

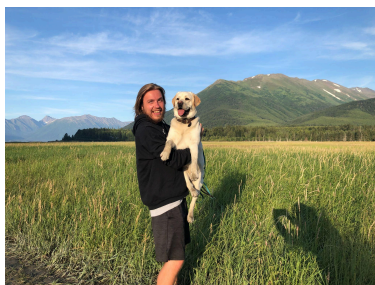
Create Academy 2025 Staff

Macey Walter
Camp Director



What degree and/or experience do you have? Outdoor Studies degree and have worked at PNA the last 6 years.
Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Overnight Girl Scout camp and I loved being outside and singing camp songs.
If you were an animal, what would you be? Cat

Wyatt Slater
Assistant Camp Director



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's degree in History and minor in Political Science. Working 10 summers at other camps.
Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Attending Boy Scout camp and traveling to San Diego for a camp with my troop.
If you were an animal, what would you be? Peregrine Falcon

Suzanne Snyder
Front Desk Administrator/1st Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Masters of Education in Special Education. Teaching preschool special education the last 3 years.
Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Many local AK camps as a kid and loved making lifelong friends.
If you were an animal, what would you be? Capybara

Megan Widdle

Camp Instructor/2nd season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's degree in Education and 8 years of teaching experience. Past PNA teacher back for some of summer.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, I loved making friends and doing crafts.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Fox

Lea Rueter

Camp Instructor/PNA Teacher/3rd Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and 11 years teaching experience.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, I went to a camp where we got to bike to a park and I loved that.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Bird

Meghan McGarvey

Camp Instructor/PNA Teacher



What degree and/or experience do you have? Masters in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. 10 years teaching experience.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, I loved learning new skills, doing all the different activities and making friends.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Dog

Marcella Hitchcock
PNA Teacher/4th Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Minor in Language Arts. Over 15 years teaching experience.

Michelle Greer
Camp Instructor/5th Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's degree in Biology and Masters in Education. 15 years of teaching experience.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, Sleepaway camp and learning to horseback ride were my favorite.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Townsend Big Eared Bat

Melissa Yanchak
Creative Arts Instructor/3rd Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelors in Organizational Leadership - Minors in Arts Management and Nonprofit Administration. M.F.A. Candidate in Theatre Arts. 20 years music director K-12 grade.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, going hiking, watching sunsets and storytelling at camp were my favorite.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Bald Eagle



Sharon Savage

Camp Instructor/PNA Teacher

What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts & Master's in Teaching.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? No, but participated in many library summer reading challenges...and earned many mini pizzas.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Octopus



Jon Harvil

Robotics Instructor/3rd Season

What degree and/or experience do you have? 6 years of teaching experience in Anchorage schools. Bachelor's degree in International Studies and Masters in Education.

Valbona Nuhu

Camp Instructor/2nd Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business. Working in the Anchorage school district for 10 years.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? I would have loved and would still love to attend a biking camp.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Wolf

Rose Mathias

Creative Arts Instructor/1st Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Associates degree in Music. Teaching private music and dance lessons for 3 years.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, I loved all the outdoor activities in the Alaska weather!

If you were an animal, what would you be? Golden Retriever

Jaymee Wheeler

Camp Instructor/1st Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's Degree in English and Bachelors in English Education. Has worked in childcare settings, schools and camps the last 15 years.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Lion or Tiger

Sydney Noland

Camp Instructor and Assistant/2nd Season/Camp Leadership Team



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Been working as a school social worker intern.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, I loved animal camp at the zoo!

If you were an animal, what would you be? Puffin



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Mckenzie Fazio

Outdoor Education Instructor/1st Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration and Minor Sports Psychology.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? No, but would have loved to attend an outdoor adventure camp of some sort!

If you were an animal, what would you be? Polar Bear

Emily Crosswhite

Outdoor Education Instructor/1st Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Currently studying Health and Physical Education at Liberty University with a goal to become a teacher.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? No, but would have loved something adventures or sports related.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Golden Retriever

Keely Holt

PNA Preschool Assistant/1st Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, I loved Solid Rock Horse Camp and Trailside camps as a kid. Loved swimming in lakes at camp.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Raven or Pangolin



Lauren Santillie

Camp Assistant/2nd Season

What degree and/or experience do you have? Working on a Bachelors in English Literature and have been a counselor at another camp.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, I loved learning card games from the camp counselors.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Bear

Nathan Peterson

Camp Assistant/1st Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Attending college for a bachelors in Journalism and Public Communication and working towards my teaching certification. Has taught swimming lessons, homeschool classes and subbing with ASD.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? No, but participated in boy scouts and loved to collect bugs and learn about them.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Leopard Gecko

Kesha Kraly

Camp Assistant/1st Season



What degree and/or experience do you have? Currently studying Chemical Engineering and have worked at a preschool camp.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, attending theatre camp and playing Chip the teacup from Beauty and the Beast.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Hamster

Michael Njoku

Camp Assistant/3rd Season/Camp Leadership Team



What degree and/or experience do you have? Just graduated High School and will attend Princeton in the fall.

Did you attend summer camp as a kid? Favorite memory or camp you would have loved to attend? Yes, making smores at camp and doing crafts and activities.

If you were an animal, what would you be? Eagle