

SUPPORT STAFF

Alexis Acosta Nunez (he/him) - Kitchen Staff - San Luis Potosi, Mexico

I'm from Mexico! During the year (apart from studying at college) I like to travel with my family to different places inside and outside our state, like short hiking trips, days at the beach, or just visiting other cities. My hobbies include playing the guitar, playing volleyball, drawing, and pastry. My role at the camp will be as Kitchen Staff. This will be my first year at camp, so I'm very excited to start this new experience, meet new people, and make as many memories as I can.

Miriam Aronowitz (she/her) - Nurse Manager - Westfield, NJ

I'm a proud alumni, camp parent, and staff member of Camp Harlam!

Zsofi Bacsur (she/her) - Kitchen Staff - Orosháza, Hungary

My name is Zsófi, and I am from Hungary. I am studying commerce and marketing at the University of Szeged. Music is one of my hobbies; I attended music school for 12 years and learned to play several instruments. Besides that, I really enjoy watching different sports and cheering for athletes and teams. I try to volunteer every year, and I've had the opportunity to help with event management at swimming and kayaking world championships, European championships, and World Cups. This year, I will be part of the kitchen staff. This will be my first time at camp, and I am really looking forward to meeting new people and taking part in lots of shared activities.

Julieta Baez Juarez (she/her) - Housekeeper - Puebla, Mexico

I am from Mexico, specifically from the city of Puebla characterized by its beautiful architecture and gastronomy. I am a student and about to enter my third year of university. I want to become a good corporate lawyer. I like to be in campaigns that support animals & nature, and I really like to cook and help people. This is my first year at the camp! I will be a housekeeper and I am very excited to learn about a new culture and learn as much as I can.

Maryrose Barnes (she/her) - Operations Staff - Effort, PA

My name is Maryrose, and I have lived in Effort, Pennsylvania for most of my life. I am entering into my senior year of high school, and this will be my first summer at Camp Harlam. I will be a part of the Operations Team, and I am really looking forward to spending time with the campers and getting to know each one. I love being outdoors, with a particularly strong love for horses and riding. I also enjoy reading, music, and art.

Samantha Bergstresser (she/her) - Nurse - Pen Argyl, PA

I am a mom of two wonderful boys, our family loves to be outside, this is my 3rd year at camp, and I love coming back each year! I am a LPN.

Jackie Carr (she/her) - Doctor - Allentown, PA

I am a surgeon in Allentown and I grew up at Camp Coleman - the URJ camp for the SE region. I love camp! And I am so happy my children will be at Harlam!!

Kelly Cypher (she/her) - Nurse - Bettendorf, IA

I am a school nurse at an elementary school in Bettendorf, IA. I have been a nurse for 13 years now and have loved every minute of it! I have a 9 year old daughter and a black lab who is also our school-based therapy dog, so she gets to come to work with me each day and spend time with the students at my school. In my free time I enjoy walking, swimming, riding my bike, and reading.

Adrian Davis (she/her) - Nurse - Columbia, SC

I live in Columbia, SC, and I work at a special needs school. I have a 2 year old Mini Poodle named Mylo. I enjoy baking, cooking, reading and traveling with my family. I will be working as a nurse at camp this summer. This is my first summer at Camp Harlam and I'm so excited for this new adventure and meeting new people!

Carly Driban (she/her) - Nurse - Dresher, PA

Hi! My name is Carly and I live outside of Philadelphia. I will be one of your staff nurses for second session. I have practiced nursing and anesthesia for over 15 years and specialize in pediatrics. I look forward to helping you in the health center this summer.

Bogi Farkas (she/her) - Housekeeper - Pécs, Hungary

Hi, I'm Bogi, and I'm from Hungary. I like listening to music - I'm a huge K-pop fan. I like to watch K-dramas as well. I like to sing in the shower.

Alex Gamboa Flores (he/him) - Kitchen Staff - Puebla, Mexico

I'm from Puebla, a colonial city in the center of Mexico that's rich in culture and gastronomy. Divided in two, there's an historic and a modern side of the city. The city is home to many universities, as well as Puebla FC (soccer team) and Los Pericos (baseball team).

Susan Golboro (she/her) - Nurse - Bala Cynwyd, PA

I am a returning nurse in the *Mirpa'ah*. My three children all attended camp and now I have two grandchildren attending camp.

Jeremy Gorenstein (he/him) - Nurse - Denver, CO

Returning nurse and former camper. My niece and nephew are campers and I love being able to spend the summers in the beautiful Pocono Mountains. When not at camp, I work as a flight nurse in scenic Colorado and Utah. I enjoy skiing, traveling, and all the coffee I can drink.

Shannon Grizzle (she/her) - Nurse - Dawsonville, GA

I have been a nurse for over 30 years. I am married with 3 kids and 2 grandbabies. I have another grandbaby on the way. I love the beach and being outside in the sun.

Karlie Grizzle-Jones (she/her) - Nurse - Dawsonville, GA

I am an elementary school nurse. I am married and have 2 fur babies. I love the beach. My hobbies include reading, coloring, and listening to music. Me and my mom will both be coming to camp together to work in the health center.

Laurence Jacobs (he/him) - Nurse - Port Washington, NY

Laurence Jacobs is the Assistant Fire Chief of the Metro-North Fire Brigade assigned to Grand Central Terminal in New York City. He has been an EMT for nearly 30 years, responding to thousands of emergencies during his career. Previously, he spent nearly 2 decades working with the URJ on teen programs and Israel Travel programs. He lives on Long Island with his wife Tara and their children Hannah and Alexander, who are both Harlam campers.

Naz Kimbrough - Cook - Gainesville, FL

Hi, I like to cook and make people happy through delicious meals, and to try new dishes and mastering recipes. I also like to game in my spare time.

Luca Kirjak (she/her) - Kitchen Staff - Nyíregyháza, Hungary

Hello, my name is Luca and I'm currently a student at Corvinus University of Budapest, working towards getting my bachelor's degree in Communication and Media Science. I love making videos, photography, crocheting, and basically anything involving creativity. I will be part of the Support Staff, working in the kitchen to provide delicious food for every camper. It is my first year at Camp Harlam, and I'm beyond excited about getting to know Jewish culture, and being part of this community.

Levente Kis (he/him) - Operations Staff - Cegléd, Hungary

Hi! My name is Levente Kis and I'm from Hungary. I study at the University of Physical Education. I play basketball competitively in my free time. This will be my first summer at camp, where I'll be working as a maintenance staff member. I'm looking forward to meeting new people and going on hikes.

Szandi Kovacs (she/her) - Kitchen Staff - Cegléd, Hungary

My name is Szandi and I come from Hungary. I'm a university student at Budapest Business School. I study commercials and marketing. In my free time, I love horse riding, hiking, and doing water sports. This summer, I will be a kitchen staff member and this will be my first summer at an American camp. I'm really excited about camp life and I can't wait to make new friends and travel on my days off.

Sophia Lopez (she/her) - Kitchen Staff - Kunkletown, PA

Hi, I am Sophia. I am very happy to be returning to Camp Harlam once again. It has been a pleasure getting to meet new people. I hope to meet more this upcoming summer!

Laura Montano Fernandez (she/her) - Housekeeper - Muzo, Colombia

Hi! I am Laura, from Muzo, Colombia. I'm getting my bachelor's degree in modern languages with an emphasis on English, where I study English, French and ELEX (Teaching Spanish as a foreign language). I love dancing, listening to music, talking with friends, and playing sports. I have trained in many sports and I am currently playing rugby. I also love children; I have a little sister who I love so much. In my free time I watch movies or series or talk with my friends and family. I like to know new things from around the world. Sometimes, when I'm on vacation, I teach children some math and English topics. It's my first time at a summer camp and I am so excited. My role will be housekeeping.

Janek Moos (he/him) - Office Staff - Eger, Hungary

I am Janek from Hungary, currently studying at university in the department of English studies with the aim of becoming a professional translator. I am 25 years old and I was able to gain work experience from several different fields: I did multiple years of private tutoring preparing high school-aged students for their proficiency exams in English, as well as taking on complete beginners; then I had the opportunity to teach academic English and research skills at a bilingual grammar school through the Discover Your English Voice program; and now I work as manager at H&M. During my previous university course I excelled especially in pedagogical and psychology courses, and received an A for my module closing exam. Currently I hold the highest GPA and credit index in our department, and I can't wait to be at your service to ensure that everything runs smoothly!

Vivi Mor (she/her) - Office Staff - Eger, Hungary

I am a Hungarian girl from Eger, which is an amazing historical town. Currently I am an MA undergraduate, studying American Studies, and in addition, I am working as a personal assistant. I love reading all kinds of books, and my favourite genre is detective novels. I also love classical literature, especially from the 20th century. I love cooking and trying out healthier options. I absolutely love writing by hand and I do everything I can that way, including my uni notes, a reading journal, a personal calendar, and letters. At camp, I am going to work in the office and I can't wait! I believe I have enough experience in the administration field, but I am always excited to try new things. Although this is my first summer here, in Camp Harlam, I can't wait to finally travel to the US and meet all those new people!

Zuri Morales Lopez (she/her) - Kitchen Staff - Orizaba, Mexico

I am from Mexico. I enjoy playing the guitar, walking my dog, playing sports like soccer and basketball, going out with my friends, and listening to electronic and rock music. I have also been learning how to play the piano. I have not done any volunteer work, but I would like to do it just because I think it could be interesting. My role at camp is kitchen staff, and this will be my first summer at Camp Harlam. I am excited to be part of the activities of the camp and to get to know different people and values.

Jazmin Nemes (he/him) - Kitchen Staff - Harka, Hungary

My name is Jazmin. I live in Hungary, in the village of Harka. I am a first-year architecture student at the University of Sopron. Besides studying, I like to swim, dance and play music. My other hobbies are painting and clay making. I am excited about my time at an American camp. This is my first year and my first time traveling to America. I will be working in the kitchen and I can't wait to make new friends, improve my language skills, and see the world.

Anna Nemeth (she/her) - Kitchen Staff - Tényo, Hungary

My name is Anna Nemeth. I'm from Hungary. I study at the University of Sopron. This was my first year. I have many hobbies, such as reading, hiking, and cooking. This will be my first job in the USA and I am very excited.

Julia Palmieri (she/her) - Nurse - Yardley, PA

My name is Julia and nursing is a second career for me. I went to Rutgers and graduated with a degree in Communication. I worked as a buyer for a costume and party supply company for about 5 years before leaving to stay home with my girls. I have two daughters, Lilly (10) and Daisy (7). I love working out, running, hiking, reading, and playing sports. My favorite food is pizza and I can't start the day without coffee. I look forward to another fun and exciting year at Harlam!

Dr. Kendra Reisner (she/her) - Doctor - Columbia, MD

Summer #15 at camp and #5 in the Mirpa'ah. Excited for 2 weeks in my favorite place!

Sarah Robinson (she/her) - Nurse - Media, PA

I work full time at a pediatric hospital in their obstetrical department as a midwife. I just completed my degree as a psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner. I have three boys at home, all of whom play multiple sports and none of whom drive yet, so I have a part time job as a driver. I listen to audiobooks as much as possible and really enjoy cooking. This will be my third summer at Harlam and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Horacio Rosas Arriaga (he/him) - Kitchen Staff - Puebla, Mexico

My name is Horacio, and I will be working in the kitchen!

Melissa Rosenblum (she/her) - Nurse - Marriottsville, MD

I am excited to be working at Camp Harlam this summer! I used to love going to camp when I was younger and am thrilled my daughter gets to experience the wonderful things that Harlam has to offer! I have been a nurse for 17 years and can't wait to work with the kids in July! I love to cook, bake, and read!

Kishema Salmon (she/her) - Housekeeper - Greater Portmore, Jamaica

My name is Kishema Salmon, also referred to as Kish for short. I recently completed my second year of university at the University of Technology, Jamaica, where I am pursuing a degree in accounting. I was born and raised in a small town in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, but moved to the city after high school to be closer to university. I enjoy painting for fun, especially abstract and expressionist styles. I often listen to music (mostly R&B, K-pop and indie pop) while I paint, do daily tasks, and work on assignments. In my free time, I enjoy watching movies and trying out new recipes I find online. I actively volunteer in school when provided with the opportunity, which includes doing beach cleanups and assisting at the school's health facility. This summer will be my first time attending camp, where I will be working as a housekeeper. I am excited to experience camp life, meet new people from different cultures, and build lifelong friendships.

Yael Solano Guzman (he/him) - Housekeeper - Minatitlán, Mexico

Hi! My name is Yael and I'm from Minatitlán, Veracruz, Mexico. During the year, I study electronic engineering and stay busy with university projects. In my free time, I enjoy playing video games, working out, and spending time with my friends. I've helped in my family's kitchen business and also worked in customer service, which taught me the value of teamwork. This will be my first summer at camp, and I'm really excited to meet new people, have fun with the campers, and create great memories together.

Ali Stamm (she/her) - Driver - Montreal, Canada

Thank you ChatGPT: Meet Ali, a middle-aged Canadian living in Las Vegas with a sharp wit, a kind heart, and a lifelong love of camp. This summer, she'll be behind the wheel as one of our trusted drivers. With playlists full of R.E.M., Sean Paul, and The Chicks, she makes every van ride a chance to rock out. Ali is a voracious reader, a connoisseur of Granny Smith apples, and an unapologetic fan of *Le Fabuleux Destin d'Amélie Poulain*—which she's seen more times than anyone you know. Her quirky charm includes a soft spot for adorable taxidermy (yes, really), and a secret, decades-long crush on Adrien Brody. Whether she's shuttling campers to the orthodontist in town, picking up pizza for bunk parties, or dropping off staff at the airport, Ali brings heart, humor, and a little mystery to every mile.

Matt Stamm (he/him) - Nurse - Goshen, NY

I'm excited for the summer!

Sandy Swaffar (she/her) - Nurse - Morrilton, AR, USA

I just completed my 16th year as a school nurse in Morrilton, AR. I have also just retired from full-time work. I love the outdoors, especially hiking, floating, and kayaking. I have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. In the summer breaks of school, I've spent time with family and gone on mission trips. I will serve in my professional, LPN role at camp. I look forward to all the fun things.

Esteban Vega Peregrina (he/him) - Operations Staff - Puebla, Mexico

I'm an architecture student. I love traveling and appreciating the architecture of different cities and countries. I like to play sports, especially soccer. On weekends I play video games with my friends. I like to play music everyday and currently my favorite music is 90's.

Austin Balanca - Operations/Maintenance - Kunkletown, PA

Ethan Balanca - Operations/Maintenance - Kunkletown, PA

Lilyanna Barnes (she/her) - Dining Hall Manager - Effort, PA

Sara Cohen (she/her) - Nurse - Philadelphia, PA

David Drajpuch - Nurse - Media, PA

Anna Hammons (she/her) - Nurse - Crossett, AR

Angel Jimenez Limon (he/him) - Kitchen Staff - Puebla, Mexico

David Kessler (he/him) - Doctor - Leonia, NJ

Peter Koch - Doctor - Short Hills, NJ

Marrisa Kuba (she/her) - Nurse - Penn Valley, PA

Axel Linares Carcano - Kitchen Staff - Puebla, Mexico

Victoria Lopez (she/her) - Kitchen Staff - Kunkletown, PA

Analhy Medina Carpio - Kitchen Staff - Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico

Shachar Moshe - Cook - Hod Hasharon, Israel

Alex Parra Jimenez (he/him) - Kitchen Staff - Puebla, Mexico

Yosef Haim Perez - Cook - Ofaqim, Israel

Liz Rampersad - Nurse - East Stroudsburg, PA

Shakira Regalado - Kitchen Staff - Effort, PA

Cheri Rozycki (she/her) - Nurse - Scranton, PA

Shana Segal (she/her) - Doctor - Philadelphia, PA

David Sulitzer - Nurse - East Brunswick, NJ

Kathryn Summers, RN (she/her) - Nurse - Fort Worth, TX

Stacy Thompson (she/her) - Doctor - Millburn, NJ

Alissa Wong - Nurse - Annandale, VA