT.

Lawson Johnson, age 23, from Charleston SC, returned for his fifth summer, this year as Baron Linehead (he was previously on the sailing staff); he was a camper for nine summers! He just graduated from Clemson University where he studied Economics. Lawson enjoys music, guitar, boating and golf; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Cherie Jones, from Kernville CA, returned to her duties as one of our Taj ladies for her fifth summer. She answers the phones, runs the store, sorts the mail and performs many other duties to help keep Taj running smoothly. Cherie and her husband enjoy sharing their time between California and North Carolina visiting their grandchildren here (who she shares with Frank Bell); she also enjoys cooking and sewing.

Kirstin Jones, age 19, from Manchester in the UK, was here for her first summer on the riding staff. She just completed her first year at the university and plans to become a social worker. Kirstin enjoys net ball, horses, biking and skiing.

Jon Kalantar, age 22, from Gainesville FL returned for his third summer on the mountaineering staff during June Camp. He attends the University of Florida where he is studying environmental engineering. Jon enjoys climbing, surfing and music; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Sami Kattan, age 21, from Gainesville FL, was back with us for his second summer on the Nature Lab staff. He attends the University of Florida where he is studying Anthropology and Psychology. Sami plans to work as a Wilderness Therapist; he enjoys soccer, scuba diving and music. He traveled to Central America this spring; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Claudia Laffin, from Hendersonville NC, was back for her second summer working at Taj; she was on staff at Green Cove one summer. She works at the local Earth Fare grocery as well. Claudia is married to a Mondamin alum and her two boys were at camp this summer.

Jade Logan, age 19, from Leeds in the UK, was at Mondamin for her first summer on the riding staff. She attends Writtle College where she is studying Equestrian Management; she plans to open a horse rescue sanctuary. Jade likes music, horseback riding, skiing and traveling (she has been to Cuba, Cancun and Europe).

Francis Long, age 22, from Shreveport LA was back for his second year on the sailing staff; he was a camper for seven summers! He attends the University of Colorado at Boulder where he studies film. Francis enjoys playing the drums, traveling and music; he is a third generation camper.

Trey Lowenthal, age 20, from New Orleans LA, was back at Mondamin for his first summer on the swim staff; he was a camper for five summers. He attends Southern Methodist University where he studies Mechanical Engineering. Trey enjoys fishing and playing the guitar; he is a Lifeguard.

Andrea Luke, from Yorktown VA, came back for her fifth summer as one of our Main Camp nurses. She is a full-time mom; her son and daughter are campers here. Andrea enjoys traveling, knitting and skiing. She has been an RN since 1995 and prior to that taught school for three years.

JS Lyles, age 23, from Davidson NC, returned for his fourth summer on the mountaineering staff. He attends UNC-Charlotte where he is studying History; he plans to attend law school in the future. JS enjoys turkey hunting, skeet shooting and bass fishing; he is a Wilderness First Responder and a Lifeguard.

Nathan Martin, age 26, from St George Utah, joined us for his first summer on the mountaineering staff. He works in Wilderness Therapy and spent 265 days last year in the woods with at risk youth. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Messiah College. Nathan enjoys climbing and watching movies.

Sean Megahy, age 18, from Berwickshire in Scotland, arrived for his first summer on our riding staff. He plans to attend the university and study Biochemistry. Sean enjoys rugby, soccer, horses and collecting music.

Jon Mullen, age 38, from Charlotte NC, was back for his seventh summer taking amazing photos for camp. He teaches fourth grade and works as a fashion photographer as well. He enjoys music, travel, and graphic design. Jon has recently begun doing some professional photo shoots.

Mark Nicolson, age 25, from Liverpool England, returned for his fourth summer at Mondamin, serving as Main Camp Junior Linehead. During the rest of the year he recruits international camp staff for Camp Leaders, one of the agencies Mondamin and Green Cove use. Mark will compete in a marathon in Liverpool in October; he enjoys running, soccer, basketball and road cycling. He is a lifeguard and has worked at camps for 10 summers.

Sophie Odelberg, age 19, from Stockholm Sweden, was here for her first summer on the riding staff. She is a freelance photographer and enjoys climbing, working out, drawing and music. Sophie traveled with her family to South Africa, New Zealand, India and Africa.

Megan O'Hara, age 19, from Glasgow Scotland, arrived at Mondamin for her first summer on the riding staff. She attends Andrews University and enjoys riding, music and art; she speaks French, and spent a summer in France.

James Page, age 20, from Swarthmore PA, was here for his second summer on the mountaineering staff. He attends Warren Wilson College where he is studying Outdoor Leadership; he plans to work for Outward Bound or NOLS. James enjoys kayaking, frisbee, and reading; he is co-captain of his school's paddling team. He is a Wilderness First Responder and a Lifeguard.

Patrick Peacock, age 26, from Boone NC returned for this fifth year on the sailing staff. He is working towards a Masters degree and plans on becoming a nurse practitioner. Patrick enjoys slack lining, juggling and unicycling. He is a Wilderness First Responder, a Lifeguard, an EMT and a Swiftwater Rescuer; his wife Terry is on staff as well.

Terry Peacock, age 24, from Boone NC was back at camp for her 2nd summer, managing the Crafts department; she was at Green Cove last summer. She is working on her graduate degree in Math at Appalachian State University and teaches part-time. Terry likes to knit, backpack and dance; she plans to teach at a community college after she completes her degree. Her husband is on staff as well.

Matt Price, age 25, currently living in Asheville NC, returned for his third summer on the Nature Lab staff. He holds a degree in Resource Management and enjoys fishing and going on turtle patrol. Matt is a Wilderness First Responder and has participated in a bald eagle study.

Day Shelmire, age 50, from Tyler TX, returned from a long hiatus for his third year on staff, this summer on the paddling staff; he was a camper for six years. He is an entrepreneur and will start a new company in the near future, after selling his last venture. Day has three sons who attend Main Camp; in his free time he enjoys reading and paddling.

Anne Smythe, from Charlotte NC came back to Mondamin for her second summer as one of our June Camp nurses. She has been a pediatric nurse for 18 years and enjoys swimming, boating, hiking and playing with her dog. Anne's two daughters are campers at Green Cove.

Brian Streetman, age 21, from Hendersonville NC returned to us for his second summer on the ICA staff. He attends Wingate University where he majors in Religious Studies. Brian plans to attend grad school so that he can teach at the college level. He enjoys music, movies, swimming, and hiking; he just returned from spending two weeks in Switzerland.

Lauren Stuckey, from Mandeville LA, returned for her fourth summer as one of our June Camp nurses; she was a Green Cove camper. She works as an OB nurse when she's not at camp and enjoys traveling, fishing and pottery. Lauren's son is a current camper and her daughter is a former camper; she is also our camp representative in Mandeville. She loves taking care of all of her Mondamin boys!

Trey Talley, age 20, from New Orleans LA was back for his second summer on the sailing staff; he was a camper here for nine summers! He just completed his sophomore year at the University of the South where he is studying Physics. Trey plans to attend Engineering school.

Clare Taylor, age 21, from London in the UK joined us for her first summer on the riding staff. She attends Bristol University where she is studying English and Media; she plans to teach English in Thailand. Clare enjoys riding, soccer, mountain biking and swimming; she recently spent two weeks in Spain.

Houston Taylor, age 22, from Nashville TN returned for his fourth summer on the mountaineering staff. He attends Centre College in Kentucky where he is a Classics and English major. Houston is a certified Challenge/Ropes Course Facilitator. Houston enjoys playing frisbee and recently traveled to Ireland; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Adam Trufant, age 23, from Brevard, NC was on the paddling staff for his first year here. Adam grew up at a nearby camp where he became a strong paddler. He graduated from Belmont Abbey College last year with a degree in Political Science. He has traveled a great deal (Italy, Kenya, China, India, Israel, Mexico among others) and has taken a NOLS course.

Jarrett Van Meter, age 20, from Burlington VT was back for his first summer on the ICA staff; he was a Mondamin camper for six summers. He attends the University of Vermont and plans to teach. Jarrett enjoys kayaking, yoga, basketball and traveling.

Stephen Walker, age 21, from Hendersonville NC returned to Mondamin for his second summer on the biking staff; he was a camper for seven summers. He attends the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he is working on a degree in English. Stephen enjoys playing the guitar, golf, baseball and cycling; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

James Webb, age 40, originally from Louisiana, but moving this fall to Las Vegas, was back at camp for his thirteenth year on the mountaineering staff! He is a Physician's Assistant and loves to climb. James is planning a return trip to Alaska and is a Wilderness First Responder.

Spencer Wiesner, age 20, from Waccabuc NY, returned to camp for his second year on the bike staff; he was a camper for nine summers! He attends St. Lawrence University. Spencer is a volunteer firefighter and an EMT. He enjoys biking, scuba diving, surfing and lacrosse; he is a Wilderness First Responder.

Jessie Wilson, age 23, from Gainesville FL joined us for his first summer on the biking staff. He is studying Zoology at Florida State University and plans to attend grad school. Jessie enjoys climbing, biking, poetry, cooking and fishing; he has climbed in Mexico and California.

Chris Woods, age 21, from Ocean Springs, MS was here for his first summer on the swim staff. He attends Mississippi State University where he is studying Business. Chris enjoys fishing and camping.

Charlie Zogzas, age 21, from Hendersonville NC was back for his second summer on the swim staff. He attends North Carolina State University and plans to go to Pharmacy School. Charlie enjoys music, mountain biking and playing ping pong; he has tutored kids in math and chemistry.