



LAKE OF THE WOODS STAFF - 2011



We are so excited to have **ALLIE BAHCALL** back at camp! Allie is looking forward to attending a Big Ten University in the fall, and planning on studying recreation management. When she isn't working on her applications, Allie is busy participating in various community service activities, over 200 hours total as of now! She helps plan and run many events including; Relay for Life and her high school's annual dance marathon. Returning for her 8th summer, Allie will be down at the waterfront teaching sailing – where she learned to sail at LWC many years ago! We can't wait to have Allie back at camp!

A big welcome to **JOANNE BARTON** from England! Joanne is extremely excited to join us for her 1st summer at Lake of the Woods as one of our arts & crafts and fine arts instructors. Joanne has been creating and studying art her entire life, and continues to lead creative art activities. She recently worked with handicapped children, helping them produce amazing art work that was proudly displayed at a culminating art exhibition. Joanne's talents range from sketching and screen printing to card and bracelet making – she even painted a large mural on the inside of a gym! She has been known to ALWAYS have art supplies on hand, and we are so excited to see what creative projects she has in store for us this summer!



We are thrilled to welcome **CHELSEY BILLIPS** for her first summer at camp! From East Lansing, Michigan, Chelsy is currently a junior at Lansing Community College, where she is majoring in secondary art education. When she isn't busy with schoolwork, Chelsy runs children's art workshops out of her personal art studio. Her latest workshop was titled, "the Little Picasso Workshop", where she helped young children develop their painting skills. Chelsy has also traveled to summer art festivals, where she even sold several of her own paintings! We are so excited to introduce Chelsy as one of our art instructors. Chelsy will be teaching painting and set design at camp!

21-year old **EMMA CATTERMOLE** joins us for her 1st summer at LWC! All the way from the United Kingdom, Emma is currently studying law at the University of Hertfordshire. She also received her general certificate of secondary education in art/textiles and photography. Emma has been a teaching assistant at a local primary school and currently works part-time as a photographer for her University. Emma will be joining us as an arts & crafts and digital photography instructor. We are so excited to welcome her to LWC!



23-year old **HEATHER COMER** from Australia joins us at camp for her first summer! Heather recently completed her Diploma of Children's Sciences, and has worked with children for over 8 consecutive years. She grew up living near the water, and spent many years participating in various water activities, including surfing and waterskiing. She even received her PWC boat license. Heather will be down at the ski dock this summer, teaching campers how to waterski, wakeboard, kneeboard and more!

21-year old **CHELSEA CONNORS** is coming to camp for her 1st summer! From Farmington, Michigan, Chelsea is a junior at Central Michigan University, where she is studying Elementary Education. Chelsea has been extremely active in a Student Buddy program, where she worked with students in the special education program, and even ended up being a one-on-one nanny for one of her buddies last summer! Chelsea is so excited to come to camp as one of our gymnastics instructors, where she will be helping our campers with their skills on the beam, floor, vault, and more! She is especially excited to help create routines for our Gymnastics Shows at the end of each 4-week session. Chelsea was a competitive gymnast for eight years, and is hoping to coach at a local school when she graduates. We are looking forward to having Chelsea at LWC this summer!





We are so excited to have **SHELBY COREN** back at camp! Shelby is from Highland Park, Illinois, and is looking forward to attending Indiana University in the fall to study nursing. In her free time, Shelby works at a local daycare. A former camper, CIT and JC, this will be Shelby's 9th summer at LWC. We are so excited to have Shelby as part of our fantastic swim staff! She will be down at the swim dock teaching swimming. We can't wait to see Shelby's smiling face in Decatur!

23-year old **ELIZABETH COSBY** will be joining us all the way from the U.K.! Elizabeth comes to camp after finishing a degree in Performing Arts from the University of Bedford, as an exciting experience before she returns to school to study teaching. Elizabeth has been dancing and participating in theatre from a very early age. She recently co-directed a local school's production of everyone's favorite, "High School Musical"! Elizabeth will be a drama instructor at camp, helping us choreograph and practice for our wonderful 'Drama Show' at the end of each session. We are so excited for her to share her performance skills, and can't wait to have her at camp!



Former camper, CIT, and JC, **JORDYN DAVIDOVE** is so excited to be back at camp! Jordyn is from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, and is currently a senior at Stevenson High School. She is looking forward to studying early childhood education in college next year. When Jordyn isn't busy working on college applications, she leads a community service club called "G.I.V.E.", which works with young kids in an after-school setting. Jordyn loves camp and is so excited to be back for her 11th summer! We are very happy to have her return to teach climbing at the climbing wall!

21-year old **EMILY DEANE** will be at camp for her first summer! Emily is from Carlsbad, California, and recently graduated from Centre College in Kentucky. Emily has previous camp experience as a counselor at Sky High Ranch in Colorado, and is looking forward to meeting all of our campers! An art major, she has experience in ceramics, glassblowing, sewing, drawing, and more. We are excited to introduce Emily as a jewelry-making instructor at LWC!



21-year old **CATHY DIFELE** is coming to us all the way from Melbourne, Australia! She received her children services certificate in 2008, which was when she decided to continue her studies in the field of education. Cathy is currently studying to be a primary school teacher, and assists in several classrooms with children ages 5 – 12. She loves being outdoors, and spends a lot of her free time on the water. Cathy has her boat operator license, and drives ski boats on a weekly basis. She is so excited to come to camp for her first summer as one of our water-ski instructors!

27-year old **AMELIA FARROWS** joins us all the way from New Zealand! Amelia received her Bachelors in criminology and criminal justice in 2009. She is currently working toward her Masters in criminology and criminal justice. Amelia is so excited to return to camp for her second summer after taking a few summers off. She loves being active, and enjoys all sorts of climbing; outdoor, indoor, sport, ice, and high ropes courses. Amelia will be at the climbing tower this summer as our climbing director. Welcome back to camp Amelia!





LWC is very excited to welcome **CLARE FLORIDA-JAMES** back to camp for her 2nd summer! 23-year old Clare comes to us all the way from England, where she is currently living. Clare attended the University of Derby, where she studied for her Bachelors of Education. Clare was previously a counselor and ceramics instructor in Texas, and we were so happy when she first came to LWC last summer! We are very fortunate to have Clare back in Decatur for her 2nd summer as a ceramics instructor and counselor. Welcome back to camp Clare!

21-year old **RACHAL FUSSELL** is so excited for her first summer at camp! From Levanon, Indiana, Rachal is currently a senior at Purdue University. A nursing student, she has worked at several camps in the past, including YMCA Flat Rock in Indiana. In her spare time, Rachal enjoys playing sports, volunteering, and horseback riding. She rode English for over five years, and taught both English and Western riding. Rachal will be a great addition to LWC this summer as one of our horseback riding instructors!



We are so happy to announce the return of counselor favorite, **KATIE GERTLER!** Katie is from Chicago, and currently a sophomore at Tulane University in New Orleans, studying sociology and communications. A former camper, CIT, and JC, Katie will be back at camp for her 11th summer! She will be teaching swim lessons down at the waterfront. When she is not at the swim dock, Katie will be helping get everything ready for all of our exciting evening programs. We cannot wait to have Katie back at camp!

21-year old **CARA GLOWASKI** will be coming to camp all the way from Parkdale, Australia. Cara recently graduated from Monash University and received her degree in business and commerce, as well as a Victorian Certificate of Education. She started dancing at the age of 3, and was trained in ballet, jazz, tap and contemporary dance. Cara has taught and choreographed dances to many different groups of students, and received several awards and high honors for her skills. Dance is Cara's ultimate passion, and she is looking forward to being one of our dance instructors at camp this summer!



22-year old **EMMA GOODSSELL** is so excited to return to camp for her 2nd summer! Emma is from the United Kingdom, and is currently working as a Learning Coordinator at a college. She recently enrolled in an advanced degree program studying Youth and Community Work, which she will begin after camp. Emma has a lot of experience working with children, including as a Student Ambassador in college, as well as assisting at several elementary schools in the UK. She hopes to open her own riding stables for underprivileged youth and adults one day. Emma loved camp last summer, and we are so excited to welcome her back to camp! Emma will be working down at the stables with the rest of our riding staff, making sure that everyone has a safe and fun experience with our horses!

We are so excited to welcome back **JERI HART** for her 10th summer at camp! From Deerfield, Illinois, Jeri is a sophomore at the University of Illinois studying elementary education with a concentration in theatre. She is currently studying abroad for a semester in Leeds, England, and we can't wait to hear about her overseas experience! Jeri stays busy participating in musicals every semester at school, and we are so lucky to have her grace us with her acting and theatre skills! As she has done for the past several summers, Jeri will be back teaching drama. We can't wait for Jeri to help us create memorable plays and musicals at camp!





24-year old **JESSICA JOHNSON** is so excited for her 1st summer in Decatur! Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jessica is currently studying early childhood development at Oklahoma State University. She hopes to become a first grade teacher when she graduates! Jessica grew up camping with her family, and is so excited to share her love for the outdoors with our campers. Her favorite spot for camping is in Southeast Oklahoma. Jessica is passionate about recreation and outdoor living, and will be a great outdoor living skills instructor at camp!

21-year old **EMILY JONES** joins us for her first summer at camp! Emily recently graduated from Michigan State University, and is entering Americorps in the fall. She is passionate about the outdoors, and has been working with children as a nanny for many years. Emily taught private and group tennis lessons at a popular resort in Michigan for four years. We are very excited to introduce her as one of our tennis instructors at LWC this summer!



25-year old **ERIN LANE** joins us for her first summer at camp! Erin is from Abilene, Texas, and completed her B.F.A. in dance at the University of Texas. She studied abroad in Mexico during college, where she taught yoga to children in her spare time. She has danced and worked for the American Ballet Company, San Angelo Civic Ballet, and a contemporary dance theatre in New York City. Erin worked for Apple for several years, where she had the opportunity to travel all over the world. She currently lives in Spain, where she is completing her TEFL certification – Teaching English as a Foreign Language. Erin will be returning to Spain after camp to pursue her teaching career. We are so excited to introduce her as our ballet, yoga, pilates and fitness instructor at camp this summer!

A huge welcome to 21-year old **DIANA LAY**! From Arlington, Virginia, Diana is currently a junior at Whitman College in Washington. Diana is the leader of a program on campus called “Cool the Schools”, which places college-age volunteers in elementary schools to lead fun, environmental lessons and activities. She is very passionate about the environment, and is currently spending a semester abroad in Western Africa participating in field courses and doing independent research. Diana loves the outdoors, and is so excited to be one of our Trip Leaders at camp! Diana will lead campers on our optional trip program, which includes canoeing, rafting, outdoor cooking, and more. Her favorite part of camping is forming strong bonds with the group on a trip, and we are looking forward to experiencing those team-building activities!



Former camper, CIT and JC, **BEGONA LINERO** is so excited to be back at camp! Originally from Mexico City, Mexico, Begona is currently a student at California State University of San Marcos in San Diego, California. Begona’s focus is on business administration and marketing, and she also has a knack for learning languages; she is fluent in Spanish, English, and French! Returning for her 9th summer at LWC, Begona will be down at the waterfront teaching swimming. She has been swimming since she was two, and competing on swim teams since the age of eight! Begona is a wonderful addition to our staff, and will be sure to make everyone smile!

21-year old **KIRBY MCLEAN** will be coming to camp for her first summer! Originally from Melbourne, Australia, Kirby currently works as a softball coach. She recently completed her diploma in outdoor recreation and business, and is hoping to pursue a career as an outdoor leader. Kirby is a competitive swimmer, and worked as a swim instructor and coach for a year. She is also certified to lead flat-level canoe trips, and has experience canoeing in rivers, dams, and even level two rapids! We are happy to announce that Kirby will be one of our canoe instructors at camp!





CHARLOTTE "LOTTIE" MORRIS is back at camp for her 2nd summer! Originally from the United Kingdom, Lottie recently completed her BS in Psychology at the University of Birmingham. She is currently an Assistant Child Psychologist. Lottie will attend Bath University after camp to work toward her Doctorate in clinical psychology. Lottie is a certified ASA Level 2 Swim Instructor, and has more than 6 years of swim instruction experience. We are for Lottie to be the swim director at camp this summer!

26-year old **SAMANTHA PARKINSON** will be joining us all the way from the United Kingdom! Samantha graduated from Chester University with a Bachelor of Arts, and currently works as a customer service advisor. She spent over a year working as a multi-activity instructor with children ages 8 – 18, taught for several weeks in Romania. Samantha has been sailing since the age of 12, and even sailed yachts in the Mediterranean and Caribbean! Samantha is so excited to be a sailing instructor at camp this summer.



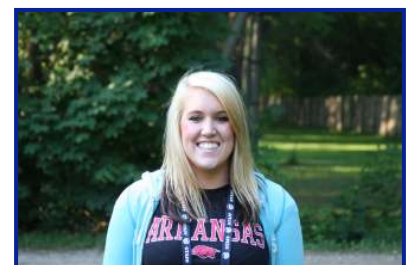
GEMMA PETERS will be coming to camp for her first summer from Sydney, Australia! Gemma received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Macquarie University, and is currently working toward her master's in clinical psychology. She dreamt of working at a summer camp in American since she was 10 years old, and is so excited to finally have the opportunity! Gemma has received many travel grants, prestigious internships and scholarships throughout her education, and is looking forward to sharing all of her experiences with our campers and staff. She currently leads a cognitive behavior therapy program for children, as well as a social skills group for preschoolers. We are happy to introduce her as one of our arts and crafts instructors at LWC this summer!

A big welcome back to former camper, CIT, and JC, **RACHEL RIFKIN!** Rachel joins us from Fort Wayne, Indiana for her 11th summer at camp. Currently a freshman at Syracuse University in New York, she is studying communication, and spends the majority of her time dancing for the Syracuse University Dance Team. One of only three freshmen who made the team, Rachel spent her New Year's holiday dancing at Yankee Stadium in the Pinstripe Bowl! We are so excited that she will be joining us for another summer teaching swimming down at the waterfront!



We are so excited to welcome back **LAURA SALTER!** After a few summers away, we are lucky to have her join us again for Summer 2011! Laura is currently living in Manchester, England working for a charity that helps at-risk and disadvantaged youth in the inner city. She manages caseworkers for the charity, and works directly with the children – planning and running special events and programs. In her spare time, Laura is an avid runner, constantly raising money for cancer research through her running. Laura is taking a year off of work to return to camp, followed by an exciting period of traveling through Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and more! She will be joining us for her 2nd summer as our camp photographer, taking pictures every day to post on our website. Laura can't wait to be back in Decatur!

Coming from Mountain Home, Arkansas for her first summer at camp is **ALANNA SANDERS!** Alanna will be graduating in May with an Associate of Arts degree, and continuing her studies in the fall at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She is hoping to pursue a career in social work or education, with a focus on kids! Alanna loves to dance, and has been a cheerleader since she was 14. For the past few summers, she worked at a local 'Kiddie Camp', where she taught cheerleading and dance. Alanna is currently a Student Ambassador at her college, and loves being around and helping people. She also volunteers at a local nursery, and loves doing any type of work with children. Alanna is counting down the days until camp, and we are excited to introduce her as one of our cheerleading, poms, and gymnastics instructors!





A big welcome back to **DANA SCHAFFER!** Former camper, CIT and JC, Dana will be joining us for her 10th summer at camp. Currently a senior at Steven son High School, Dana is looking forward to studying dance and psychology in college. When she isn't working on college applications, Dana is a member of her schools' various dance companies, as well as the National Honor Society and Freshman Mentoring Program. Dana is so excited to join us down at the water front teaching windsurfing this summer!

LWC is so excited to welcome back former camper, CIT and JC, **RACHEL SLOTKY!** A freshman at Syracuse University, Rachel is working toward a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in acting. She is currently taking the maximum amount of classes so that she will be able to study abroad in NYC, LA and London during her upcoming college semesters! In her spare time, Rachel is preparing for several professional and university auditions to gain more experience in acting. Once again, Rachel will be working down at the ski dock, where she learned how to water-ski and wakeboard as a camper! We are so excited to welcome Rachel back to camp for her 11th summer!



23-year old **SOPHIE SPEDDING** is so excited to return for her 2nd summer at camp! A native of England, Sophie is currently living in London, working as an office manager and executive assistant. Sophie spends a lot of time volunteering for an organization called Age Concern, which works with elderly people throughout the United Kingdom. In her free time, Sophie loves to travel all over the world to visit all of her amazing friends all that she made at camp last summer. She is looking forward to being back at camp as one of our archery instructors; planning and running fun archery contests for all of our campers!

We are very excited to welcome 21-year old **KATE TAMER** back to LWC! Originally from Grosse Ile, Michigan, Kate is currently a junior at Grand Valley State University studying special education and elementary education. When she isn't studying, Kate spends her time volunteering for the Best Buddies program, where she plans events and mentors kids and adults with intellectual disabilities. Kate is also extremely active; she loves to go running, and has been playing competitive sports since high school! Kate is so excited to join us for her 2nd summer at camp as a volleyball and softball instructor!



A huge welcome to 21-year old **JOSLYN TIJERNIA!** From Archbold, Ohio, Joslyn is currently a junior at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Joslyn is a pre-vet major, studying zoology and looking forward to working at a zoo after she attends graduate school. She has a natural love for animals, and will be joining us down at the stables as one of our riding and animal care instructors this summer! Joslyn takes horseback riding classes at school and volunteers at a local barn with special needs children in her free time. She has volunteered at an animal refugee center in Florida, as well as several animal shelters and hospitals in Ohio. In addition to her love for animals, Joslyn is extremely skilled and passionate in the area of dance! When she is not down at the stables, she will be a ballet instructor at camp. Joslyn began dancing at the age of 3, and has toured with two separate companies. She continues to take ballet classes whenever she can, and loves to teach others to share her love for dance. We are so excited to have Joslyn working at camp this summer!

CHLOE TIPPLE comes to us all the way from New Zealand! Chloe graduated from Avonside Girls School with a focus in drama, physical education and outdoor education. She has worked in the gun business for many years, and recently earned a position on New Zealand's national clay shooting team. Chloe participates in many international events, and loves traveling to new places to compete with other sharpshooters. Chloe is passionate about working with children, and has had many overseas experiences volunteering in underprivileged villages. We are so excited for Chloe to attend camp as one of our LWC riflery instructors!





Coming to us all the way from Scotland is **SARAH WATTERS!** Sarah is currently a student at Robert Gordon University, studying applied sport and exercise science. She has worked with children in a variety of activities, including tennis, swimming, football and hockey. Sarah is a member of her school's tennis club, and is looking forward to being one of our tennis instructors at camp this summer!

We are so excited to welcome **AMY WERNER** back to camp! Currently a freshman at Illinois Wesleyan University, Amy is planning on pursuing her degree in history and psychology. She is currently doing a significant amount of research on the impact of different environments on teenagers with Sensory Integration Disorder and Asperger Syndrome. Former camp, CIT and JC, Amy will be back at the stables teaching riding. She has been working with horses for 11 years in almost every discipline. Amy's focus is mainly on hunter/jumper and cross country. She loves getting to know the horses, and learning about their personalities through her riding experiences with each horse! Amy is a great addition to our riding staff, and we are so excited to have her back at camp for her 9th summer!



The following Junior Counselors have successfully completed our Counselor in Training program, and we are so thrilled to have them join us for Summer 2011:

- Haley Bieber – Canoeing
- Julia Ring – Drama
- Madi Beck – Waterskiing
- Rachel Krauss – Swimming
- Andrea Sak – Swimming
- Quinn Hirsch – Sailing
- Rebecca Friedman – Windsurfing
- Becca Olderman - Climbing