

Staff Biographies

Administrative Staff

Mindy Hart- Camp Director and Lab Instructor- This is Mindy's 6th year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. Last year, she was a lab instructor and the camp administrator. Mindy received her B.A. degree in Education from Purdue University in May of 1995 and received her Masters in School Administration in August 2006. In addition to her undergraduate and graduate work, she has taken supplementary classes in Visual Basic Programming and Information Security. She is currently the K-12 Outreach Coordinator for the Department of Computer Science at Purdue University. Prior to beginning her role at Purdue, she was a high school computer teacher at Marquette High School in Michigan City, Indiana. At Marquette, Mindy taught courses in Computer Applications, Computer Programming, and Web Design. During the summers, she has previously served as the Director of the Boiler Kids Summer Camp at the Recreational Sports Center on the Purdue campus. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with friends, be crafty, and watch movies!

Scott Nelson- Assistant Camp Director- This is Scott's 2nd year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. He graduated from Purdue in December of 2006 with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. He plans to be teaching Social Studies in a Middle or High School by the fall of 2007. He has played with computers all his life and has used them to create activities and lessons for students of all ages. His favorite memories from last year's CS camp were the "boogie bot" competition, going on a fountain run with the rest of the CS camp staffers, and building a fort out of the mattresses and bed sheets in Cary Quad! (Don't try this yourself!) In his free time, he likes to be as lazy as possible, hang out with friends and tell corny but witty jokes. His favorite joke is: what is green, has four legs, and if it falls out of a tree and lands on your head, it will kill you? Be sure to ask him for the answer at camp!

Jessica Berger- Lab Instructor- This is Jessica's 2nd year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. She is a graduate of Purdue University and now teaches chemistry and physics at Delphi Community High School. She tries to integrate technology into her classroom where she can to help students learn more efficiently and have fun at the same time. She also helps with the Tippecanoe

County 4-H computer project. Her favorite memory from camp last year was helping to teach Alice and seeing how the adults enjoyed playing with the program just as much as the kids! Jessica is married to Mikel, a computer software business owner, and they have a dog named Kerby (who does not use computers... yet.) In her spare time, Jessica likes to read, paint, play Frisbee with Kerby, play softball and volleyball, and bake desserts because if she messes up, she is forced to eat her mistakes! This summer she is looking forward to meeting some really neat kids from all over the place that enjoy learning and have great creativity.

Barry Wittman- Lab Instructor- This will be Barry's 1st year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. He is a 4th year graduate student in Computer Science. He has been seriously programming computers since he started his undergraduate degree in 1997. For fun, he is a DJ, plays computer games, picks locks, and grows bonsai! We are happy to welcome Barry to our Staff this year!

Counseling Staff

Austen Collins- Counselor- This is Austen's 2nd year as a counselor and he has previously been a camper and a Junior Counselor at the Computer Science Summer Camp. Austen will be a freshman (in college) next year and intends to study BCM with a specialization in Demolitions and Reconstruction Management. Austen has experience with basic programming, web page design, and building computers. His favorite memory from last year was going to see Nacho Libre and the counselors laughing a lot more than the kids! In his free time, he likes to play soccer, rugby, and hang out with friends. He hopes that this year he will get the laughs and good times that he's gotten in the years before.

Thad Craft- Counselor- This is Thad's 2nd year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. He will be a senior majoring in Computer Science this fall. Thad is looking forward to working with the campers to teach them new things and maybe learn a few new things himself! His favorite memory from last year was building the fort. He has worked with many programming languages and HTML web development in the past. In his free time, he likes to be outside and play

sports or go fishing. He also enjoys playing video games and surfing the web. Thad's unknown talents include being able to say the alphabet backwards.

Kim Han- Counselor- This Kim's 1st year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. She will be a senior majoring in Veterinary Technology this fall. She works with computers every day. She is looking forward to meeting all the kids at camp and learning a thing or two herself! She loves music- making or listening to it, hanging out with friends and family, hiking, and little critters.

Caitie Jones- Counselor- This is Caitie's 2nd year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. She will be a senior this fall and is majoring in Psychology. Caitie works with computers every day at work and is looking forward to meeting the campers, making sure they have fun, and helping them with their projects. Her favorite memory from last year was the dancing robot competition. In her spare time, she enjoys running, being outdoors, going to concerts, movies, and taking road trips.

Erin Kenney- Counselor- This is Erin's 2nd year working at camp. Erin has previous experience with the Computer Science Summer camp as a camper many years ago! Erin will be a junior at Loyola University in the fall, majoring in Biology. She loved her time as a camper and wants to come back and share in the experience once again. She is the webmaster for several clubs on her campus. Her favorite memory was last year at the end of camp when we were able to see all the robots compete against each other. In her spare time, she likes to play soccer, volleyball, and basketball as well as having fun and meeting new and exciting people! She is looking forward to getting to know all of the new campers and see the returnees again. Additionally, she is excited to learn and teach information about computer science and have loads of FUN while doing it!!

Scott Nogle- Counselor- Scott is a senior in Ag and Biological Engineering. He is fairly experience in hardware and building computers. He also has a basic programming knowledge of C, C++, and Matlab. Scott is looking forward to making some memories at this year's camp. In his spare time, he likes to play paintball, ride four-wheelers, and help around the farm. He is looking forward to being around the kids and helping them learn while having a fantastic time making great memories!

Junior Counselors

Amy- Amy is from Carmel, IN and will be a sophomore in the fall at Carmel High School. She enjoys cheerleading, running, and gymnastics. Her favorite memory from camp was learning computer skills that she wouldn't have learned outside of school! She also loved meeting great people!

Monika- Monika is from West Lafayette, IN and graduated in May from West Lafayette High School. She will be attending the University of Miami and majoring in Biology. She likes to read, travel, hang out with friends, play the piano, and spend time with family. Her favorite memory from camp displaying her Lego bug to everyone. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone this summer.

Devon- Devon is from Dacula, GA and will be a sophomore in the fall at Mill Creek High School. His favorite memory from camp was programming robots. For fun, he likes to play video games (Madden 07 and Spiderman), read (favorite author is William Sleator), watch TV (Attack of the Show on G4 Tech TV is his favorite show), and swim. He is looking forward to meeting new people and helping the campers enjoy themselves.

Jonathan- Jonathan is from McCordsville, IN and will be a sophomore in the fall at Cathedral High School. He enjoys hanging out with friends, watching movies, playing video games and reading in his spare time. He also likes to spend time boating, fishing, and water skiing. Jonathan started a computer animation club at his high school. His favorite memory from camp was making a lego robot and meeting new friends.