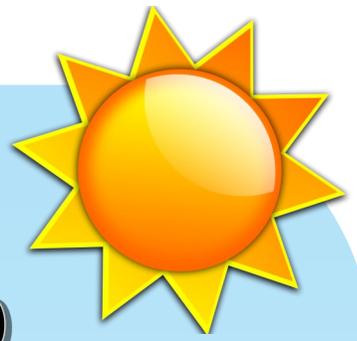


Poco Post

News from Day Camp



It's time to get to know some of the PHDC staff a bit better...

Ms. Laura Fishlock is our Studio Specialist. Our campers fondly call her "Fish!"

"I am so excited to come back for another summer at Pocantico Hills! I loved working with the kids last year and getting to stretch those theatre muscles that I unfortunately don't get to use during the school year as a high school English teacher in Mount Vernon. I have dual certification in Secondary English Education and Theatre Education for grades 5-12. Combining all that education with my fond memories of my own time as a girl scout and a theatre geek at summer camp, I strive to make the theater a welcoming place for all kids, no matter how shy they feel. There is nothing better than getting to pretend for a little while and letting go of all of the social expectations we put on ourselves and just allow fun to be fun! That's what I try to do with this camp and I'm super pumped to get another summer with your kids!"

All of our campers know Coach Matt! Especially the older campers, as he is our Middle School Athletics Specialist. Did you know that Coach Matt tosses his sneakers at the end of every camp season? He puts in so many miles at camp that he wears those kicks out! This tradition might start to catch on with the rest of the staff! Coach Matt says,

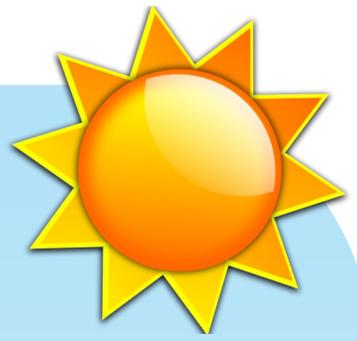
"Hi! I'm Matt Kleiman and I grew up here in Pocantico. I was even a PHDC camper myself! Now I am the Upper Grade Athletics Specialist. I've been on staff here at camp for about 15 seasons! During the school year, I teach Mathematics at Port Chester High School. In my free time, I like spending time with my wife, our 3 year old daughter, our one year old son, and my 80 pound dog. I'm looking forward to another great summer with our campers!"

Joe DeProssino is our Primary Athletics Specialist at PHDC. Coach Joe keeps our younger campers busy with games, activities and relay races out on the fields. They can't wait to see Coach Joe every day! Is it true that before working at PHDC Joe worked in the front office for the New York Mets for two seasons? If so, will Yankee fans ever forgive him?!?!?

"I have such a great time here at Pocantico each season but when I'm not here during the school year I'm a High School teacher and football, baseball and lacrosse coach in Port Chester and Rye. My two girls, Brianna and Emma, are campers at PHDC and they are both athletes and dancers. I am a former high school and collegiate athlete and I try to bring those experiences to my work with campers and student athletes. This summer will be my 8th summer here at Pocantico Hills! I have done all sorts of jobs at camp...Primary Athletics Specialist, Sports Clinic, Upper Athletics, BBQ Cook and Chef. I was even Batman and Ronan from Guardians of the Galaxy...and many, many more..."

If you see Coach Matt or Coach Joe around camp, the other coach must be nearby! They make an amazing team playing or refereeing games, organizing special events like Hall of Records and Color Games or anything (and everything!) else that comes their way!





Are you wondering who the awesome “Art Lady” is in the Arts and Crafts room? It’s Shannon Fraher and she is back this season for more excitement with our campers!

“Hi families! My name is Shannon Fraher and I will be returning to Pocantico Hills Day Camp this year as the Arts and Crafts Specialist. This is my second year at Pocantico Hills and my second year as the Art Specialist. During the school year, I teach first grade in New York City and am currently pursuing my Masters Degree in Special Education. This summer I am excited for all of our campers to get creative in the art room and refine our tie dying skills outside! I hope everyone is ready for another amazing summer! I know I am!”

New to Poco this season is Ann Palladino, our Culinary Specialist. Chef Ann has so many great things planned for our campers when they meet with her in the kitchen this summer. We can’t wait to try all of the delicious food that Chef Ann whips up!

“Hello Pocantico families! My name is Ann Palladino and I cannot wait to get in the kitchen with your kiddos! I am a mom of two boys, David, 9 years old and Luke, 5 years old. I hold a B.A. in psychology from College of the Holy Cross and certification in the Deaf Studies/American Sign Language program. I love cooking, baking, hiking, running, crafting, and writing whimsical haikus. I believe children are capable of anything they set their minds to and look forward to our creative culinary creations this summer. My (kitchen) door is always open so please reach out with any questions!”

Joining our camp staff as the Wilderness Specialist is Angel Richard. You might recognize her from her PE classes or the softball field where she coaches the Poco girls. She can’t wait for the fun of camp to begin and to get our campers hiking around our amazing campus!

“Hello! My name is Angel Richard. I am new here at Pocantico Hills and work as a Physical Education teacher during the school year. I am joining the Pocantico Hills day camp for the first time this summer and couldn’t be more excited. During my free time I enjoy running, hiking, skiing, and traveling. I cannot wait to meet the campers and see what the summer holds!”

