



2022 LEADERSHIP

Camps Aloha, Hive & Lanakila, Summer 2022

ALOHA LEADERSHIP



SARAH GORDON LITTLEFIELD (GORDO), is our Director. This is her 30th summer at the Foundation. She fell in love with Lake Morey and the surrounding mountains and rivers as a 12-year-old camper, later choosing Middlebury College in Vermont for her undergraduate studies. She holds an Ed.M. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and she feels the greatest fulfillment in her work when she is helping others and connecting to a higher purpose. She loves making music, chopping wood, and being silly. She lives outside of Boston with her husband Chris and their sons, Johnston and Hayes (both Lanakila Vikings).



SHEL BALL has been running Aloha's Trip Kitchen for 25 of her 31 Aloha summers. Sixty-three summers ago, she was an eight-year-old Hiver—loving camp and the “old ones” there. Now Shel is an “old one” herself—still loving camp, and now taking ineffable delight in the young ones who surround her. She earned a B.A. from Smith College in Ancient Greek and Latin at age 57, and she continues to learn new languages. Shel lives in Greenfield, MA, where she works at Eaglebrook School as a substitute preschool teacher. She is a counselor at Hulbert Family Camp every August and December.



SKYE WALDEN is our Assistant Director during first session. She is returning to Aloha for her tenth summer of love and laughter. Skye earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Education from the University of San Diego. She currently teaches middle school Humanities at The Foote School in New Haven, CT. This summer you will find her daughter, Scout, singing Rattlin' Bog, and her son, Cove, running the unofficial Aloha Fishing Department.



MELISSA MCFADDEN HARRIS, our Office Manager, is returning for her 17th summer and second in the office. In the past, she has been Head of Club and the Swimming Department head. Melissa works in elementary special education in Norwalk, CT. She has a sixth- and seventh-year degree in Special Education, a master's degree in Educational Psychology with a focus on Gifted and Talented, and a bachelor's degree in Special Education and English Language Arts. She loves swimming in the lake on a hot day, singing camp songs to the best of her ability, and keeping her friends updated with the latest TikTok trends.



MARGE D'AURIA is excited to be our Seventh Heaven Unit Head this summer. She is also excited to spend another summer in the Landsports Department and can't wait to play dodgeball. Marge graduated with her B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame in May 2021 and is completing her M.S. in Civil Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley in May 2022. She is hoping to work in the Energy sector after camp. Marge is excited to try new things and wants to run in the Lake Morey Marathon this summer!





JOHN MCFADDEN is Head of the Waterfront and a counselor in the Canoeing Department. This is his 34th summer on the shores of Lake Morey, 23 of them at Aloha Camp. John is one of our Master Trippers and a Lifeguard Instructor. All four of his children have Lanakila/Aloha experience and have worked as Aloha counselors. During the off-season, he and his wife Carra work in their home office keeping track of Friends of Kenya Rising, a Non-Profit 501(c)3 that they have been involved with for over 17 years.



BETSY MORGAN will be Assistant Director at Aloha for the second session this summer after far too many summers away. Betsy first arrived at Aloha in 2001 as a counselor in the Performing Arts Department, returning subsequently as both a Unit and Department Head, often laughing and singing her way through entire summers. She is thrilled to slip away from New York City this summer, where she works as an actor. Betsy has a BFA from Emerson College and has performed in five Broadway productions and numerous Off-Broadway, touring, and regional shows.



ELIZA KISSICK is our Head of Club. While at camp, Eliza has served as a Kayaking counselor and a Unit Head. Eliza graduated from Bates College where she earned her B.A. in Rhetoric and Education. She currently lives in Brooklyn, NY, and teaches first grade at the Berkeley Carroll School. She can't wait to be back at Aloha for another best summer ever!



LINDSAY STELLJES is returning for her second summer as Unit Head of Crossroads, and fifth as a counselor in the Canoeing department. This is her eleventh summer at the camps and she has served on the Staff Advisory Board representing Aloha Camp for the past three years. Lindsay just graduated from Hobart and William Smith Colleges with her B.A. in Writing & Rhetoric and Child Advocacy and was a student in the Teacher Education Program. She is so excited for another summer on Lake Morey!



BRITA MUTTI is in our Arts and Crafts Department and has spent 20 summers at the Aloha Foundation. Previously, she taught in the Swimming Department, but she can't wait to get back to the Art Barn and the abundance of creative materials that it has to offer. Brita is a Naturopathic Physician and runs a Naturopathic Medicine Clinic specializing in Integrative Oncology in Colorado Springs, CO. She feels fortunate to be able to take advantage of telemedicine so that she can be with us on Lake Morey this summer.



ALI SIMONDS will be our Pines Unit Head this summer. She is originally from Shelburne, Vermont but spent the past four years in Ohio at Oberlin College where she just earned her BA in Sociology. In addition to being a Unit Head Ali will also be working in Archery. This will be her 11th summer at the camps, and she is very excited to be back after two summers away.



CLAIRE HARMER will be our Program Director this summer. This will be her 7th summer at the camps and in past summers she has worked in the Art Barn. Claire graduated from Drexel University and currently lives in Philadelphia working in specialty foods. In her free time you can find her cooking, creating watercolors, watching Jeopardy, and borrowing other people's dogs. She is looking forward to reconnecting with Aloha and hopefully achieving her summer goal of making it to the Bluff for the first time ever.



BRIANNA BAILEY is excited to be returning for her fourth summer at Aloha and will be working as the Unit Head of Old Hideway. She has previously been in the Canoeing Department, but this summer will be working in the Woodchuck Hole. Outside of camp Brianna studies Horticulture and Sustainability at the University of Arkansas. She plays trumpet in her school's marching band and is very excited to bugle at camp! She's also very excited to share her love of plants and planet with the Aloha community.



HIVE LEADERSHIP



ELLIE PENNELL is Hive's Director. Ellie came to Hive for the first time in 1998, having never been a camp counselor or having set foot in Vermont before! That life-changing summer at Hive led to living full-time in Vermont with her husband Andrew and their three children, Susannah, Henry, and Luke. Ellie has her B.A. in Psychology from Miami University and M.Ed. from Loyola University Maryland. She also holds Montessori teaching certificates at both the infant/toddler and primary levels. For 14 years Ellie taught at Montessori schools in Massachusetts and Vermont before becoming Director in 2020. This will be Ellie's tenth summer at Hive.



MARGARET PENNOYER is our Assistant Director. Margaret first came to Aloha Hive in 1998 as a camper in the Dolphin unit. This will be her 18th summer at Hive (and 22nd summer at the Aloha camps). In years past, Margaret was the Head of Tennis, a Unit Head, and a Program Coordinator, and she also led the Floaters (now Midis). Margaret earned her B.A. in Sociology at Bates College in 2010 and a dual M.A. in Early Childhood Education and Special Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 2013. During the year, Margaret works as a learning specialist at St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's School in New York City.



MAGGIE LATZ is our program director and Head of Waterfront. She was previously the Head of Swimming and is excited to venture around Hive to experience every different department. She has her master's degree in Middle Grades Education with an endorsement in Science from National Louis University and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Loyola University Chicago. She is currently a middle school science teacher in the suburbs of Chicago. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking from Pinterest recipes, and walking her dog at Forest Preserves.



MERRITT CAMPBELL will be Unit Head of the Lolanders, as well as an Exploring counselor for this summer. She will be graduating from Gordon College this May with a degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. Approaching her fifth summer working as a counselor for the Aloha Foundation, Merritt is especially eager to experience another memorable summer on the shores of Lake Fairlee with friends old and new. Just as her counselors helped her soak up the magic of moments at camp; Merritt is most excited to help campers treasure their moments and fall in love with Hive.



MIA CUDÁ is our Dolphin Unit Head. This is her sixth summer as a counselor and eleventh summer at camp. She has served as Dolphin/Lolander Unit Head and as Department Head of Canoeing in the past. Mia will be graduating this May from Washington University in St. Louis where she studies International Development, French, and Psychology. She loves playing Ultimate Frisbee, graphic design, and singing all the time!



MARIN PENNELL is our Hilander Unit Head, returning to Hive for her fifth summer as a counselor. She could not be more excited to see what adventures the summer has in store, from landsports games on the playfield to making new connections with fellow Hivers! During the year, Marin is a student at Dartmouth College, where she plays rugby and studies Environmental Earth Sciences. Although she lives close to camp, she is pleased to return to the shores of Lake Fairlee and experience that magical camp energy.





LAURA BISBEE-SLADE (BEEWIN) is so excited to be returning for her tenth summer with the Aloha Foundation as Hive's Anti-Q Unit Head. She has previously held the roles of Topsider Unit Head and Department Head of Tennis and Landsports. While not at camp, Beewin spends her time in Burlington, VT, where she graduated this past December from the University of Vermont with a degree in Religion and Political Science. She can't wait to share another magical summer with this year's Anti-Qs!



LAUREN HENZY (HENZY) is returning to the boathouse as Head of Canoeing. This is her sixth summer as a counselor and tenth with the Foundation. She is finishing her first year of teaching high school biology and will be moving to Michigan in August to continue her career. This summer Henzy is looking forward to lake swims, overnight trips, and improving her sailing skills!



GEN GREER is our Head of Farm and Garden. Gen first came to camp as a Lolander in 2008. This will be her ninth summer at Hive (and fourteenth summer at the Aloha Camps). Gen graduated in 2021 from Scripps College with a degree in English and has spent the past year working for The Aloha Foundation. This fall she will be teaching English and working on her MFA at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Gen is looking forward to swimming in the lake, singing her heart out, and bonding with the goats.



MARIE LATHAM is Head of Arts and Crafts. This will be her 12th summer with the Foundation, and she is so proud to be rejoining the camps for her second year as an Arts and Crafts counselor. She loves playing the bass with her brother John on the guitar, and her favorite camp tradition is the name boards. She just graduated University of Notre Dame and next year she'll be continuing her education with a Master's in Art History from Temple University in Philadelphia, where she hopes to live for the next few years.



HANNAH RANDALL is our Tripping Coordinator. This will be her 10th summer at the camps, and she is so excited to be returning to the shores of Lake Fairlee (in her words "the best place on earth"). She just graduated from UVM with a degree in Environmental Science and is looking forward to teaching later in her career. This upcoming fall she will continue her journey with the Aloha Foundation working as an instructor at Hulbert.



ALANA LOPEZ is the head of our Midi (counselor-in-training) program. This will be Alana's 6th summer working at Hive. Alana is an avid ice hockey player who played Division 1 in college while also earning a degree in psychology. She is currently living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin studying for her DNP (Doctorate of Nursing—Nurse Practitioner). She is extremely excited to be returning to the sunny shores of Lake Fairlee!



LANAKILA LEADERSHIP



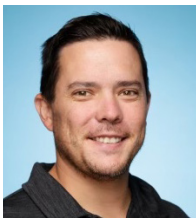
BRYAN PARTRIDGE is Lanakila's Director. He received his B.A. from The College of Wooster, his M.A. in Creative Writing from Dartmouth, and his Ph.D. in the Humanities from Union Institute & University. Bryan teaches creative writing at New England College in Henniker, NH, and has also worked as a consultant promoting positive school climate and respectful, engaging teaching. At camp, Bryan worked in Athletics for many years and was a Unit Head in Lakeside and the Bridge. This is Bryan's 33rd year at Lanakila.



JEREMY CUTLER is Lanakila's Assistant Director. In his 37 summers, Jeremy has been the Head of Athletics, Woodside, Lakeside, and the Bridge. He holds a B.A. from Middlebury College, a Masters in Urban Education from Harvard, and a Doctorate of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. Jeremy was a middle school teacher and administrator in Boston and Washington, D.C. and then taught for a decade at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. Jeremy consults with independent and public schools, leads our winter trainings in Success Counseling, and tries to make time for his other loves: funk music, drums, movies, and wiffleball.



SAM DANFORD is our Head of Woodside, returning for his eleventh summer at Lanakila. He spends his summers on the shores of Lake Morey in the Boating department and leading trips throughout New England. Sam earned his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2014. Outside of camp, Sam lives in Boston and works as a Physical Education & Health teacher at Boston Collegiate Charter School. In his free time, Sam enjoys skiing, surfing, and playing basketball.



STUART DICKISON is our Head of the Bridge as well as Head of Waterfront. This will be his 18th summer at Lanakila, all spent in the Swimming department. He helps train and certify Aloha's lifeguards each summer, and even spent a few seasons as a program instructor at Hulbert. During the winter, Stuart resides in New York City with his fiancée and works as a PE and Aquatics teacher at Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School. He also coaches many sports, including swimming and baseball. Stuart earned his B.A. in journalism from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2012. When he is not working, Stuart stays active by running laps around Central Park and playing softball on the weekends.



JIMMY GERRITY is Lanakila's Program Director. This will be Jimmy's 20th year at Lanakila, where he has also been the Lakeside Unit Head and Campcraft department Head. Jimmy is also a veteran in the Tripping department and has mentored many new trip leaders. Outside of camp, Jimmy teaches middle school math at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA. He also serves as the varsity squash coach. Jimmy graduated from the University of Michigan in 2013 with a degree in Environmental Economics and Policy.



HENRY HUANG is the Head of the First Year Counselors, returning for his 12th summer at Lanakila. He has spent each summer in the Archery department and has been its Head. Henry graduated from Plymouth State University in 2020 with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. His focus was Wilderness Therapeutic Adventure, which is a blend of Psychology, Adventure Education, and bits of additional educational pedagogy. Henry currently works as a Lead Instructor at the Hulbert Outdoor Center, following his passion of intertwining the outdoors and intrapersonal skills. In his free time, Henry loves to throw a disc, read, and go for hikes.





HAL JUSTER is the head of the Second-Year Bridge Program. While at camp, he worked in the Exploring and Swimming departments, and is a regular counselor at Lakeside. After graduating from Middlebury College with a B.A. in Religion, he spent two years designing and teaching courses in Religious Studies and Philosophy at King's Academy in Jordan. Currently, Hal is a student in the Master of Theological Studies program at Harvard Divinity School, a convenient excuse to be closer to the strong camp community in Boston. In his spare time, he likes to bike, birdwatch, and solve crossword puzzles.



NIK MALHOTRA is our head of Lakeside. In his 7th summer, Nik will also be in the boating department and is excited to lead a variety of trips throughout the area. He has previously served as the head of biking. Nik recently moved to Boulder, Colorado and worked in the ski industry this past winter. Nik graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in journalism. In his free time, Nik is an avid outdoorsman, musician, concert-goer and soccer fan.



MATT SMITH is our Head of Hillside, returning for his 13th summer at Lanakila. In his time at camp, he has been our Head of Swimming, a particularly enthusiastic leader of Assembly songs, and a Hillside counselor every summer. Matt has also spent a number of seasons leading teambuilding and wilderness activities with our Hulbert Outdoor Center. Outside of camp, Matt is headed into his senior year at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where he studies International Politics and Arabic. After graduation, Matt plans to pursue a career in education (just as soon as he can get his parents on board). When he's not studying, you can find Matt at Georgetown's trivia nights, teaching Swim lessons, or going for long runs on the National Mall.



TORI SUMNER is our Head of Tripping. Returning for her ninth summer at Lanakila, she will once again help our staff and campers explore the lakes, rivers, and mountains of New England. Tori graduated from Edith Cowan University in Western Australia with a bachelor's degree in Sport and Exercise Science. Since then, Tori has been fulfilling her passion for the outdoors at Lanakila and as an Associate Coordinator for the Hulbert Outdoor Center. While in Perth, Tori works in the construction industry, where her ability to solve problems is put to the test daily.



DAVID WESTCOTT is Lanakila's Head of Brookside. He is excited to spend his 16th summer on the shores of Lake Morey. David received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from The College of Wooster and his M.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling Psychology from Temple University. David is currently working nearby in Thetford, VT, as a therapist at Confluence Behavioral Health, a residential/wilderness treatment center that focuses on young adults ages 18-28 who are struggling with their transition into adulthood. At camp, David is also a mainstay in the Athletics department, and is an expert mountain biker and long-distance runner as well.

