

Camp Instructor	Bio
AJ Eldred	Hi! My name is AJ Eldred. I have been teaching with THE for 6 years. I have degrees in political science and physics so as you can tell my interests are varied! I love teaching challenging classes. Courses I've offered in the past range anywhere from logic and physics to Pokemon and dog breeds. I love teaching and can't wait continue this journey.
Allie Tracy	<p>Allie is a lifelong artist, teacher and creative entrepreneur with over 25 years of experience sharing her love of art with others. As a Benson Parks & Recreation teacher and founder of the summer camp program, she loves helping kids explore their creativity in a space that feels open, playful, and full of possibility.</p> <p>Allie believes that every child is an artist, and she brings that philosophy into every class she teaches, encouraging creativity without limits.</p> <p>In addition to her teaching, she has owned and managed multiple art-focused businesses. From retail boutique shops showcasing her own art and including classes and birthday parties, to in home sip-and-paint experiences, blending her eye for design with her love of community.</p> <p>As a licensed Artist her work is inspired by a love of whimsical, bright, and joyful art, and she brings that same energy into everything she teaches.</p>
Andreana Brinson	My Name is Andreana Brinson. I am born and raised in Wallace, NC and now reside in Raliegh, NC. I received my Bachelor's in B-K education and have been working in the education field for 5 years going on 6. A fun fact about me is a love to travel.
Anita Hayes	Now in my fourth year of teaching within a specialized homeschooling program, I am a dedicated educator with a passion for multi-sensory, project-based learning. I am committed to making every lesson an adventure. Whether we are digging into geology or exploring community roles, I draw on my diverse professional background to create a classroom environment that is as creative as it is educational. My goal is to spark a lifelong curiosity in every student I teach
Audra Eckes	Audra grew up on Long Island. After earning an MS in Deaf Education, she worked as a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing on Long Island, in NYC, Maryland, and North Carolina. Besides teaching and learning, Audra's other interests include reading, writing, photography, dog rescue, and spending time with her family.
Briar Peter	Hi my name is Briar! I'm currently in school at Wake Tech for welding. When I'm not at school I enjoy making art and spending time outdoors
Brooklyn Bakal	I am a third year Neuroscience student with a passion for spreading knowledge. I love working with kids and making learning fun and engaging without making it feel like learning. I'm all about creating a positive, encouraging space where campers feel comfortable being themselves, trying new things, and having fun. I'm so excited for this summer!
Claude Mouton	Claude Mouton is an arts educator and creator based out of Cary NC. He uses his background in animation and comics to introduce artistic concepts and skills in fun and innovative ways, and encourages his students to build on their skills and interests while thinking outside the box. He has been with T.H.E for a whole semester now, and cannot wait to see what summer has in store!
Danielle Bronico	Are you a foodie like me? Or maybe you are just helpless in the kitchen and want to upgrade you chef skills? Either way I am here to share some tips and tricks to make home cooking simple and fun! Come learn some tasty but simple recipes from me!

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Fiona McGuinn	Hey there! My name is Fiona and arts and crafting has been a consistent passion of mine since I was a kid. I've been working as a Camp Counselor at the YMCA since January of 2022. My experience at the Y includes working for their Afterschool Care, Track Out Camps and a few different Summer Camps. In high school, I enjoyed taking visual art classes as well as an art history class. I love inspiring others to use their imagination for making creations they're proud of, and I look forward to sharing this fun hobby with my students!
Grace Danuck	Hi! My name is Grace Danuck, aka Miss D. We're going to spend whole afternoons making fun crafts to enjoy during summer activities or from summer materials while enjoying a break from midsummer heat. Think seashell keychains, suncatchers, sand painting, and more. Each week will have unique crafts, so camps are repeatable without worry of duplicate activities.
Jack Foxworth	Howdy! My name is Jack Foxworth. I am a costume maker who has an artistic background spanning throughout my life. I have a love for sewing, painting, and clay modeling. I live to create and love sharing my knowledge with those around me.
Jayne Carlisle	I'm a chemistry-loving, trail-hiking, improv-obsessed human who's always up for a little adventure (or a spontaneous joke). I grew up in Gastonia, North Carolina, where I developed a lifelong love for livermush and state fairs—yes, I fully embrace both. When I'm not mixing things up in the lab or on stage, I'm hanging out with my cat Pluto, who definitely thinks she's in charge
Kelly Howell-Perez	World-traveled mom of three amazing bilingual children enjoys sharing her love of people, language and culture. Join me in becoming a lifelong learner!
Kiya Johnson	Hello! I'm a recent Environmental Earth graduate from NCCU coming from Greenville, NC. I love Science and want to help others achieve that same type of interest if I can. I'm excited to join the team and show that Science can be fun and educational at the same time!
Luca Hoffman	My name is Luca and I go by he/him pronouns. I am 23 and a college student majoring in Creative Writing. I love anything to do with writing, drawing, and music!
Meredith Scott	I am a middle school teacher and HUGE crafter! My goal is to foster creativity in adolescents and help them discover (or grow!) a love of art in all forms! I love to read, play video games, & hang out with my pets.
Olivia Wroth	I worked in education for 7 years. I have worked as a Pre-K teacher and I currently work as an EC teacher. I am passionate about child-led learning and helping children to develop connections with their community.
Patrick McKay	Patrick is a Marine Corps veteran and former youth football and wrestling coach who has developed athletes competing at the state and collegiate levels. After relocating to North Carolina, he earned his Business degree from ECU and PMP certification. He is committed to promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for kids through structured, high-energy sports programs across the Triangle.
Payton Moll	Hello, I am Payton! I am 24 years old, I am an elementary school teacher but I also love sewing and crafts. My grandmother told me how to sew when I was young and I would love to share my knowledge with others.
Rachel Pantke	My name is Rachel Pantke. I have been a homeschooling parent for my own two children for over 13 years. I have been teaching homeschool enrichment classes for 5 years. I love homeschooling and all the unique opportunities that it offers. I strive to keep all of my classes educational, engaging, and FUN! I have experience and special interests in science, elementary math, yoga, cooking, art, geography, and STEM studies. I look forward to being part of your child's learning journey.

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Samia Touati	<p>Dr. Samia Touati, a Montessori Educator and Waldorf Certified World Language Teacher, taught for over ten years international students in Morocco, Japan, Qatar, America. Samia's areas of specialty include cultural studies, English-French-Arabic immersive instruction, arts-cultures from Middle East-North Africa, with focus on the Moroccan Culture. Passionate about sharing her travel experiences, Dr. Samia seeks to foster understanding to the triangle community about Morocco, dedicated to Arab Heritage conservation, and creating intercultural bridges between the East-West.</p>
Seema Khan	<p>Originally from Pakistan and raised in California, with a 10-year stint in Oregon and two years in Nevada, I have been in North Carolina for five years, though Oregon will always be my soul home. My life has taken me across the world, including ten years in the Middle East, and each experience has deeply influenced who I am today, both personally and as an educator.</p> <p>With a background in science education and curriculum development, I've spent over 20 years homeschooling my own children while also teaching a wide range of classes in homeschool co-ops, including hands-on science, creative writing, literature, history, and project-based learning.</p> <p>I'm passionate about creating welcoming, engaging spaces where students feel valued and inspired. My approach centers on curiosity, flexibility, and connection, helping learners grow into thoughtful, confident individuals. I love incorporating creativity, critical thinking, and hands-on exploration to make learning both meaningful and fun.</p>
Sharonda Crudup	<p>I am a mother of 4 children. An educator with over 16 years of experience. Although I teach I have a strong passion for Criminal Justice. Hence, the Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. I implement the critical thinking skills and problem solving skills into my classroom as much as possible. I have a Masters Degree in School Administration as well.</p>
Stephenie Stevens	<p>Ms. Stephenie has been partnering with THE since 2022, following several years of homeschooling her own children. She cares deeply about her students and approaches her classes professionally to ensure that both their academic and social-emotional needs are being met in the classroom. She is passionate about learning, analyzing, and making connections, and she loves sharing this passion with students. She loves reading, hopes to publish a fantasy novel soon, and has a touch of entertainer in her.</p>
Susan Kempf	<p>Susan is the founder of paynter's platypus, and a creative wellness facilitator, who uses art as a tool for reflection, growth, and self-expression. With a background in psychology, she creates a calm, encouraging space where students can explore creativity without pressure—learning to embrace the process, build confidence, and discover that creativity is for everyone.</p>
Terra Rodriguez	<p>Terra Rodriguez is a passionate educator dedicated to creating engaging and meaningful learning experiences for students. With a heart for both education and creativity, she's passionate about teaching a Summer History Camp that brings history to life through music, drama, and storytelling. Her camp blends academic learning with arts, helping students build confidence, express themselves, and connect with historical events in a fun and memorable way. Terra is committed to inspiring young learners by making education both impactful and enjoyable.</p>