

Staff Biographies

Administrative Staff

Mindy Hart- Camp Director and Lab Instructor- This is Mindy's 7th year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. Last year, she was a lab instructor and the camp director. 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 3rd 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 primarily uses his computer to surf the Internet, keep in contact with people through e-mail, Facebook and Boilersphere, and watch a lot of YouTube. His favorite memories from camp are running through the fountain with the CS Camp staff on a hot summer camp day in 2006 and then building a fort in our Cary Quad suite room later that week. In his free time, he likes to relax and hang out with friends. He honestly has the most fun doing nothing!

Jessica Berger- Lab Instructor- This is Jessica's 3rd year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. She graduated from Purdue University and teaches chemistry and physics at Delphi High School. She also helps with the Tippecanoe County 4-H computer project. Her favorite part about computer science camp is meeting new friends and seeing all the cool projects the kids make and how proud they are of all their hard work. She is looking forward to meeting some new kids interested in being creative and showing some killer programming skills. Her family includes my husband, Mikel, who co-owns a software development company, DelMar IT; her new son, Gunnar, who she am sure will learn shortly

about the wonderful world of programming; and her two dogs, Kerby and Maddie, who prefer taking walks and playing ball to computers but we love them anyway. In her spare time... wait a minute. She used to have spare time but with a new baby, she doesn't really remember what that is like!

Barry Wittman- Lab Instructor- This will be Barry's 2nd 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!

Counseling Staff

Thad Craft- Counselor- This is Thad's 2nd year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. He will be graduating in December with his B.S. in Computer Science from Purdue University. Thad is looking forward to working with the campers to teach them new things and maybe learn a few new things himself! 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. 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 2nd 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 3rd year working at the Computer Science Summer Camp. Graduated in May with a degree 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. In her spare time, she enjoys running, being outdoors, going to concerts, movies, and taking road trips.

Erin Kenney- Lead Counselor- This is Erin's 3rd year working at camp. Erin has previous experience with the Computer Science Summer camp as a camper many years ago! Erin will be a senior at Loyola University in the fall, majoring in Biology/Psychology. She fell in love with technology at a young age and it has become a major pastime for her throughout high school and college. In the past several years of college she has designed and maintained 4 different websites for various organizational groups at my University. Her favorite memory last year was watching all of the Alice Projects that the campers worked SO hard to make. 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 meet all of the campers and having a BLAST throughout the several days that we are together!!

Ryan McLean- Counselor- Ryan is a junior in Computer Technology at Purdue. He took his first Computer Science course during his junior year in high school and has been programming ever since. This is his first CS camp - in fact, he found out about it through his sister, Amy, a past camper and junior counselor. Ryan is very excited about the opportunity to connect with campers through the capabilities of computers. At Purdue, Ryan is a member of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club and Air Force ROTC, both of which keep him on his toes along with engineering! After graduation, he hopes to become a Test Pilot in the Air Force.

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Amy- Amy is going to be a junior at Carmel High School. She has been worked with computers, especially in web page design and computer graphics, since she attended her first CS camp in 2006. In addition to being a former camper, Amy is returning this year as a junior counselor after the awesome time she had as one last year! In fact, she liked it so much that she convinced her brother, Ryan, to come be a counselor as well. She is most looking forward to meeting all the new people. Outside of school, Amy is a cheerleader at Carmel and a gymnast in her free time. You can be sure to see her on the Purdue campus in a few years. Boiler Up!

Chris- Chris is from Brookston, IN and will be a junior in the fall.

Cody- Cody is from Williamsport, IN and will be a junior in the fall.