



# Brookside and Brookside Tots Day Camp!



Week 1

## Daily Items & Reminders

Sunscreen

Water Bottle

Bathing Suit and Towel

Closed-toed shoes

**\*Please label your child's  
items\***

## WELCOME!

Dear parents,

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful we are to open our camps once again to your children! The pandemic taught us all that we can never take anything for granted, so that's why it is so exciting that you allow us the opportunity to spend the summer with your children. Thank you!

Cranbrook has always striven for excellence, for that reason, and also for our love for camp, we work diligently every year to offer our campers a program that is enriching and enjoyable, and this year is no exception. The activities we have planned for your children, along with meeting new friends and spending time on our beautiful campus, will arouse their curiosity and create unforgettable memories.

Each week you will read about the highlights of the activities that your children explore. Ask them to share with you what they did at camp. Have specific questions for them, for example, what activities did they participate in, the names of the other campers in their group, the name of their counselor, what they had for lunch and if they liked it, etc.

We are looking forward to the best summer yet!

**Armando Esquivel**  
Director, Brookside and Tots Day Camp  
Special and Summer Programs  
Cranbrook Schools



## Themes and Upcoming Events:

**Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> - First day of camp! 😊**

CONTACT

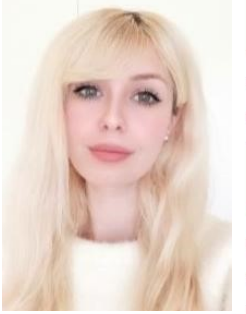
INFORMATION

We are happy to answer any and all questions, comments or concerns you may have: (248) 645-3674 Option 6 or [BrooksideDayCamp@cranbrook.edu](mailto:BrooksideDayCamp@cranbrook.edu)



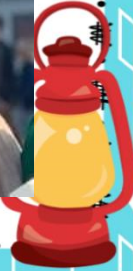
### Ms. Sarah

I am one of the assistant directors for Brookside and Tots Day Camp! This will be my 4<sup>th</sup> year as an assistant director, but I've also been a counselor and camper at Kingswood Day Camp! I am currently Team Leader of the Early Educational Center's aftercare at Brookside during the school year. I am very excited to meet all our campers, and can't wait to make this summer as fun as possible!



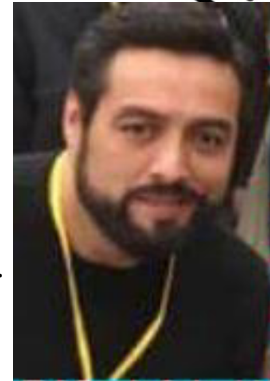
### Ms. Megan

I am the assistant director for the Tots! This is my 8<sup>th</sup> summer working at Brookside and Tots Day Camp! I just graduated with my master's degree in Elementary Education. I love spending time with my two dogs: Ruby and Rocky. I am excited to have another summer full of fun, laughs, and memories!



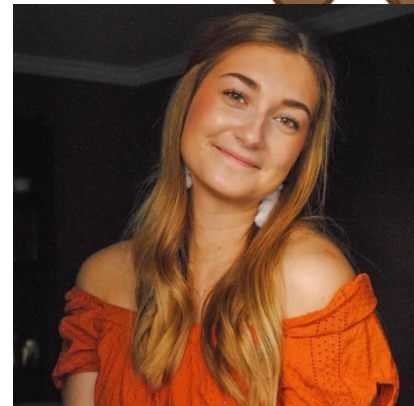
### Mr. Armando

I am the director of the Brookside and Tots Day Camp! This is my 11<sup>th</sup> year as director and my 15<sup>th</sup> year working for Cranbrook. I've lived on campus for 21 years now. I look forward to creating wonderful memories with your children!



### Ms. Courtney

Hi, My name is Courtney! This will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> summer working with Brookside and Tots Day Camps and my first summer as an Assistant Director. I graduated from Central Michigan University in 2016 with a Bachelors Degree in Music Education, and work as a music teacher during the school year. During the summer you will find me on the lake any chance I can get. I am so excited for camp this year, but am most excited to see the campers dressed up on our special spirit days!



## Administration



### Ms. Audrey

Hi, my name is Audrey Keais and I will be a Junior at Michigan State University this coming Fall. I am studying Elementary Education and specializing in Special Education. I enjoy reading and baking. I look forward to working with elementary students as it will help with my future career, and I think it will be a really fun Summer!



### Ms. Anna

My name is Anna and I am currently a student at the University of Michigan in the Nursing program. I previously played soccer for several years and enjoyed playing other sports as well. I have always had a passion for learning new things and acquiring new skills. I aspire to help the kids at camp to be passionate about participating in activities. I greatly look forward to meeting your children and ensuring a safe and fun experience for them!



### Ms. Gabriella

My name is Gabriella, and I study anthropology and English at Albion College. I love reading, writing, painting, being with my family, and spending time outside. Since this summer will be my first time working at Cranbrook, I'm looking forward to the experience as a whole. However, I'm most excited about helping the campers learn, grow, and have a wonderful summer!



### Ms. Julia

Hello! My name is Julia and I am currently studying social work at Eastern Michigan University. Some of my hobbies include swimming, reading, and playing my flute in my free time. This summer, I am looking forward to spending time with the kids and getting to know them!



# Brookside Counselors



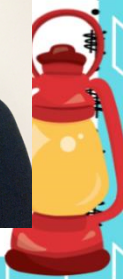
### Ms. Rose

Hi! My name is Rosie. I'm going into my junior year of college, currently studying economics at Brown University where I am also on the women's ice hockey team. I've lived in upstate New York my entire life (in the same town Jimmy Howard grew up in- for all you Red Wings fans), but I love Michigan and I'm ready to spend the summer here! I love being active, finding cool new restaurants to eat at, and listening to music. I am so excited for camp this summer and to meet all of you!



### Ms. Melissa

My name is Melissa. I am a senior at Oakland University and I am majoring in psychology. I work as an Aftercare Counselor at Brookside during the school year. Working with children has always been a rewarding experience for me. Some of my hobbies are hiking and caring for animals. I am looking forward to meeting you all!



### Ms. Alison

Hi my name is Alison and this is my first year working at Brookside Day Camp! I've worked with children all throughout my college and high school career, so I am excited to meet all the campers this summer!



### Ms. Gladys

I'm a recent graduate of Hillsdale College with a B.S. in Psychology, and will be attending the Augustine Institute in the fall for my master's in theology. I love to run, play basketball, swim, and read. I'm excited to meet all the campers and have a great summer with them!



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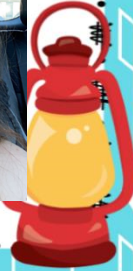
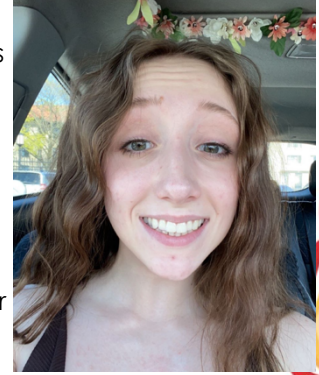
### Ms. Asia

Hi my name is Asia. I went to Howard University and have my degree in Health Sciences. This is my first year working for Brookside Tots and I'm excited to meet all the little ones this summer!



### Ms. Audrey

Hi, my name is Audrey and this is my first time working with Cranbrook! I am currently an upcoming sophomore at the University of Detroit Mercy and studying criminal justice and psychology. I also coach gymnastics to mainly preschool age students and have been for the past 3 years. I'm looking forward to working with everyone this summer!



### Ms. Samantha

Hi! My name is Samantha. I live in Huntington, West Virginia and attend Marshall University. I am a junior studying Elementary Education. I am so excited for this opportunity to work at Brookside this summer! I can't wait to meet all of the children and have a great summer together!



### Ms. Gretchen

I'm a student at Michigan state university. This will be my 2nd year as a Brookside camp counselor. I enjoys working out, being outside, and yoga. I look forward to meeting all the campers and am excited about another fun summer!



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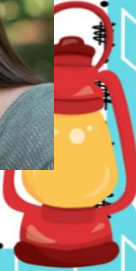
### Ms. Jessica

I like to read, go squish mallow hunting, do makeup, and swim. I currently am going into my junior year at Western Michigan University where I am studying as a double major in business marketing and dance. I am looking forward to making meaningful connections to the kids. Making the kids experiences like mine was when I was younger and going to camps was my favorite part of summer because of my counselors.



### Ms. Kathleen

Hi! My name is Kathleen. I graduated from Cranbrook Kingswood in 2021 and I just finished my freshman year at Denison University this year. I am a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and I am an Education major with a Psychology minor. I am looking forward to working at Brookside camp again this summer, I have always loved working with kids! I loved my time at Cranbrook and I hope to make your kids summer really fun and special!



### Ms. Anna

Hi, I'm Ms. Anna and I am super excited about camp! I have my degree in Early Childhood Education from Michigan State and also love to dance. I can't wait to have a fun summer.



### Ms. Serena

I'm super excited to be back at Brookside Day Camp this year and ensure all the kids have a great time at summer camp! I am currently going into my senior year of college at Central Michigan University, working to get my bachelor's in social work and psychology with a minor in gender studies. I also love to ski in the winter and swim in the summer during my free time. I am excited to meet all the campers this summer and see all the activity ideas the instructors have come up with!



# Brookside Counselors





Mr. Cullen

My name is Cullen, I am 20 years old currently studying Fisheries and Wildlife Management at Northern Michigan University. For over 10 years I have been involved in Scouting, earning the Eagle Rank in 2019. I'm excited to meet everyone over the summer and spend the days outdoors.



Ms. Ella

Hello, my name is Ella and I am currently a college student at the University of Dayton. I will be a sophomore studying communications. I have many interests including painting, volleyball, and hiking in nature. I am looking forward to a fun-filled summer with your kids!



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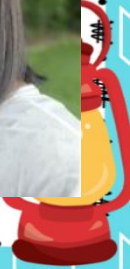
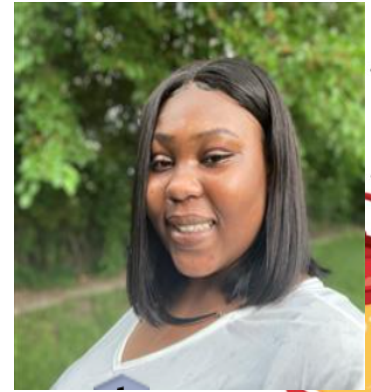
### Ms. Rayn

My hobbies are hiking, reading, writing and listening to music. I love being outside early in the morning and watching the sun come up. I attend school at University of Michigan Dearborn, studying to be a child psychologist one day. I am most looking forward to meeting all the tots and watching them develop friendships.



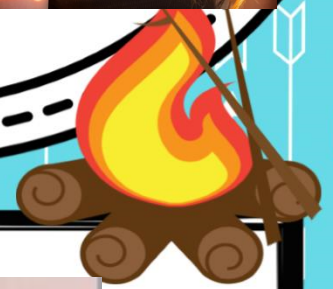
### Ms. Tiera

Hi I'm Ms.Tiera! One of my passions is working with youth and community-based programs and I am currently getting my degree in Social Work from Oakland. I can't wait to have a fun summer!



### Ms. Reagan

My name is Regan and this is my first year working at Cranbrook! I just graduated from Wayne State University and I will be going to Michigan State in the fall for my master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology. While in school, I worked at the preschool on campus and I absolutely loved hanging out with the little ones. I enjoy spending time outdoors, especially biking, hiking, and swimming, so I am super excited for this fun summer at camp!



### Ms. Alexcia

My name is Alexcia but I go by Lexi. I am a Sophomore, at Michigan State University, studying Early Childhood Education. I love babysitting, doing leadership activities, singing and dancing. I look forward to getting to know your children and having an amazing time at Cranbrook Summer Camp! Your children will be in great hands and you will have nothing to worry about. Thank you for sending your kid(s) to camp, I can't wait to meet them!



# Tots Counselors





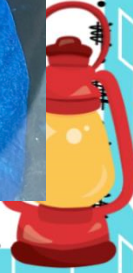
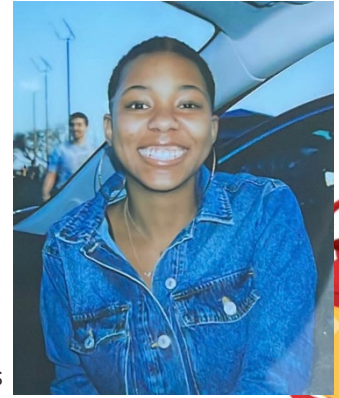
Ms. Erin

Hi, I'm Erin and this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> summer working at Cranbrook Day Camps. A little bit about me is I just graduated with a degree in nutrition from Mississippi State University and will be attending Michigan State University this fall to get my masters in dietetics. I also enjoy staying active by doing yoga and going for walks. I am looking forward to camp this summer and getting to meet all the new campers!



Ms. Shaniya

Hello, my name is Shaniya! I am currently studying Human Development at the historical Howard University in Washington, DC. I love to read novels, write poems, and spend time in nature. While at camp this summer, I am looking forward to introducing your little ones to new activities and different adventures!



Ms. Maddy

Hi everyone! My name is Maddy and I'm excited to be returning for my second summer as a camp counselor at Cranbrook. I will be a junior studying philosophy, politics, and economics at the University of Michigan in the fall. In my free time, I love playing sports, cooking, and listening to music. I look forward to meeting all the campers and having a great summer



Mr. Noah

Hello everyone! My name is Noah! I am currently studying Elementary education and U of M Dearborn. My eventual plan is to become a grade school social studies teacher. I have been involved in Cranbrook Summer camps since Summer of 2018, and I enjoy going on trips with friends and watching Marvel movies. I look forward to meeting everyone at camp and can't wait to have a great summer full of fun and excitement!



# Tots Counselors






## Ms. Anna – STEM

Hi I'm miss Anna! I currently work in a Kindergarten classroom where I am learning early childhood STEM methodology! I am looking forward to a fun summer with all the new kids I will get to meet while working at Cranbrook!



## Mr. Chris – Science

Hello Brookside families! My name is Mr. Chris and I am looking forward to being your child's science instructor for this summer. I attended Central Michigan University where I studied elementary special education. Since then, I have worked in schools as a paraeducator. Besides teaching, I enjoy drawing cartoons and experiencing the outdoors.



## Ms. Devy - Drama

I am so excited to be back with the summer campers at Cranbrook Schools. Having worked in the Theater Camp and Brookside last year, I am looking forward to returning to camp. My passion is working with children, arts and crafts, unicorns and yes, Disney! It will be wonderful to be back and meet lots of new friendly faces!



# Brookside Instructors



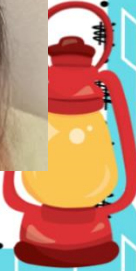
### Ms. Maddy – Drama

I've been doing theater since I was 3 years old. I started acting with my local community theater and have been passionate about it ever since. I am a West Virginia University graduate. While I was there, I studied theater and Japanese. I also studied abroad at Kansai Gaidai University in Hirikata-shi, Osaka. I'm currently studying to take the Japanese Language Placement Level 3 test (JLPT N3).がんばります! (Ganbarimasu: I will do my best!) I can't wait to play all of my favorite theater games with everyone!



### Ms. Amna – Art

Hello my name is Amna! I just recently graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor degree in Elementary Education. During my free time I enjoy walking on trails, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family. I am looking forward to spending my summer making memories and seeing new smiling faces!



### Ms. Abbey – STEM

Hi! My name is Abbey and I am an incoming sophomore at Michigan State University. I am currently studying secondary education with a focus in biological sciences. Most of my life I have loved sports. I have done over 10 sports in my life, including gymnastics, swimming, and running track. I am so excited to be part of Cranbrook this summer and can't wait to meet everyone's smiling face :)



### Ms. Maya – Science

I just graduated Michigan State University, majoring in elementary education with a focus in integrated science. I spend most of my free time either outdoors, reading, or playing with my dog Chewie (yes, named after Chewbacca from Star Wars). I'm passionate about our environment and you can mostly find me at a river cleanup or teaching a class at my local nature center over the weekends. I'm incredibly excited to be leading your child through a scientific journey exploring how the world around us works filled with fun this summer!



# Tots Instructors