
Hi-Hills Camp at Gill St. Bernard's



Look who's working with your children this summer!

Mike Metelsky- Director

Mike teaches Biology and Advanced Computer Applications/Robotics at Seton Hall Prep. He is also the moderator of the Prep Ski/Snowboard Club and the Pirate Adventure Club. Mike recently led a group of students on an adventure in Belize which included both caving and hiking. Mike served as Assistant Director of the camp for 5 years and served as Nature Director for 14 years. This is Mike's 25th year at Hi-Hills.

Cindy Wyatt- Director of Summer and Auxiliary Programs

Cindy is the newly-appointed Director of Summer and Auxiliary Programs at Gill St. Bernard's School. Previously she was the Athletic Director and Director of Summer Programs at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, NJ. Cindy is a graduate of Rhode Island College with a degree in Logic. She has 3 children and 3 pets, and resides nearby in Hunterdon County.

Aaron Gratch – Assistant Director

Aaron attended Marshall University in West Virginia and then transferred to Caldwell College in New Jersey to finish his degree in management. Aaron currently attends Seton Hall University grad school. He previously worked for the YMCA and oversaw athletic activities. Aaron assists in marketing and facility use for Hi-Hills and enrichment summer programs. He also is the assistant varsity and middle school boy's basketball coach at Gill St. Bernard's School.

Mary Clare Kubicz- Kinder-Camp Director

Mary Clare has a B.A. in Elementary Education from Seton Hall University. She also has Early Childhood certification and an M.A. in Counselor Education with Social Work Certification. Mary Clare's greatest joy is spending time with family and friends-especially her granddaughter Veronica. Mary Clare enjoys cooking crafts, and being outdoors. This is Mary Clare's 11th year at Hi-Hills.

John Crown- Supervisor of Upper Camp

John is a classroom history teacher. He has a B.A. in History from Kean College and a Masters in teaching from Mary Grove College. John coaches middle school basketball and high school baseball at Pequannock Township High School. This is his 16th year on the Hi-Hills staff.

Janice Higgins -Supervisor of Lower Camp

Janice just completed her 19th year in education. She has taught P.E. at Wharton public schools, Glen Rock High School, and Randolph High School. Janice earned a bachelor's degree in P.E. and health and also has a master's from Montclair State University. Janice is currently a guidance counselor at West Morris Central High School. She has coached a wide variety of sports both at the high school and college level. Janice is very excited for her first summer at Hi-Hills!

Kathy DeFilippis- Art Director

Kathy holds a B.F.A. in studio art from the College of New Rochelle and currently is a high school art teacher in Bangor, PA. She previously taught at Delbarton, the Academy of St. Elizabeth and Kent Place School. She is also an adjunct Professor of Visual Arts at County College of Morris. Kathy is very excited to be returning to Hi-Hills for her 4th summer.

Marc Gesualdo- Athletic Director

Marc just completed his ninth year as a 6th grade English teacher at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Edison, where he also serves as coach of the girls' soccer and basketball teams. This year, he led his soccer team to a 9-1 record and the basketball team to a 12-4 record! Marc is also the proud father of two daughters, Madison and Cassidy.

John Bellina- Assistant Athletic Director

John is going into his 8th year of teaching as a special ed teacher. He enjoys running and working out as well as watching and playing sports. He coached Freshman Girls Basketball for about 5 years and is currently involved in an after school program called Bridges. His wife and family always say that he is a kid at heart. Looking forward to a fun summer!!!!

Carolyn Caulfield- Teen Travel Director

Carolyn Caulfield has over 10 years experience as a camp counselor, director and lifeguard in Rockland County, NY. She received her elementary teaching certificate from New Jersey City University and holds two BA degrees from Seton Hall University in Journalism and Music. Carolyn plans to pursue a Masters in Reading. Carolyn is currently a permanent substitute at the Hawkins Street School in Newark, NJ. She is the mother of two teenagers - Kristin (18) and Ryan (16).

Chuck Hogan- Nature Director

Chuck holds a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Kean University. He is a 3rd grade teacher at Bedminster School where he also runs the science and environmental clubs. Chuck is a wildlife consultant for various scout groups and also presents wildlife and nature programs to children's groups. He is American Heart Certified in first aid, CPR and AED instruction. Chuck enjoys fishing, hiking, and keeping many exotic animals. This is his 8th summer at Hi-Hills.

August Lorio- Pool Director

Auggie has both his M.S and B.S. in Physical Education and has been teaching for the past 25 years. He currently teaches physical education and health at Bridgewater Raritan Middle School. He has coached and taught swimming for 16 years and has his water safety instructor certification from the Red Cross. He is a certified Pool Operator and has managed a swim club for 12 years. He has experience teaching all levels of swim instruction, from infant to adult.

Mindy Schwartz- CIT supervisor/Special Events Director

Mindy graduated from Kean College and has certification in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and teacher of the handicapped. She is the creator of a full day kindergarten program at J.C.C. of Scotch Plains and a special education teacher in Newark public schools. She also runs children's birthday parties and has been a Brownie and Boy Scout leader. This is her 11th year on the Hi-Hills staff.

Teri Schwartz, R.N.- Camp Nurse

Teri is a registered nurse currently working with special needs children at the Cerebral Palsy League, Jardine Academy in both their Cranford and Union Schools. She is a graduate of the Muhlenberg Hospital School of Nursing in Plainfield, New Jersey. She has been a practicing nurse since 1990 working in a variety of areas. She is a certified member of the Association of Camp Nurses. She is the mother of two young children. This is her 5th summer at Hi-Hills.

Marc Willemsen-Tennis Director

Marc is pleased to be returning to camp for his 11th summer and his first as tennis director! During the year, he is an instructional aide at the New Providence Middle School. He is also pursuing the completion of his teaching certificate at Kean University. He is looking forward to yet another wonderful summer on the tennis courts.

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Taaj Alston-Taaj is going into her junior year at Wesley College where she is an elementary education major and a class representative for the SGA. Taaj enjoys both learning and working with kids. She has experience teaching both first and second graders and is excited to be returning to Hi-Hills for her second summer!

Ginny Benson-Ginny is currently a student at Sarah Lawrence College where is working towards a liberal arts degree. In her free time, she enjoys reading, music, photography and other forms of art. This is her second summer at Hi-Hills and she is looking forward to having another great season with the campers!

Jocelyn Bernstein- Jocelyn is entering her senior year of high school and hopes to go on to major in both psychology and equine sciences in college. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering at a therapeutic riding center for kids with emotional, cognitive and physical disabilities. She has previous experience working as a counselor at horseback riding camp and is looking forward to once again working with the Kinder-Campers at Hi-Hills.

Adam Blitz- Adam attends Gill St. Bernard's School. He is returning for his second year as a counselor at Hi-Hills and before that he was one of our most enthusiastic and energetic CITs.

Christine Bollwage- Christine is a recent graduate of Bridgewater-Raritan High School and will be attending Quinnipiac University where she plans to double major in Psychology and Education. Christine has been both a camper and counselor at Hi-Hills for many years and is looking forward to another fun summer!

Lisa Bollwage-Lisa is a senior at Dickinson College where she is a psychology major and captain of the women's track team. She plans to continue on to graduate education and hopes to become a school psychologist. Lisa has been a camper, counselor and lifeguard at Hi-Hills and is excited to be joining the Teen Travel staff this summer.

Cara Campoli- Cara graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in history and is currently pursuing a master's degree in education at William Patterson. She is looking forward to beginning her student teaching in the fall! This is her third year on the Hi-Hills staff.

Jonathan Campoli-Jonathan is entering his senior year of college where he is studying exercise science. He enjoys playing sports and hopes to become a physical therapist. He is looking forward to his second summer at Hi-Hills.

Ian Carrow-Ian is a recent graduate of Delbarton School where he played football for the last four years. He will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall. As a child, Ian attended camp at Hi-Hills for 7 years and is looking forward to returning as a staff member.

Timothy Caulfield-Timothy is entering 11th grade at Bridgewater-Raritan High School where he runs varsity cross country and track. In his free time he enjoys skateboarding, being an active church member and participating in service project.

Gary Chernow- Gary has been teaching 5th grade in Woodbridge Township for 24 years. In 1996, he was named teacher of the year and just received the honor for a second time. Gary has been a little league baseball coach in Colonia since 1981. This is Gary's 18th year at Hi-Hills.

Christopher Coppola- Chris is a recent graduate of Bridgewater-Raritan High School. Some of his favorite hobbies include fishing, basketball, baseball, tennis and football. Prior to joining the Hi-Hills staff last summer, Chris was a camper here for 8 years.

Gary Corcoran-Gary graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1993 with a degree in U.S. History. He is currently a social studies teacher at the Queen City Academy School in Plainfield where he is an advisor for the student council. Gary enjoys sports and travel and recently was able to spend some time in England!

Jamie Dadouris- Jamie is a recent graduate of Gill St. Bernard's where he was a student ambassador and a member of the academic league, soccer and baseball teams, and yearbook staff. In 2006, he was awarded the Congressional Medal for Service and has been swimming competitively since the age of 9. This is his second year as a lifeguard at Hi-Hills.

Erica Dahl- Erica is a biology teacher at Hanover Park High School and has a B.S. in biology from Ramapo College. In her free time, Erica enjoys reading, outdoor sports, and yoga. This is her second year as a head counselor at Hi-Hills.

Nick DeAngelo- Nick is a recent graduate of West Morris Central and will soon be a Communications major at College Misericordia. He has been a lifeguard for 4 years, two of which have been at Hi-Hills.

Therese Dechent- Therese, or TT as everyone calls her is entering her junior year at Gill St. Bernard's, where she has been a student since Pre-K. TT, her mom, and her cat Pumpkin even live on the Gill St. Bernard's campus! TT enjoys playing the guitar, soccer and spending time with friends. She has experience volunteering at the Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center and has spent the past few summers working for their Camp Cold Brook.

Chris Donald- Chris is a graduate of Seton Hall Prep and just completed his junior year at Penn State University. Chris enjoys camping and all water sports, karate and vacationing on the Outer Banks of N.C. He is looking forward to his 5th summer as a lifeguard at Hi-Hills.

John Eberhardt- John is an honor-roll student at Basking Ridge High School. His hobbies include spending time with his younger brothers, reading, and following the Mets. John was a camper at Hi-Hills for 3 years and was a CIT last year. He is very excited for his first summer on staff!

Christina Epps- Christina attends Morristown High School. She is an honors student and plays sports all year-round. Christina volunteers as an assistant basketball coach for the Morristown Neighborhood House and teaches for a nature program. She is excited for her first summer at Hi-Hills!

Dana Feldman-Dana has a degree in Early Childhood Development and Art. For the past 8 years she has taught general education and art for 2 to 12 year olds. She also ran her own business running art based birthday parties for several years. Dana also loves the outdoors, a passion likely sparked by positive experiences at summer camp as a child. She is looking forward to sharing her loves of art and nature with the campers again this summer.

Melissa Forsythe- Melissa will be a junior at Temple University in the fall where she is an honors student. She is a starter for the varsity fencing team and also has a national ranking on both the junior and senior lists. Melissa has been working at Hi-Hills for several years and can't wait to start the summer!

Em Foster- Em is the former head basketball coach and assistant football coach at Hunterdon Central H.S. He recently retired from teaching math. His future plans involve traveling abroad with his wife. Em holds a B.S and M.S. from Seton Hall University.

Jonathan Garelick- Jon is a recent graduate of Rutgers University and will attend Villanova School of Law in the fall. He is very interested in international law and is looking forward to beginning his studies in the fall. Jon has worked at a variety of other camps, and is looking forward to his first summer at Hi-Hills. He spends his spare time following the Mets!

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Guillermo Gonzalez- Guillermo, his mother and three brothers moved to the United States in 2002. He speaks three languages- English, Spanish, and Guarani. He is currently a student at Bernardsville High School where he is a member of the cross country and soccer teams. He enjoys being a good son, friend and student!

Ivan Gonzalez- Along with his brothers and his mom, Ivan came to the U.S. several years ago. He is very proud of the fact that he speaks three languages and that he is a good student. Ivan attends Bernardsville High School where he is a member of the soccer, track and wrestling teams. He also enjoys bike riding.

Scott Greene- Scott is entering his junior year at Magnet High and is on the high honor roll. He has been playing the trumpet for 8 years and plays in the NJ for the Arts Concert Band. Scott is very excited for his first year as a Hi-Hills staff member.

Daniel Guarente- Daniel attends Immaculata High School where he is a member of the marching band's drum line. He is currently working towards becoming an Eagle Scout and enjoys fencing. He also enjoys telling jokes and making people laugh.

Beth Hansen- Beth has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education and is currently attending College of St. Elizabeth's where she is obtaining a BA in Psychology. She has worked with children of all ages for over 20 years and is currently working in a Pre-School Disabled Program. She loves arts and crafts, cooking and having lots of fun. She is looking forward to another wonderful summer!

Brett Hardman-Brett just completed his sophomore year at Pingry where he plays both soccer and lacrosse. He also competes in a summer travel lacrosse league. Brett is involved in volunteer activities with his church and helps videotape services for his local cable station. Last summer he worked as an assistant recreation counselor at a Vacation Bible School. He looks forward to joining the Hi-Hills family.

Julianne Harris- Julianne just completed her senior year at Bernard's High School was the captain of the softball team and sang in the travel madrigal choir group. She was also a member of the peer leadership board. She has been a member of the Hi-Hills family for over 10 years.

Patrick Hill- Patrick is a junior at Gill St. Bernard's. He enjoys painting, skateboarding, biking and running both indoor and outdoor track. He is looking forward to returning to Hi-Hills for his second summer.

Marc Hungarter- Marc teaches fifth grade in Bridgewater Raritan Regional School District and currently attends Rutgers University for a Master's degree in Administration and Supervision. He enjoys sports and traveling. This is his 8th year at Hi-Hills.

Dana Jones- Dana is going into her sophomore year at East Stroudsburg University where she is studying Professional and Secondary Education with a concentration in Spanish. She is looking forward to another great summer at Hi-Hills.

Melissa Katz-Melissa has a degree in elementary education and used to be a fourth grade teacher. She is the mom of three active boys and currently spends her time caring for her family. She enjoys the outdoors and likes to go boating, hiking and snow tubing with her kids. She looks forward to her first summer at Hi-Hills.

Lisa Kruse- Lisa is a 4th grade teacher for the Randolph School District. She enjoys all outdoor activities, including swimming, tennis, and riding her bicycle with her son. She also loves to spend time with her family, friends, and her two golden retrievers. She can't wait for her first summer as part of the Hi-Hills team!

Alicia Kushner-Alicia is 21 years old and entering her senior year at Penn State. She is a Biobehavioral Health major and an active member of the Red Cross Club. Alicia is looking forward to her second year as a lifeguard at Hi-Hills.

Lisa LaMaire-Lisa is entering her junior year at Bernard's High School where she is the manager for the football, swim, and boys varsity lacrosse teams. She is also a third grade religious education teacher in Bernardsville.

Daniel Lubinsky- Daniel is an excellent student and loves sports. He currently attends Collier High School, and is looking forward to taking advanced tech. next year. His other interests include animals and computers. He can't wait for summer to begin!

Duggan MacDonald- Duggan enjoys all types of athletics. He was the captain of his middle school soccer team and was on the football and track teams for Mendham High School. He volunteers weekly at the Father English Center in Patterson and helped organize a charity walk at Matheny Children's Center.

Meredith MacDonald- Meredith currently attends the University of South Carolina where she is an Early Childhood Education major. After graduating, she wants to be a kindergarten or preschool teacher. She enjoys volunteering and is involved with Habitat for Humanity and other community service groups at her school.

Jeff Martinson- Jeff is a history and education major at Rutgers University and wants to become a history teacher. This is his second year as a teen travel counselor at Hi-Hills.

Jeremy Marx- Jeremy is entering his senior year at Rutgers University as a History/Political Science joint major. He plans to attend the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers and wants to be an elementary school teacher. He was on the 2005-2006 Academic Year Dean's List and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honors Society. His interests include playing any sports outside, especially baseball, and reading.

Amanda Matero- Amanda is an elementary education and American studies major at Rider University. She is involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program near her school.

Sean McDermott- Sean is going into his junior year at West Morris Mendham High School where he is a member of the wrestling team. He plans to pursue a career in sports broadcasting and has played competitive soccer for the past 11 years. Sean was a camper at Hi-Hills for four years and was a CIT last summer. He has loved every minute of his Hi-Hills experience and is excited to be joining our staff.

Brian McParland – Brian is the father of 3 boys ages 2, 7, and 9. He is currently a 7th grade math teacher at Ridgedale Middle School in Florham Park. He enjoys basketball, baseball, soccer, and coaching various sports. Brian graduated from the University of Scranton in 1992 with a B.S. in finance. He went back to school to get his teacher certification and has been teaching for 4 years.

Sarah Metelsky- Sarah will be a junior at Montclair State University where she is a theatre major. Sarah has been at Hi-Hills since she was 3 and this will be her 6th summer as a staff member. She enjoys live music and spending time with her friends.

Scott Miles-Scott recently graduated from Bridgewater-Raritan High School and will be attending college in the fall. He enjoys a variety of sports and recreation activities and is looking forward to an exciting and rewarding experience at Hi-Hills this summer.

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Jennifer Monto- Jennifer is a proud mother of two Hi-Hills campers. She has a B.A. from Monmouth and is currently working on her teaching certification. She recently served as a preschool teacher at The Learning Experience.

Steven Nametz- Steven will be a junior at Gill St. Bernard's in the fall. He is very active in the performing arts and has starred in several GSB productions. Steven is also an Eagle Scout and works with younger members of the scouts program. He is excited for his first summer at Hi-Hills.

Alison O'Brien- Alison is going into her sophomore year at Case Western Reserve University where she double majors in music and cognitive science. She is heavily involved in the CWRU music program where she plays the cello and recently pledged with the Sigma Psi sorority. She is happy to be returning to Hi-Hills this summer.

Nicholas Olson-Nick is entering his senior year at Bridgewater Raritan High School where he plays baseball and is a member of the National Honor Society. Baseball is his favorite sport and he is a past winner of the MVP award in the Raritan Baseball League. Nick also enjoys other sports, video games, and music in his spare time. He hopes to study engineering in college.

Kyle Pirozzoli- Kyle attends Union Catholic High School and is a member of the Colonia Fire Department. He is also a baseball umpire for the Colonia LFLC. He enjoys sports and is looking forward to his second summer at Hi-Hills.

Megan Rathbun – Megan is going into her senior year at West Morris Central High School and is currently a member of the school's International Baccalaureate program and has been nominated for the National Honors Society. She has been involved in competitive swimming since the age of six and is currently the captain of her school's swim team.

Ethan Reed- Ethan is going to be a senior at Watching Hills Regional High School where he is on the track team. This is going to be Ethan's 9th year at Hi-Hills and his second on staff. He was previously a camper and a CIT.

Ray Reynolds- Ray graduated from Mountain Lakes High School in 2006 and currently attends Slippery Rock University where he is studying sports management. He is excited to be working in the art barn again this summer.

Gina Rizzo- Gina is currently a student at West Morris Mendham High School. She is very active in hunter/jumper horse activities and spends a lot of time attending and competing in shows. She is very active in many outdoor activities and sports, including skiing, lacrosse, running, and bicycling. She hopes to pursue a career in dentistry.

Taylor Robinson- Taylor attends West Morris Mendham High School where she is an honors student. She plays varsity field hockey in the spring, and is a captain of the winter and spring track teams. Every summer Taylor goes on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. She is looking forward to pursuing a future career with children, and is very excited to be working at Hi-Hills this summer.

Phoebe Rothfeld- Phoebe will be attending Muhlenberg University in the fall on both an art talent and presidential merit scholarship. She has taken many classes on and enjoys photography and has previously served as a CIT at Appel Farm Arts and Music Center. She also has experience with horses, field hockey and playing the harp.

Tammy Schweiger- Tammy is a special education teacher in Newark with BA degrees in poly sci, pre law, and psychology. She is CPR and AED certified. Tammy is currently pursuing a Master's in educational studies for children with disabilities and hopes to pursue a PhD in psychology in education.

Ian Schwartz-Ian Schwartz is a senior at Rutgers University, where he majors in English and minors in philosophy. Ian is also a student of the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, and is preparing to begin a career teaching high school English. In his spare time, Ian enjoys reading, playing the guitar, playing and watching baseball (Let's go Mets!), and traveling. He can't wait to begin his first summer at Hi Hills!

Eileen Silva- Eileen is a graduate of Richard Stockton College of New Jersey where she majored in Historical Studies and minored in Education. Before having her sons, Eileen was a substitute teacher. Currently she is an active PTA member and regularly volunteers in her kids' classrooms as in-class support.

Patrick Simpson- Patrick is a student at Bridgewater Raritan High School where he is a member of the marching band and the improv club. He is a certified lifeguard and has run his own lawn cutting business. He hopes to enter the media music business. Patrick has been both a camper and CIT at Hi-Hills during past summers.

Jeff Spychalski- This is Jeff's second summer at Hi-Hills. He is a student at Centenary College where he is studying history and elementary education. On campus he works for the international department and intramural activities.

Emma Stendig- Emma is going into her junior year at Kenyon College. She is an experienced babysitter and au pair and was a referee for children's soccer games in South Orange. Emma was both a camper and counselor in training at Frost Valley YMCA and is looking forward to another great summer at Hi-Hills.

Gerard Torres- Gerard has a degree in physical education and health. He has worked at various camps and worked with children k-5. He is a teacher for the Morris School District and has assisted in coaching traveling basketball and has taught kindergarten fitness classes. This is his second summer at Hi-Hills.

Lauren Ullrich- Lauren is going into her senior year at Gill St. Bernard's. She is involved in fencing, honors chorus and various community service projects. She has worked in NYC on Broadway, professional theatre and film. This is her second year at Hi-Hills.

Katherine Van Leeuwen- Katie is going into her junior year of High School at Bernard's High. During the year, she plays field hockey and does girls basketball and girls lacrosse stats. When she goes to college, she hopes to major in either psychology or business. For fun, she likes to hang out with friends, go to the movies, and play sports. As a previous camper and CIT, she is super excited to finally be working for camp this summer.

Daniel Weiner- Dan is going to be a senior at Barnstable Academy. He is an avid cyclist and is very active in his religious community through his temple. Dan will be joining Mr. Nature this summer and is looking forward to spending his first summer at Hi-Hills with the animals down at the nature barn!

Tom Wiczanski- Tom will be a junior at Bridgewater-Raritan High School. He spends his spare time playing football and roller-hockey. He plans on pursuing a career in the sports medicine field someday. Tom was a CIT last summer, and is looking forward to his fourth summer at Hi-Hills.

Justin Wolczynski-Justin is a student at Voorhees High School where he is on the honor roll and has excelled in ceramics courses. He is interested in studying both ceramics and education in college. He is a former boy scout and played the tenor saxophone for several years.

Stephanie Wyman- Steph is a junior at Ithaca College where she is a member of the Varsity softball team. She is majoring in Exercise Science with a concentration in Sports Psychology and double minor in Coaching and Psychology. She is also secretary of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. This is her second year at Hi-Hills.