

MEET THE CAMP COUNSELORS

SKYE BRAGG



I am now fulltime wife, and a homeschool teacher to my 2 boys. I have almost completed my Bachelor's degree in Environmental Management, due to be completed August 2024. I hope to use my education to better educate the world about Earth's ecoystems and how we can treat them well. I love to be outside with my family in nature which includes, hiking, foraging, and just enjoying the world we live in. I have 1 dog named Max, a cat named Ghost, a bearded dragon named Spike, and 7 chickens.

SARAH EASTER



Hello! My name is Sarah Easter. During the school year, I work at Life Academy with special needs kids as a paraprofessional. I'm so excited about summer for warmer weather and exploring the outdoors. At home I have 8 (possibly 9) cats that keep me and my husband busy. My daughter, Frog, is a JCI at Douglas-Hart during the summer, so we get to spend extra time together. I love arts and crafts and will for sure have some of my own projects I bring home from camp this summer.

TAYLOR MCCLAIN



I am attending EIU to get my bachelor's in environmental biology. I enjoy spending as much time as I can outside adventuring with my three dogs. I am so excited for this summer at DHNC!!

LEXI TURNER



I am very excited to be back at DHNC for my 2nd summer! I graduated from Illinois State University this past December and have accepted my first teaching job through EIASE to work as their Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher in the Mattoon Middle School this coming August! I also am an assistant colorguard instructor for the Paris High School! In my free time I enjoy going to the gym and reading books! I am so excited to see campers from last year and meet new one that are just joining the fun! My favorite part of leading summer camps is watching the campers interacting with nature from exploring the wetlands to discussions in the classrooms!

KENDALL HOLTZHOUSER



My name is Kendall and this is my 12th year at Douglas Hart! I was a camper, turned volunteer, and now I'm a summer camp counselor! I am currently studying Fashion Merchandising and Art History at Eastern Illinois University, and I am currently a sophomore. I have always loved nature and the outdoors so I am so excited to be a counselor this year!

CRISTINA CHERRY



I live in Arcola with my husband, two boys, three cats and three rabbits. We are an active family. We love to travel, hike and explore. We love animals and nature! I enjoy reading, writing, photography and jewelry making.

HALEY SCHMITZ



Hello, friends! My name is Haley Schmitz and I am originally from Peru, IL. I am a recent graduate of EIU with a Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics. I will be continuing my graduate studies at EIU in the Fall and will be serving as the Sports Nutrition Coordinator for our athletes. My career goal is to one day be an advocate for childhood nutrition and work within our nation's legislation to better serve our youth. Outside of academics, some of my hobbies include tennis, pickleball, and taking trips to St. Louis with friends and family. I have a black cat named Butters who is my mischievous and sweet little guy. I cannot wait to have a fun and educational summer with everyone!

HANNA SIMPSON



I love to play and listen to music, I have learned to play around 16 different instruments. I love to cook and hang out with my 2 dogs and my cat.

DEANNA CLARK



My name is Deanna Clark and I'm studying environmental science at Lake Land College. I enjoy being outdoors, playing with my ferrets (Crash and Eddie), reading books, and I am looking forward to all the flowers and wildlife that come with the warmer weather.