

# Hi-Hills Camp Staff

- **Michael Metelsky**-(Camp Director) – Besides running camp, Mike teaches Biology at Seton Hall Prep. He is also the moderator of the Prep Ski/Snowboard Club and the Pirate Adventure Club. Mike's has lead adventures to Guatemala, Belize, Panama, and to the Alps in Italy, Switzerland, and Austria. Before being appointed Director Mike served as Assistant Director of the camp for 5 years and served as Nature Director for 14 years. This is Mike's 26th year at Hi-Hills.
  - **Cindy Wyatt**- (GSB Director of Summer and Auxiliary Programs)- Cindy is now in her second year at Gill St, Bernard's. 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 three children and three pets, and resides nearby in Hunterdon County.
  - **Aaron Gratch**-(Assistant Camp 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.
  - **Chris Donald**- (Assistant Camp Director)- Chris graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Economics. He worked as a lifeguard at Hi-Hills for 6<sup>th</sup> years. Chris enjoys hiking, martial arts, swimming and the outdoors.
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- **John Bellina**- Assistant Athletic Director- Jon has been teaching for 13 years and is entering his 10<sup>th</sup> year at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Edison, NJ. He teaches special education in the content areas of English, Social Studies and Science. He loves to exercise and is currently pursuing his personal trainer certification.
  - **James Bennett**- Teen Travel Director- Jim is entering his second season at Hi-Hills. He has a Masters Degree in Secondary Education from Queens College and has been a high school history teacher for the past 12 years. He enjoys sports and coaches basketball, lacrosse and soccer. He also enjoys baseball and football and is an avid Yankees and a Giants fan!
  - **Rita Boso**- Camp Nurse- Rita Boso R.N., BSN, CNA, is our Hi-Hills Camp Nurse as well as the Upper School Nurse at Gill St. Bernard's School. She comes to us as a graduate of Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing and West Virginia University School of Nursing. She has been nationally certified in Nursing Administration and certified in Critical Care Nursing from the University of Tennessee. Her clinical background includes critical care, trauma, neurology/neurosurgery, and quality management. Her most recent experiences have been in School Nursing and have spanned Pre-K through High School, as well as the area of special needs for severely disabled students in the classroom. She is the mother of twins, has lived in WV, PA, OR, GA, and NJ. Health, wellness, and caring for your campers and the staff is what she is about.
  - **Donna Butler**- Lower Bunks Supervisor- Donna has been a teacher at Gill St. Bernard's School for 15 years. She teaches Latin and oversees the school yearbook. Her education includes degrees from Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales and St Peter's College. She served as a Girl Scout leader for 15 years and is actively involved in the St. Phillip and St. James Catholic Church.
  - **John Crown**- Upper Bunks Supervisor- John is entering his 17<sup>th</sup> year on the Hi-Hills staff. He has a B.A. in History from Kean College and a Masters in Education from Mary Grove College. He teaches Social Studies at Pequannock Township High School where he also coaches middle school basketball and high school baseball.
  - **Kathy DeFilipis**- Arts and Crafts 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 the County College of Morris. Kathy is very excited to be returning to Hi-Hills for her 5th summer

- **Marc Gesualdo**- Athletic Director- Marc just finished his 11<sup>th</sup> year as a teacher of 6<sup>th</sup> grade English at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Edison. He also completed his 10<sup>th</sup> season as girls soccer coach and 8<sup>th</sup> season as girls basketball coach. Marc earned his B.A. in journalism from Lehigh and his M.S in Communication and teaching certification from Tennessee.
  - **Chuck Hogan**- Nature Director- Chuck holds a B.A in early childhood education from Kean University. He is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Bedminster School where he also runs the science and environmental clubs. Chuck presents wildlife and nature programs to scouting and other children's groups. He is an American Heart Heartsaver instructor in first aid, CPR, and AED. Chuck enjoys fishing, hiking, and keeping many exotic animals. This is his 10<sup>th</sup> summer at Hi-Hills.
  - **Kyle Kirst**- Specialty Supervisor- Kyle is a Social Studies teacher at Hanover Park High School where he also serves as girls basketball coach. Kyle coaches lacrosse as well as many town REC teams. He is the devoted father of five boys. Kyle is looking forward to his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at camp.
  - **Mary Clare Kubicz**- Kinder Camp Director- Mary Clare received a B.S. in elementary education from Seton Hall University. She holds certifications in early childhood, family living and social work. She received her Masters in guidance and counseling from Kean University. Mary Clare is the president of her church's social concerns committee which raises money for the working poor and community food banks. She enjoys traveling, being with friends and family, and baby-sitting her granddaughters Veronica and Layla.
  - **August Lorio**- Swim Director- Auggie holds both a B.S. and M.S. in Physical Education and has been teaching for the past 27 years. He currently teaches physical education and health at Bridgewater Raritan Middle School. He has coached and taught swimming for 18 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 14 years. He has experience teaching all levels of swim instruction, from infant to adult.
  - **Elaine Murray**-Music Director – Elaine currently teaches in the Westfield public school system as a vocal music teacher. She loves working with children and is attentive to their needs. She likes making music class fun and teaching with music related games. She is happy to be at Hi-Hills for her second year and welcomes the opportunity to teach your children.
  - **Mindy Schwartz**- Director of Special Events- This will be Mindy's 14th year at camp. In the past she held positions as an early childhood counselor and C.I.T. supervisor. She holds bachelor degrees in Handicapped Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. Mindy has completed her 12<sup>th</sup> year as a special education teacher in the Newark public school system.
  - **Eric Screven**- Archery/Karate Director- Eric has been teacher on the Newark Public School system for 15 years. He earned his Bachelors degree in History from Rutgers University and his Masters in Education Administration from St. Peters College. He is a certified archery instructor and has been active as a self defense instructor for many years.
  - **Shante' Screven**- Dance Director- Shante' graduated from Trenton State College with a degree in Office Administration and Management and is an alumnus of GSB. She has working in the Newark Public School system for 15 years. She has 3 children and is excited for her first year at Hi-Hills.
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- **Kelly Alfano**- Kelly is entering her senior year at Rutgers University where she is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. She hopes to become an elementary school teacher when she graduates. She is the Pan-Hellenic Vice-President of her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and is involved in the Adopt-a-family program at Robert Wood Johnson mentoring children with cancer and blood disorders.
  - **Taaj Alston**- Taaj attends Wesley College and will be finishing her degree this fall. She is a Liberal Studies major with concentrations in Political Science, History and English. She plans on attending graduate school to study Education. This is Taaj's 4<sup>th</sup> year at Hi-Hills, and she guarantees a fun-filled camp season for your children.
  - **Meghan Amorosa**- Meghan is entering her senior year at Gill St. Bernard's School. She plays for the varsity softball team, is a member of the newspaper staff and will be editor of the school's literary magazine next year. She is looking forward to her 12<sup>th</sup> summer at Hi-Hills and her 2<sup>nd</sup> as a counselor.
  - **Emma Arlauskas**- Emma is a junior at Wellesley College where she is studying English, French, and filmmaking. She was a happy Hi-Hills camper herself not too long ago and is very excited to return for her first summer as a counselor .
  - **Jesse Benjamin**- Jesse is excited to be a counselor after growing up at Hi-Hills. He is a junior at Bridgewater-Raritan High School and enjoys basketball.

- **Allison Bone**- Hello! My name is Allison Bone, and I am looking forward to my second summer here at Hi-Hi-Hills. When I am not working at Hi- Hills, I am a permanent substitute teacher in Madison, New Jersey where I live. I graduated from Lock Haven University last May with a degree in Education. In the fall, I will begin perusing my masters in special education at The College of St. Elizabeth's in Madison. In addition to going to school, I enjoy summertime, going out to eat, the beach, and my puppy Tucker
- **Chelsea Brown**- Chelsea is a rising 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Bridgewater-Raritan High School and is returning to Hi-Hills after participating in the CIT program last summer. She is a hard working student and has consistently earned a place on the honor roll. Chelsea was awarded the Partner Pride student of the month award for her leadership qualities. She regularly baby-sits and is a member of the Cooking Club and Stepping Out club, which advocates students overcoming their disabilities in pursuit of their dreams.
- **Allison Carroll**- Allison graduated Kutztown University with a B.A. in French. She is very active in her church having taught both pre-school Sunday school classes, as well as 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Vacation Bible School classes. In 2005 she volunteered her time to the Hurricane Katrina cleanup efforts, cleaning out the flood damaged homes of victims.
- **Gary Chernow**- This is Gary's 20<sup>th</sup> year at Hi-Hills. He has been a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Woodbridge for 23 years, and has been honored as teacher of the year twice. He just completed his 29<sup>th</sup> season as a little league baseball coach for Colonia.
- **Matthew Cohrs**- Matthew is entering his junior year in high school. He participates in REC sports, enjoys keeping up with current events and will be the Senior Patrol Leader of his Boy Scout troop next year.
- **Lorraine Cuniberti**- This is Lorraine's 14<sup>th</sup> summer at Hi-Hills. She recently retired from Mt. Olive Middle School after 22 years as a special education classroom assistant. She and her husband Rich enjoy traveling, dining out, entertaining and baby-sitting their 5 year old granddaughter Ashley. Lorraine is the familiar voice and face that parents have come to rely on.
- **Erica Dahl**- Erica is a biology and chemistry teacher at Hanover Park High School and has a B.S. in biology from Ramapo College. She is currently working on a Masters in biology. In her free time, Erica enjoys cooking, reading and playing Frisbee. This is her fourth year as a head counselor at Hi-Hills.
- **Mike DeFilippis**- Mike is entering his junior year of high school. He has been kickboxing for several years and is looking forward to his first year as staff after excelling in the CIT program.
- **Maria Diaz**- Maria was awarded the Golden Apple award for excellence in service while working in the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District as a school bus driver. Maria has three daughters and enjoys working with children.
- **Adam Dubson**- Adam is looking forward to his junior year at Bridgewater-Raritan High School. There, he is a member of the Spanish Club, Writing Club and the Scrapbooking Club. Adam is CPR and First-Aid certified, and also had his poetry published in the Raritan Valley Community College poetry book this year. Adam attended Hi-Hills for 10 and knows it well. He enjoys working with kids of all ages, and is looking forward to his first year as a counselor.
- **John Eberhardt**- John recently graduated high school and is looking forward to entering Rutgers University this fall. In high school, he won an award for Public Speaking at the state convention for the Future Business Leaders of America. John is a hard worker and avid Mets fan.
- **Travis Eberhardt**- Travis is entering his senior year at Ridge High School where he plays for the school's Ultimate Frisbee team. He attended Hi-Hills as a camper for 6 years and is looking forward to his second year as a counselor.
- **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 third summer at Hi-Hills
- **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 Garfield**- Jon is a junior at Bridgewater-Raritan High School where he plays football. He attended Hi-Hills for many years and is a graduate of the CIT program. Jon can't wait for his first year as a counselor at camp.

- **Alysa Gatta-** Alysa attends Immaculata High School, where she will be entering her senior year. There she volunteers for the campus ministry and is a member of the student organizations REBEL and SADD. She also is a varsity cheerleader for football, basketball and the competition squad where she will be a captain next year.
- **Carl Gittleman-** Carl is currently a student at Raritan Valley Community College where he studies Psychology. He has worked with children since he was 16, where he began at a soccer camp. He hopes one day to become a child psychologist.
- **Emanuel (Ahmi) Goldberg-** This is Ahmi's second year as a counselor at Hi-Hills. He will be starting his junior year at Bridgewater-Raritan High School where he plays soccer and volleyball. Ahmi is president of his high school class and volunteers his time to raise awareness and money for the American Cancer Society. He enjoys working with children a great deal.
- **Jonathan Goldsmith-** Jonathan is a senior at Ridge High School where he is an honors student. He was a camper for 12 years and is looking forward to his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a counselor.
- **Guillermo Gonzalez-** Guillermo is a senior at Bernards High School. He enjoys many sports; playing soccer, Frisbee and lacrosse and running both indoor and outdoor track. Guillermo is active in community service and enjoys eating and running in his leisure time.
- **Beth Hansen-** This is Beth's 6<sup>th</sup> year at Hi-Hills. She recently graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth with her B.A. in Psychology with honor. She loves to cook, do arts & crafts projects and generally making a mess with the children.
- **Caroline Harris-** Caroline is a senior at Bernards High School. In her spare time she likes to volunteer with her church. She attended Hi-Hills for several years and is excited for her second year on staff.
- **Marc Hungarter-** Marc teaches the fifth grade in the Bridgewater Raritan Regional School District. He recently earned a Masters Degree in Education from Rutgers University. He enjoys sports and traveling, and is looking forward to his 10<sup>th</sup> summer at Hi-Hills.
- **Gavin Johnson-** Gavin is going into his senior year at Montclair State University. He is majoring in Acting and enjoys playing sports such as football, basketball and baseball.
- **Oran Johnson II-** Oran is a junior at Rutgers University enrolled in the Business School pursuing a Masters in Quantitative Finance. He graduated from Bridgewater- Raritan High School in 2007, there he wrestled and was a peer mediator. In 2000 he wrote two poems, A Mess and Falling Leaves, that were published in the Kids Courier News. He enjoys playing sports and creating new ideas for his tee shirt clothing line.
- **Steven Katz-** Steven is a honor roll student at Randolph High School. He enjoys basketball, baseball, football and tennis. His first year on the high school JV tennis team ended with a record of 7-1. During the winter, he was the captain of his basketball team.
- **Cassandra Kurnath-** Cassie is entering her sophomore year at the University of Scranton, Pennsylvania. She was on her high school's varsity basketball team and enjoys many other sports. She has worked as a lifeguard for 3 years and is looking forward to her 1<sup>st</sup> year at Hi-Hills.
- **Alicia Kushner-** Alicia is a recent graduate of Penn State. There she majored in Biobehavioral Health with a minor in Health Policy and Administration. She was an active member of the Red Cross Club. Alicia enjoys exercising, hiking, cooking and the outdoors. Alicia is looking forward to her fourth year as a lifeguard at Hi-Hills.
- **Danielle Lashley-** Danielle just graduated from the Pingry School and will be attending Hamilton College in the fall. She is involved in scientific research and plans to major in Biology. She has been a Girl Scout for 13 years, volunteers as an EMT, and was captain of her school's ski racing team. She has worked with pottery for five years and was awarded a 3D Media Award in the Visual Arts.
- **Daniel Lubinsky-** Dan is happy to be returning to Hi-Hills camp for his 3rd year. He attends Collier High School where he is looking forward to taking audio and lighting tech courses during his senior year. He enjoys web design, playing soccer, animals, computers and doing yard work.
- **Meredith MacDonald--** Meredith just graduated from the University of South Carolina where she was an Early Childhood Education major. She hopes to find a position as a kindergarten or preschool teacher. She enjoys volunteering and was involved with Habitat for Humanity and other community service groups at her school

- **Caitlin Marcus**- Caitlin recently graduated from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia as a graphic design major. She attended West Morris Central H.S. and lives in Long Valley. She hopes to work with a design studio or attend graduate school in the future. She is very excited to work in the art program here at Hi-Hills Day Camp and hopes to enhance the children's experience with art.
- **Jeff Martinson**- Jeff recently graduated with degrees in history and education from Rutgers University. He will continue his graduate studies at Hawaii Pacific University and wants to become a history teacher. This is his fourth year as a teen travel counselor at Hi-Hills.
- **Jeremy Marx**- Jeremy is a recent graduate of the Rutgers Graduate School of Education and is eager to begin his career as a social studies teacher. He is excited to return to Hi-Hills for his 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a tennis instructor.
- **Sean McDermott**- Sean recently graduated from West Mendham High School and will be attending Penn State next fall. At Mendham, he was a member of the Varsity Wrestling team and co-captain of the Championship Intramural Ultimate Frisbee Team. This will be his 8<sup>th</sup> year at Hi-Hills and he is looking forward to an awesome summer.
- **James McNany**- James recently graduated from the University of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He majored in history and can't wait to return for his 6<sup>th</sup> summer at Hi-Hills.
- **Brian McParland**- Brian is in his 6<sup>th</sup> year of teaching at Ridgedale Middle School in Florham Park. He taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics and coached both soccer and basketball this year. Brian resides in Bernardsville with his wife Sarah and three boys: Griffin, Declan and Brendan. He is looking forward to another great summer of sun and fun at Hi-Hills.
- **Connor Milanaik**- Connor is going into his junior year at Gill St. Bernard's. He runs track and plays both soccer and hockey while maintaining his grades. He is also a Boy Scout in Bernardsville. He has worked at Summer Fun Camp for two years and is a certified archery instructor.
- **Ryan Milanaik**- Ryan is a student at Gill St. Bernard's and will be entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. At school, he is a three sport athlete with varsity letters in soccer and track. He excels in school, having made the Honor Roll each semester of high school. He is also a Boy Scout, with hopes of receiving the rank of Eagle by winter. He would like to attend business school some day.
- **Sarah Metelsky**- Sarah just graduated from Montclair State University where she majored in Theatre. At MSU she was the president of the MSU Players, and was an SGA legislator; she was also a member of Theta Alpha Phi. This is Sarah's 20<sup>th</sup> summer at Hi-Hills, her 8<sup>th</sup> as a counselor and her 1<sup>st</sup> as a Teen Travel counselor.
- **Jennifer Monto**- This is Jen's 4<sup>th</sup> year as a counselor at Hi-Hills. She has her Masters in Special Education and just completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a Pre-School Disabled Teacher at the Harding School in Kenilworth. Her hobbies include painting, drawing, and working out at the gym.
- **Petrilli Anthony**- Anthony is a junior at the Gill St. Bernard's School where he plays soccer. He enjoys all sports and is looking forward to his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a lifeguard.
- **Maya Pincus**- Maya is going into her sophomore year at Oberlin College. Currently undecided about her major, she is embracing all aspects of study with open arms. She is very excited to return to Hi-Hills for 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a counselor.
- **Tiffany Roth**- This is Tiffany's 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Hi-Hills. She attends the University of Scranton and will be a junior Criminal Justice/Sociology double major. At school, she plays on the Ultimate Frisbee team. She is also a Public Safety Officer for the University.
- **Clifford Schaffer**- Cliff is a graduate of Montclair State University where he majored in History. He plans on being a teacher and enjoys swimming, lifting and playing basketball. Cliff is ecstatic about his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a lifeguard at Hi-Hills.
- **Kevin Schaffer**- Kevin attends Monmouth University where he plays basketball and plans to major in History Education. Kevin is an avid sports fan and has played football, basketball and baseball. He has also taught at various basketball camps, and is looking forward to his 2<sup>nd</sup> summer of fun at Hi-Hills
- **Aimee Schwartz**- Aimee recently graduated Kean University with a B.A. in psychology. She will be attending Seton Hall Graduate School for school psychology in September. This will be her 4<sup>th</sup> year working at Hi-Hills. She enjoys working with children and having fun.

- **Eileen Silva**- Eileen is a graduate of Richard Stockton College of New Jersey where she majored in Historical Studies and minored in Education. She is an avid crafter, loves to cook, and is a proud mother of two young boys. Eileen is looking forward to another fun summer at Hi-Hills.
- **Ryan Swinson**- Ryan is currently a student at Penn State University. Ryan has an interest in sports and hopes to share his enthusiasm with the children this summer at camp.
- **Tara Simpson**- Tara is really excited to be working at Hi-Hills this year. She went to Hi-Hills for 11 years and is thrilled to finally be a counselor. Tara enjoys music and plans on looking into music therapy as a potential career choice. She is looking forward to hours of fun with the campers.
- **Joshua Tex**- Josh is excited to be returning to Hi-Hills again this summer. He has been a camper, a counselor and a lifeguard at camp. Josh graduated from West Mendham High School and is entering his junior year at Washington College. There he played baseball and is currently on the rugby team. He is the Vice-President of both the student organization SIFE and his fraternity.
- **Gerard Torres**- Gerard has been teaching for 8 years with the Morris School District where he teaches Physical Education to K-12th grade students. He has worked for various summer camps and has over a decade of experience. Gerard can't wait for his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Hi-Hills.
- **Michael Trapani**- This is Mike's 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Hi-Hills. He teaches 7th grade Social Studies at Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School where he also coaches the baseball team. He is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, with a Bachelors degree in History and a Masters degree in Education. Mike is very much looking forward to another fun and exciting summer.
- **Katherine Van Leeuwen**- Katie recently graduated from Bernard's High School. There she played field hockey, was a member of the key club and took stats for both girls basketball and lacrosse. Katie was a camper at Hi-Hills for many years and is looking forward to her 3<sup>rd</sup> summer on staff.
- **Marc Willemsen**- Marc is a recent graduate of Thomas Edison State College, earning a Bachelors degree in Economics. He continues to work as an instructional aide within the New Providence School District. This past year he served as head coach of the Oratory Prep varsity boys tennis team and assistant coach of the New Providence girls volleyball team. Marc is excited for another summer at Hi-Hills.