

MEET THE STAFF

Irving Recreation Center FUNDamental Healthy Me *Summer Day Camp 2012*



Alexa, K-2 Camp Director

Alexa is 22 years old and recently earned a degree in Elementary Education from UNL. This is her second summer with Irving Day Camp. She currently works after school at Irving Rec. Center and substitutes for LPS. Some of you may also know her from her work with Mrs. Konwinski's classes at Beattie this past spring. Alexa is super excited about this year's summer camp and can't wait to meet all the campers.



Beth, K-2 Leader

Beth is 23 years old and a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she is majoring in Special Education. In her free time she enjoys drawing and spending time with her cat Edgar. This is Beth's 2nd year working at Irving Day Camp, and she's looking forward to getting to know everyone and having a great summer!



Ryan, K-2 Leader

Ryan is a 19 year-old graduate of Lincoln Southeast High School. He will attend UNL and major in business administration this fall. Ryan played three years of varsity basketball at Southeast, has been involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and Athletic Club. In his free time he likes to go fishing, swimming, and playing sports. Ryan has volunteered as a youth basketball coach and reading with elementary age children. He looks forward to the summer and spending time with our day campers.



Sarah, K-2 Leader

Sarah has always dreamed of being a teacher just like her mom and is fulfilling that dream by double majoring in Elementary and Special Education at UNL. Last summer she volunteered at Elliott Elementary school where she worked with K-2 children to improve their reading skills. Sarah also likes to play tennis and run. She played tennis in high school and just completed her first half marathon. This will be her first summer at Irving, and she is so excited to meet everyone!



Valerie, K-2 Leader

Valerie is an Early Childhood Education major at Southeast Community College. She is married and has a two-year-old daughter. Valerie has worked at Irving Recreation Center for four years as a preschool teacher and after school program supervisor. She is looking forward to working with your children and having a fun summer.



Melissa, 3-4 Camp Director

Melissa has worked for Lincoln Parks and Recreation for 12 years, and this is her 8th summer as a Camp Director at Irving Rec. Center. During the school year she teaches Special Education at Zeman Elementary School. She holds a dual Elementary Education and Special Education degree from UNL. Melissa enjoys spending time with her family and two Yorkie puppies. She also loves to run (she completed her first full marathon this May!), teach dance, and water-ski. Melissa coaches the Lincoln Shooting Stars Special Olympics volleyball team. She looks forward to a wonderful summer with you and your children.



Ellie, 3-4 Leader

Ellie will graduate next year with a mathematics degree and secondary education certification at the University of Dallas where she also works as a Resident Assistant. She has five siblings with whom she loves to play card games and cheer on the Boston Red Sox. Additionally, Ellie really enjoys singing. With three summers of experience, she is extremely excited to spend another summer at Irving. She cannot wait to get to see the returning campers and meet the new ones. Not to mention, there are some fantastic field trips and activities this year. It's going to be a blast!



Grace, 3-4 Leader

Grace will graduate from UNL this fall with a degree in Child, Youth, and Family Studies with a minor in Education. Summer camp is something near and dear to her heart—she was a camper herself for 10 years of her childhood. The past four summers she worked for Omaha Parks and Recreation; 3 years as a summer camp counselor at Hummel Park Day Camp and then at a program at the Benson Community Center.

**Kara, 3-4 Leader**

Happy Summer! Some of you already know Kara from the work she does at Irving as our Lead Supervisor. She has been with Lincoln Parks and Recreation for 6 years and is excited to be doing Day Camp again! Kara has an Associate Degree in Human Services and is married with two kids. Her daughter is a first grader and will be a camper at Irving this summer. She looks forward to a FUN filled summer and getting to know you and your family!

**Ryan, 3-4 Leader**

Ryan attended Brownell Elementary, Mickle Middle School, and Northeast High School where he graduated in 2007. He then went to Hastings College for two years to study Elementary Education and play football. Ryan currently attends UNL for Elementary Education as well. He comes from a family of teachers. Outside of school Ryan still plays football for a team in Lincoln called the Capital City Crush.

**Patrick, 5-7 Camp Director**

Patrick recently graduated from Hastings College with an English-Writing major, and will return in the fall for his Masters of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Language Arts education. This will be his second year with Irving summer day camp, and he is pleased to be working as your day camp director this year! He's a huge fan of movies, art, theatre, and games shows. He hopes all the kids are ready to have some fun and maybe learn a thing or two this summer!

**Amber, 5-7 Leader**

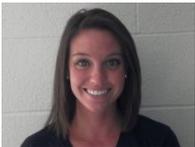
Amber is extremely excited for her first year at summer day camp! She has been with Irving's after school program for a semester and is looking forward to summer day camp to start. She's going to be a senior at UNL in the fall majoring in Secondary Education in Social Sciences. She can't wait to meet every one and have a really memorable summer!

**Brett, 5-7 Leader**

Brett is a senior at UNL with a major in Business Management. This will be his fourth year at summer day camp. He enjoys any and all kinds of team sports, although his favorite sport is soccer. He also really enjoys outdoor activities like fishing, hiking, and swimming and is looking forward to another fantastic summer at day camp!

**Cody, 5-7 Leader**

Cody recently graduated from Peru State College with a degree in K-12 Health/Physical Education and a minor in Coaching. This is in his second year with Irving Recreation Center at summer day camp. For six years he's been an assistant boys' basketball coach at Falls City High School and Elmwood-Murdock High School. In his free time he enjoys golfing, going to the races, playing softball and sand volleyball, and anything else sports related.

**Jenny, 5-7 Leader**

This is Jenny's first summer working at day camp at Irving Recreation Center, but she is a familiar face at Irving. She is currently the Homeroom Room supervisor at Irving Recreation Center's after school program and loves her job! She has one year left of school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and she will be graduating with a degree in Secondary Education: Mathematics (7-12). She looks forward to getting to know your family this summer!

**Julie, AmeriCorps Member**

Julie has been an AmeriCorps Member with Lincoln Parks and Recreation for three years including two years working with children and youth at "F" Street Community Center. She also worked in her church's day care center for several years. Julie is the mother of three children and also has a two year-old grandson. She loves working with kids and is excited for a fun-filled summer! In addition to camp, Julie will directly supervise our Summer Youth Volunteer Program.

**Levi, AmeriCorps Member**

Levi is completing national service at Irving Recreation Center through the AmeriCorps program. Last year he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Doane College in Crete where he studied Sociology and Music. He has also studied abroad in Africa, Brazil, and Mexico. Levi comes to us with four summers' experience as a Camp Counselor and High Ropes Specialist at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland.

**Dan, Center Director**

Dan is responsible for all aspects of Irving Recreation Center operations. He has a Master's Degree in Child, Youth and Family Studies, an undergraduate degree in Education, and is a National Recreation and Park Association Certified Park and Recreation Professional. Dan enjoys taking care of the little old house he lives in with his wife Molly, 2 dogs, and cat. He and Molly are also expecting a baby this summer!