

STAFF

SUMMER RUFFING IT 2009

Leah Adams, a sophomore at Beaumont School, loves music, dance, reading, and relaxing. She was a SRI camper for eight years and this will be my third year working at SRI.

Lynne Brietenstien Aliberti, head of A Summer To Grow On, has eleven years of work experience at Ruffing, a Masters in Education, an AMI Primary Certificate and a BA in Anthropology. Besides working with children, she enjoys swimming, skiing, biking and sewing and is looking forward to another wonderful Summer To Grow On!

Carrie Bodenger has taught improvisation, puppeteering and acting to children for over twenty years. A certified Montessori teacher, she has taught in primary and elementary classes. Currently she teaches theatre arts and kitchen studio classes in after school programs at Ruffing and Hathaway Brown.

Eddie Brandon, a high school freshman this fall, has been a life camper at Summer Ruffing It. He looks forward to helping other campers have the same great experiences and making this summer extra fun. Check him out in the science lab, on nature hikes, snapping photos or just having fun at free choice!

Chris Chung, a student at Ruffing from first to eighth grade, and a seven year veteran at SRI, graduated from St. Ignatius High School. He just completed his first year at the University of Notre Dame as a pre-med major. He is an avid sports fan and is part of the Notre Dame Men's Rugby Club.

Hattie Gemerchak is going to be a senior at Shaker Heights High School. She is the captain of the Shaker's rowing team and plays bassoon. She was been working at Ruffing for four years and went to Ruffing for 9 years as a camper and has loved every moment! She cannot wait for this summer!

Maha Haddad has professional international film experience in all of the aspects from screenwriting, directing, filming, editing and lecturing. Her most recent efforts include public diplomacy through film with *On The Road in America* produced by Visionaire Media in LA. Maha lives in Cleveland Heights with her husband and their three year old son Zack.

Satomi Jin is a trained artist/craftsman. She is originally from Japan, has received her BFA in ceramics from OSU; an MFA from University of Washington in Seattle. She loves to make animals, plants and robots.

Kayoko Irie, a former Ruffing assistant and Summer Ruffing staff gardening expert, returns this summer to work with the mystery kitchen and culture class. She has opened her own restaurant, Flying Cranes and will provide our campers with an option for a once a week prepared lunch.

Tom Keane has a long list of film /video award credits including Telly Awards, a Cindy Bronze and Cine Golden Eagle. Mr. Kean is a resident of Shaker Heights and has worked with educators and administrators in the schools and in government offices to produce works that highlight youth activities and community efforts to improve the quality of life and appreciation of diversity.

David Kloos , a graduate of Ruffing Montessori School, returns for his second year on staff at Summer Ruffing It. He attends St. Ignatius High School and is an competitive swimmer.

Stephanie Long will return to work with Extended Care having spent many years as an assistant with the Ruffing Montessori year round program and summer programs. Listen for her lilting songs.

Grace Mullin is in her eleventh year as part of the SRI staff. As Assistant to the Director, she is very excited to work with any need that you or your child(ren) may have throughout the summer. "I love coming every year to meet new faces and to see how the old ones have grown up over the course of a year!"

Nan O'Malley, Assistant in A Summer To Grow On, is a singer/songwriter who has recorded a CD of her songs. You may have enjoyed her Nan O'Malley Band at local Cleveland Heights venues. She works with Ruffing's Children's House during the year and with us in the summer time.

Lauren Pacini is the Technology Coordinator at Ruffing Montessori School. "With twenty nine years of teaching and consulting in technology, my greatest joy is to see students faces when they 'get it'. I look forward with excitement and enthusiasm to my eighth summer at SRI working with older campers and sharing my love of nature and computer technology.

Leila Pelhan has performed and taught nationally and internationally for over 10 years and has been a company member of Cleveland-based *Inlet Dance Theatre* for over seven of those years. *Inlet Dance Theatre* specializes in using the art form of dance to bring about personal development in the lives of individuals through training and mentoring and Leila is dedicated to that mission. She enjoys training and mentoring children in the art of dance with skill and creativity.

Emily Richards will be a junior at Laurel School in the fall. She loves running, music, reading, writing, and hanging out with her friends when she gets the chance. This will be her eleventh year at Summer Ruffing It and her second as a class instructor.

Andy Rossman arrives this summer as a Counselor in Training after several summers of camping with us. He loves many things about the camp. Look for him in media and on the sports fields

Cary Seidman has completed his tenth year as the middle school science teacher at Ruffing. His activity-based courses have gained both regional and national recognition. Prior to coming to Ruffing he worked in the East Cleveland City Schools, where he established a district-wide science and mathematics enrichment center.

Allie Sharon "When I'm not busy with school I like to play ice hockey on an all-girls team. I also play lacrosse. I have gone to Ruffing my whole life, since I was three. Next year I look forward to attending Cleveland Heights High, along with my brother who is a Ruffing alumni."

Wil Sharon is entering his senior year at Cleveland Heights High School where he plays baseball and soccer. " I love sports, they are a large part of my life. I have been a camper at SRI and happy to return this year as an assistant."

Julia Sheehan loves being with Ruffing Montessori to direct and organize the summer and year long after school programs called AHA! (After Hours Activities). She once ran long distance miles but now is delighted to take long walks, paint and play in her art studio with her grandchildren.

Ellie Shorey attended Ruffing from the Children's House until 5th grade. She graduated from Hathaway Brown School and just finished her first year at Skidmore College. Ellie is an anticipated English major and French minor. She loves creative writing, traveling and playing soccer.

Mike Stringer, Head Of Athletics, is an avid sports enthusiast who teaches history at Valley Forge High School, plays golf, basketball and jogs. He is back for his 10th year with us at SRI. He enjoys playing baseball and football with his son Ryan and daughters Grace, Alexis and Sophia.

Brynna Uldrichs "I am 16 and going to be a junior at Magnificat High School. I enjoy writing, photography, and of course, driving. The thing that I especially like to do is to work with kids and I cannot wait for my third year working at SRI!"

Deborah Van Kleef, Head of Music, back for her ninth year, released her first CD last year. She is an artist-in-residence in the Cleveland Municipal Schools, teaches guitar to beginners age 4 and up at the Fairmount School of Music, and sings at coffeehouses, concerts and special events of all kinds. She loves to work in her garden and hopes someday to have time to learn the banjo. She does play the ukulele!