



## A message From the Director

Fabulous Families,

We cannot believe the first week of camp has come to an end. Our staff has been having the best time getting to know all your wonderful children. We are sad to have to say "see you later" to some of our new camp friends but we are all excited to meet some new friends in the upcoming week.

Each week, you will be able to read about activities your child was able to explore. So far, the halls and outside areas have been filled with fun activities, science experiments, laughing, and giant smiles that stretch from ear to ear.

Ask your child about their favorite part of camp. What they learned during a specific class. What is their favorite activity they went to this week.

We hope your children are enjoying their time and learning lots!

**Armando Esquivel**  
Brookside and Tots Day Camp Director



## Daily items needed/reminders

- Water Bottle
- Bathing Suit/Towel
- Sunscreen

**Please label your child's items**

Tots water fun days:  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Brookside camper  
swim **everyday**



## June 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17 <b>First day of camp!</b>	18 <b>Tots Water Fun Day!</b>	19 <b>Dress like your favorite animal day!</b>	20 <b>Tots Water Fun Day!</b>	21 <b>Tots Water Fun Day!</b>
24	25 <b>Tots Water Fun Day!</b>	26 <b>Mismatch Day!</b>	27 <b>Tots Water Fun Day!</b>	28 <b>Tots Water Fun Day!</b>



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# Brookside and Tots Day Camp Weekly Scoop

## Meet the Administrative Staff!



Hi, I am Armando and **I am the Director for the Brookside and Tots Day Camp!** This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year as a director and my 9<sup>th</sup> year working for the camps. I've been a part of the Cranbrook Educational Community since 2001. I look forward to creating wonderful memories with your children!

Hi, I am Megan and **I am the Tots Assistant Director!** This is my 6<sup>th</sup> summer working at Brookside and Tots Day Camp! When I am not at camp, I am an assistant teacher in the ECC here at Brookside. A fun fact about me is I love attending sporting events such as the Detroit Red Wings! I am excited to see all the smiling faces and having fun with the campers!



Hi, I am Melissa and **I am the Assistant Director for Brookside** and have been working at camp since 2011. When I am not at camp, I work in the Anchor Bay School District as a Literacy & Math teacher. I am excited to have another summer full of fun, laughs, and memories!



## "Friendship is one of the sweetest joys of life."

Hi, I am Sarah! **I am the Brookside and Tots Assistant Director!** I graduated from Wittenburg University in 2016 with my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Art. I am currently the team leader of the Early Educational Center's aftercare at Brookside during the school year. I'm really quite excited for this year's camp season. I'm hoping that everyone, including kids and staff alike, will be able to let their own uniqueness shine- that's why I'm looking forward to our upcoming talent shows during camp!



## "Friendship is the comfort of knowing that even when you are alone, you aren't."

Hi, my name is Addison and **I am the Office Administrator For Brookside and Tots!** I attended Saginaw Valley State University. I graduated in 2017 with my communications degree. A fun fact about me is people call me the crazy cat lady! I have two cats of my own and they are my world. I am looking forward to being in a new environment with new faces and new opportunities with being a part of camp.



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# Brookside and Jots Day Camp Weekly Scoop

## Meet the Brookside Instructors!

### Sports

Hi, my name is Caroline and I am the Brookside sports instructor! I just finished my junior year at Oral Roberts University. I am studying Elementary Education with a minor in Spanish and am excited to start my job as a teacher after I graduate. I love to bake and cook at home, and play sports like volleyball. I am so excited to be at camp this summer because I absolutely love working with the kids and always have fun!



### Science

Hi, my name is Jackie and I am the science instructor for Brookside! I am attending Macomb Community College and starting at Oakland University in the fall for their elementary education program. A fun fact about me is that I have 12 chickens! I am so excited to make memories with the children as they learn science this summer!



### Music

Hi, my name is Micaela and Brookside music instructor! I am a rising senior at Kalamazoo College who is on track for a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Music. A fun fact about me is that I loved (and still love) the movie and story of Peter Pan. I read a lot of spin off books and watched a lot of movies based on Peter Pan. I am looking forward to getting to know all the campers and have a lot of fun this summer!



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## Meet the Brookside instructors

### Drama



Hi, my name is Dave and I am the Brookside drama instructor! I graduated from Marygrove College with a degree in English Language Arts in Elementary Education. I am currently a 1st grade teacher at Universal Academy in Detroit. Along with teaching, I have acted in both professional and community productions of shows throughout the metro Detroit area. I am a singer and play guitar, banjo, ukulele and piano, as well as write my own music. This is my third year working for Brookside camp, and I am excited to work with new campers as well as campers from previous years this summer.



### Special

Hi, my name is Claudia and I am the Brookside special instructor. I attend the University of Kentucky where I am studying business. A fun fact about me is I love sour candy! I am looking forward to meeting new people and seeing familiar faces from last year



### Art



Hi, my name is Carter and I am the Brookside art instructor! I attend Kendall College of Art and Design studying graphic design. I love telling people fun random facts about things they might not know about. I'm looking forward to seeing what creative work the kids make this summer!



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## Meet the Tot Instructors

# Sports



Hi, my name is Rachel and I am the tot's sport's instructor! I attend Grand Valley State University double majoring in Finance and Marketing. I am a member of the Grand Valley State University Running Club. I am looking forward to seeing returning campers and meeting all of the new ones. I am also super excited to teach campers new games and skills in sports class!



# Music



Hi, my name is Victoria and I am the tots music instructor! I graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in music therapy. A fun fact about me is I play six instruments! I am looking forward to the energy and creativity the kids bring to music.



# Special



Hi, my name is Jade and I am the tots special instructor! I'm going into my junior year at Michigan State University. I'm majoring in business specifically supply chain management. A fun fact about me is I went skydiving for my 18th birthday. I'm looking forward to meeting all the little ones!



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## Art



Hi, my name is Jillian and I am the tots art instructor! I can't wait to be apart of Brookside and Tots Day Camp for my 2nd year now! Currently I am going to Oakland Community College for my pre recreational classes to become a RN nurse! Next year I will be attending Detroit Mercy for their Nursing program. A fun fact about me is I love fishing and the outdoors! I'm looking forward to all of our outdoor adventures at camp this year as well as instructing!



## Science

Hi, my name is Mikaela and I am the tots science instructor! I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Oakland University last April! A fun fact about me is I serve every Sunday in the two-year-old child ministry at my church. For camp this summer, I'm looking forward to pouring into/ getting to know each one of these kids and making this the best summer they've had thus far!



## Drama

Hi, my name is Emily and I am the tots drama instructor! This fall, I will be entering my third year as a theatre major at Wayne State University. A fun fact about me is that my favorite vacation spot is Disney World! I am looking forward to meeting and bonding with all of the campers!



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## Meet the Brookside counselors

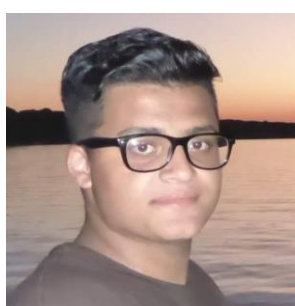
Hi, my name is Jacqueline and I am a counselor for both Brookside and Tots! I am a current Junior at Oakland University studying Elementary Education and endorsing in Early Childhood and Language Arts. A fun fact about me is that my favorite animal is Elephants and it's my dream to one day go to Thailand and visit the Elephant Sanctuary there. Something I'm looking forward to about camp is being able to meet so many new friendly faces and have fun!



Hi, my name is Brittany and I am the panda counselor! I graduated a year ago from Oakland University with a degree in English and Communication. A fun fact about me is I love musicals and plan to see the Broadway show Newsies this summer! I'm excited for the campers to learn about their world, try new things, and make friends during camp this summer!



Hi, my name is Allie and I am a counselor for Brookside and Tots! I'm attending the College for Creative Studies. I am working towards obtaining my Bachelors in Fine Arts. A fun fact about me is I am a movie buff, especially when it comes to foreign movies! I'm looking forward to there being something new every day!



Hi, my name is Noah and I am the Lion's counselor! I am currently a student at Western Michigan University. My major is business management. A fun fact about me is I just got my first puppy. I'm looking forward to all of the activities we get to do with the campers!



# Meet the Brookside counselors

Hi, my name is Serena and I am the Panda counselor! I am going to be attending Central Michigan University in the fall. I am going to be getting my Bachelors degree in social work and majoring in Psychology. A fun fact about me is I love to swim. I have been swimming since I was 3, and have taught other children, as I got older. I am looking forward to meeting new people and making sure all the campers have a great summer.



Hi, my name is Joshua and I am the Penguin counselor! Next year I will be a sophomore at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. I am majoring in business! I run cross-country and track at Taylor University! I am looking forward to creating meaningful relationships with campers and camp staff this summer.



Hi, my name is Marcus and I am the Dinosaur counselor! I am a current student at De La Salle heading into my senior year. I am looking into either being a software engineer or studying at a law school. One thing I am looking forward to this summer is getting to meet and work with all kinds of people.





## Meet the Brookside counselors

Hi, my name is Kurt and I am the elephant counselor! I'm an incoming sophomore at Kent State University and am pursuing a double major in political science and journalism. I enjoy playing acoustic guitar and am passionate in my free time about aerial photography. I'm very excited for camp to start and look forward to this summer with Brookside and Tots.



Hi, my name is Elliot and I am the dinosaur counselor! I'm currently a junior at Wayne State University working towards my degree in English and Women's Studies. It's my third summer at Brookside and I couldn't be more elated for what this summer will bring! I'm really looking forward to getting to know the campers, encouraging them to form new friendships, have new experiences, and generally have a great time together!



Hi, my name is Lauren and I am the cheetah counselor! I will be attending Grand Valley State University this fall to study exercise science clinical health. A fun fact about me is that I have a passion for traveling. What I am looking forward to the most about camp is making fun memories by going on the field trips and swimming.



Hi, my name is Jordan and I am the Kangaroo counselor! I am going into my sophomore year at Bucknell University. I'm majoring in political science and neuropsychology. I love dogs and sunshine! I cannot wait get to know all the amazing campers this summer!!



## Meet the Brookside counselors




Hi, my name is Keara and I am the lion's counselor! I attend Central Michigan University, and I am dual majoring in Public and Nonprofit Administration and Spanish, and minoring in Anthropology. A fun fact about me is I have three brothers and no sisters. I am looking forward to meeting a ton of cool kids from all different backgrounds this summer!



Hi, my name is Alisa and I am the polar bear counselor! I attend Eastern Michigan University studying public health! A fun fact about me is I can speak two languages fluently. I'm looking forward to meeting new people and having a great time!



Hi, my name is Jill and I am the penguin counselor! I attend Michigan State University and am studying business! A fun fact about me is I have traveled to 8 different countries! I am looking forward to giving the campers the best summer ever!

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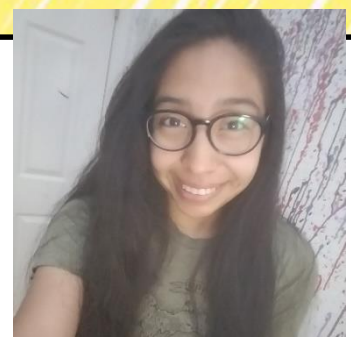
Hi, my name is Andrew and I am the cheetah counselor! I am attending the University of Colorado studying political science and philosophy. A fun fact about me is I was born in Romania. I am looking forward to meeting new people!



Hi, my name is Destiny and I am the elephant counselor! I am currently attending Western Michigan University. I am working toward obtaining major degrees in Chemical Engineering and Dance. A fun fact about me is that I have visited Walt Disney World 16 times. One thing I am looking forward to about camp is meeting the amazing group of campers that I will be spending the summer with.



Hi, my name is Emily and I am the kangaroo counselor! I am a student at Kalamazoo College majoring in Economics and Sociology. A fun fact about me is that I am a college swimmer and my best event is the mile! Something I am looking forward to is helping kids have a memorable and exciting summer at camp.



Hi, my name is Maya and I am the polar bear counselor! I attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn studying elementary education. A fun fact about me is I can say the alphabet backwards. I'm looking forward to swimming this summer!



## Meet the Tot counselors



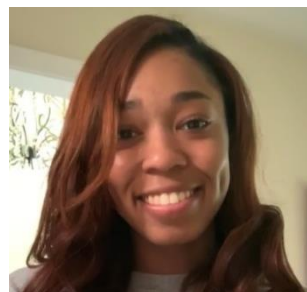
Hi, my name is Courtney and I am the jellyfish counselor! I attend Central Michigan University studying choral music education and general music education! A fun fact about me is I hate desserts, I would much rather have French fries. I am most looking forward to meeting all the new kiddos and handing out lots and lots of stickers!

Hi, my name is Elizabeth and I am the stingray counselor! I attend Florida State University studying Family and Child Sciences with an education minor. A fun fact about me is I have moved 8 times.

I am looking forward to getting to interact with the campers and do various activities with them.



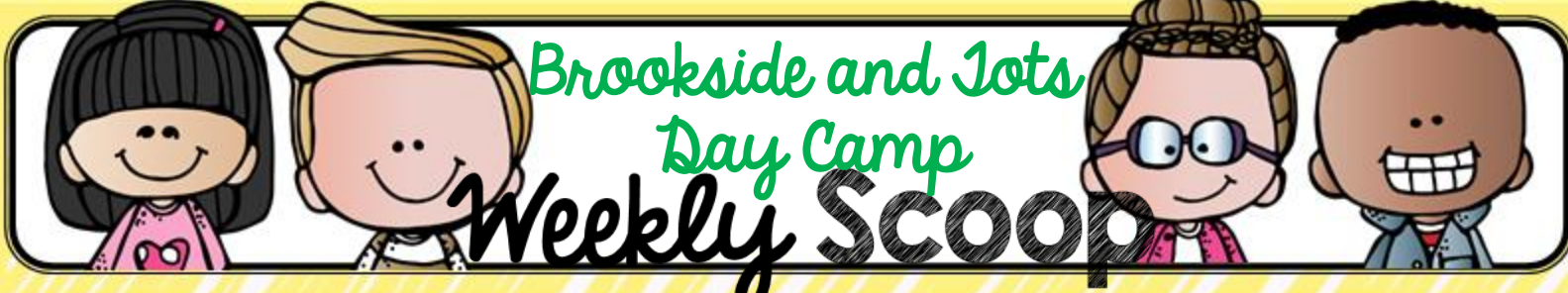
Hi, my name is Noah and I am the dolphin counselor! I attend Oakland University. I just finished my first year there and am an incoming sophomore next fall. I am now working toward an elementary education degree after working at the Brookside camp last summer! In addition, I love all the Marvel movies and superheroes! I am super excited to be a camp counselor again this summer!



Hi, my name is Lauren and I am the turtle's counselor! I attend Central Michigan University studying elementary education! A fun fact about me is I graduate in the spring! I am looking forward to seeing all the new and familiar faces!

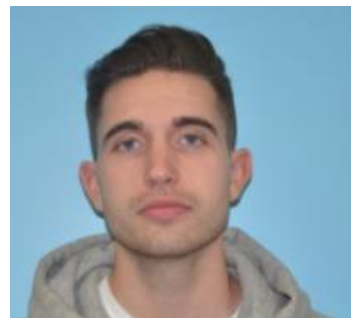


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Hi, my name is Flynn and I am the jellyfish counselor! I am currently pursuing my bachelor degree in psychology at Wayne State University. I work at Center Line Public Schools Early Childhood Center during the school year. I'm looking forward to spending time outdoors and having a great summer with all of our campers!



Hi, my name is Zack and I am the turtle's counselor! I just graduated from Central Michigan University, with a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Development and Learning. Some of my favorite hobbies are playing soccer and hanging out with friends. I'm really excited for camp this summer and the opportunity to be outside and learn through nature.



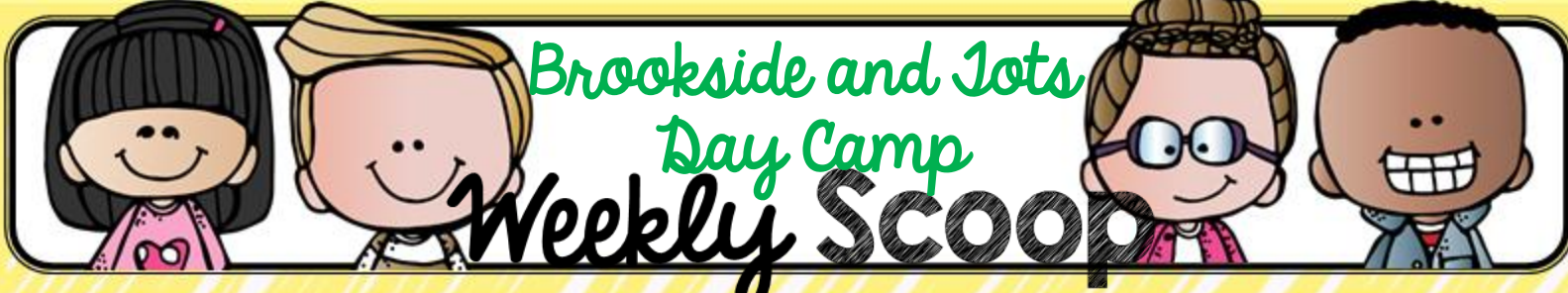
Hi, my name is Erin and I am the dolphin counselor! I attend Mississippi State University and am studying dietary sciences. I enjoy playing soccer and working out. I am looking forward to meeting all the campers!



Hi, my name is Emily and I am the stingray counselor! I just finished my second year at U of M, where I am studying elementary education. One fun fact about me is that I have a twin brother. I am most looking forward to seeing last year's campers and coworkers again this summer!



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# Brookside and Jots Day Camp Weekly Scoop

## Brookside Weekly Update

### Brookside Sports:

We had so much fun playing soccer in sports class this week! We learned how to dribble, pass, and shoot. Then we ended the week with playing a real game of soccer, they were all all-stars! Next week we will focus on learning locomotor skills like skipping, galloping, hopping, and jogging. We will incorporate these skills in playing games with a big parachute. At the end of the week we will practice these skills in an outdoor scavenger hunt.



### Brookside Music :

This week in Brookside Music, we played games that explored keeping a steady beat and following directions in music! This was done through our hunting game and by singing a song called Grandpa Rocky with our shakers. Next week we will play games and sing songs that help us understand Music Form!



### Brookside Special:

This week we had so much fun playing games with matching animals to similar species and talking with each other about which animals are our favorites! Next week we will do organization games where we will be practicing sorting scrambled items into the correct categories in honor of mix and match week!



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# Brookside and Lots Day Camp Weekly Scoop

## Brookside Weekly Update

### Brookside Science:

This week campers learned about bird beaks in class. We then got to do a hands-on lesson learning about whale blubber. Next week campers will be learning about mixing water and oil. These two will create a colorful mixture, as well we will see the reactions when we add house hold products to the same cup!

### Brookside Art:

This week our campers put together fish shaped kites and used celery to print scale patterns. We talked about fish and where they live and also what colors fish can be. Next week we will be making cardboard sculptures and tile decorations.

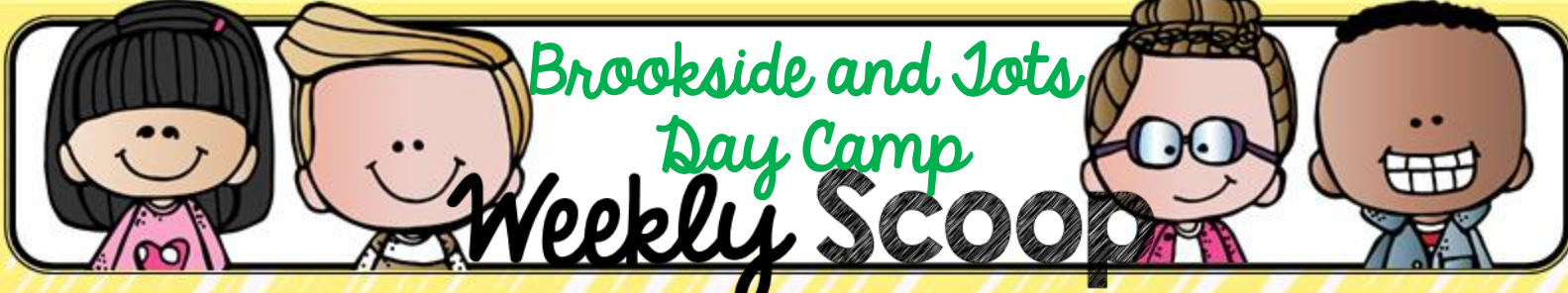


### Brookside Drama:

This week in drama, students worked on developing characters and using their voices and their movements to express their characters. Next week students will be working on stage directions and further exploring how to move on stage. Students will be creating their own wild thing mask and will be performing the story "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak.



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# Brookside and Tots Day Camp Weekly Scoop

## Tots Weekly Update

### Tots Science:

This week, campers were introduced to the terms "float" and "sink". Campers conducted two experiments throughout the week that consisted of testing different items to determine whether it would sink or float. The second experiment represented why sharks float in the ocean. The campers were each able to test balloons filled with vegetable oil in water to see the correlation to the oily livers sharks have.

Next week, campers will be introduced to the terms "soluble" and "insoluble". Campers will be able to observe experiments involving sand, sugar, salt, and skittles to see which substances dissolve in water and which do not. Campers will also be able to conduct a slime experiment later in the week!



### Tots Art:

Week one is animal week, learning all about all of the different animal patterns as well as progressing with fine motor skills. They traced the animal names they picked out and did the patterns of that animal with crayons. Our second class we moved up to paint and we painted lion manes, as well as painted scales on a fish. Next week is mismatch week, so we are learning about mixing colors and learning what 2 primary colors mixed together make secondary color.



### Tots Music:

This week in Tots Music we sang songs all about animals. We also learned about the basics of rhythm and figured out the rhythm of our names. Next week, we will be learning about percussion instruments and how we can make music with basic materials, like cans. We will also be singing songs about body identification.





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## Tots Weekly Update

### Tots Sports:

We had an amazing first week of camp in Tots Sports Class! We started camp off with passing a football around learning each other's names and favorite sports. We played games that involved animals, since it was animal week at camp. We played Sharks and Minnows, where two children are the sharks and stand in the middle of the gym, and the rest of the children are the minnows. The object of the game is for the minnows to get across the gym without getting caught by the sharks. If a minnow is caught, then they become a shark. Later in the week we played Tail Tag where each camper tucked a scarf in the back of their shirt or shorts and ran around trying to collect as many scarves as possible. Next week we will be playing a mix of soccer and basketball and learning skills and rules in both sports, since it is mismatch week at camp.



### Tots Drama:

This week in tots drama we worked on class expectations and getting to know/being comfortable with one another. We played acting games as well as reading books and then acting them out. The books we read this week were 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See', and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Next week, our focus will be on Dr. Seuss books and playing fun acting games surrounding his great works!



We look forward to telling you all about the fun and exciting things we do next week!

-Brookside & Brookside Tots Staff



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