

Summer Camp 2017 Instructor Introductions

Hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal School in Nassau Bay

Lindsie Andrews - A collegiate soccer player, she has played and coached soccer in our community for 25 years. Ms. Andrews has a particular affinity for young learners.

Veronique Angel – moved to the US from France 12 years ago and has been a high school and college French teacher for 10 years. She taught her two daughters French at home and looks forward to teaching young children a variety of subjects with an emphasis on their connection to French, using books, games, and music.

Silvia Bischoff – Teacher of Spanish at St. Thomas and Clear Lake Presbyterian MDO for a number of years, her joy in life is cooking and creating happy dining experiences. The St. Thomas cooking classes are lots of fun, and this class will be, too!

Rikie Bowker - is the mother of two St. Thomas alumni and a 7-year teacher at St. Thomas. In addition to her love of teaching, she volunteers with the Bay Area Assistance League and Clear Lake Panhellenic.

Lisa Breaux - has been teaching for twenty years, the last sixteen in CCISD. She loves animals, and is involved with several community animal programs. She also loves educating young minds using hands-on experiences and problem-based learning.

Mary Brinkley – is a 7th grade WAVE GT magnet science teacher at League City Intermediate. She is also the robotics coach, loves art, and is a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin.

Stacy Brinson-Conley, CYT, RYT, and registered with the Yoga Alliance – considers herself blessed, a vessel to share and give back to her community, this phenomenal gift: the practice of yoga.

Jackie Buehler – a former WAVE student and a UHCL graduate, she is currently a Kindergarten teacher in CCISD. Her interests include Gifted and Talented advocacy, ballet, and art in various mediums.

Camilla Busselberg – is currently an architecture student at Texas A&M University. She has been singing, dancing, and playing music her entire life, through orchestra, choir, dance, and musical theater.

Rosemarie DeHaan – Although she is certified and experienced in teaching all areas, K – 8, her special interest and certification is art. She challenges students to reach their potential in all their artistic endeavors.

Grant Freeman – is a Houston-area professional magician with many large scale events, television appearances, and charity shows under his belt. He is also a student of engineering at Lamar University.

Bo Githoro – is a 2x Texas State Chess Champion with over 17 years of competition experience. He has over ten years of teaching experience and has produced State Champions as young as the 1st grade. His interactive and innovative methods of teaching can take all students to the next level of play.

Amy Haddican – has been a certified teacher and principal for 18 years. She volunteers for numerous youth sports and is Catechist for St. Bernadette's teen Edge Program. She has two sons, and they enjoy the outdoors, camping, and spending time with family.

Christine Humphries – is a mom of three. She has been teaching elementary school for 11 years, and currently teaches 2nd grade math and science. She loves helping kids discover new things!

Karen Johnson – is a 6th grade language arts and contemporary world cultures teacher in the WAVE GT Magnet, located at League City Intermediate School.

Elayni Stokes Kinsey – teaches Algebra I and GT math in the WAVE GT magnet in Clear Creek ISD.

Michael Leedy - is completing a degree in geology at UH. He is a life-long member of St. Thomas Episcopal in Nassau Bay and has had extensive experience working with children and youth. He has been playing RPGs for a decade and heads games for other game masters, including Pastoral Associate Joshua Orsak.

Robin McCardell - is currently a 2nd grade reading and language arts teacher. She has worked with all ages in day care, Sunday school, and as a classroom teacher.

Meg Matheny – has been teaching religion at St. Thomas for fifteen years. Both of her daughters graduated from St. Thomas, and she is most excited that her granddaughter is now a St. Thomas student. She loves to watch children grow in curiosity and develop creatively, and she strives to create an environment where that growth can occur.

Gail Morris – says that teaching children is her true passion. She is presently a special education para-professional with Clear Creek ISD. Prior to that, for 17 years, she was a teacher at a private pre-school in League City.

Josh Orsak - is the ten-year pastoral associate at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church and School. He has a degree in Christian Education and is a licensed youth minister, ballroom dancer, game player, and crime fighting hero!

Nicole Purdum – is the child care instructor at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal School. She loves outside activities, nature, and making fun crafts.

Brian Riker – of Masterwork Studio Piano Lessons, has studied piano for 28 years and has been a recitalist and collaborative pianist for over a decade. He has degrees in piano performance from Sam Houston State and Lamar Universities, has performed in Salzburg, Austria, and with a number of performing artists. He is currently the organist at Atascocita United Methodist Church.

Sarah Sampson – is the mother of 5 and currently teaches science to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at Arcadia First Baptist Christian School. She has a Masters' degree in Exercise Physiology and Health Education and is passionate about health, fitness, and teaching students of all ages to take care of the only body they have.

Michelle Schoenberg –taught 5th grade math for several years in Clear Creek ISD, and currently teaches 6th grade math in the WAVE GT magnet.

Debra Schwander – has been an elementary school teacher for sixteen years. She loves to read, travel, and watch lightbulbs go off over students' heads.

Julia Simon – teaches pre-K3/Special Education in Clear Creek ISD. Inspiring and building confidence in children has always been one of her greatest passions.

Parker Sims – has been a guitar player for almost ten years and has taught guitar for three years. He loves to share the joy of playing music with others. Playing an instrument is a skill that can change a life for the better in many ways.

Ranjani Sheshadri – is a high school English and Latin teacher, who writes novels and likes fat dogs.

Kathleen Teegarden – enjoys teaching young children. She has a Masters in Early Childhood education from Texas A&M University and has taught in the public and private setting for 33 years. It is her great pleasure to watch children grow academically and socially and to appreciate their uniqueness.

John Trojanowski - has been involved in fencing since 1995 and coaching since 2001. Currently, he serves as chair of the Gulf Coast Texas Division of USA Fencing.

Kim Vetter - graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a BS in Applied Learning and Development. Certified to teach K-8 in Texas, she has taught multiple grades in both public and private schools and has homeschooled her own children for several years.

Amy Waehner – is a 2nd grade teacher at Landolt Elementary, who grew up in the Clear Lake area. She has 10 years of experience with learners from 6 months to 18 years in science, history, and dance. Her joy is playing with her boxer puppy, Callie.

Cathy Wolfe – taught Algebra I at the WAVE GT Magnet for several years and has taught all of the math courses at the high school level.

Amy Wulfers - With certifications from NASA, University of Houston Clear Lake, and a two summer internship at Johnson Space Center, Amy Wulfers has taught and been involved with the NASA Robotics outreach program, EARLY, for 15 years, 13 of those here at St. Thomas. Her students have advanced to regional and WORLD championships and have continued to participate on successful robotics teams after leaving St. Thomas.