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Tony Basso
Camp Owner & Executive Director
(13th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Dear Champion Parent,

For me, running a summer camp is not work, but rather something that I love doing! My love affair with summer camp started in my youth, which was filled with camp activity that allowed me to make numerous friends and build lasting memories. In fact, my childhood experiences at camp were so positive that I was inspired to work as a camp counselor every summer during my time in high school and college.

After graduating from UCLA, I spent several years in the "real" world. I quickly advanced up the corporate ladder through a series of promotions while concurrently attending classes (during evenings and weekends) at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business to earn my MBA. Yet despite my success in both the boardroom and the classroom, the thought of summer camp remained a passion of mine that was too strong to ignore. These thoughts intensified when I became a proud father. Becoming a parent reminded me how important life is and inspired me to get back to doing what I love!



Running Champion Summer Camp as the Owner and Executive Director is my dream job, and something that I first started fantasizing about when I was 18 years old. Turning this dream into a reality has been one of the most gratifying accomplishments of my life. As a life-long Bay Area native, I thoroughly enjoy giving back to a community that has given so much to me. As a small business owner, I take great pride in providing personal service and developing strong relationships (many of which last for years) with the wonderful families that are connected to camp. As a fellow parent, you can rest assured that I want all kids to take away amazing memories and experiences from their time at camp (and it is worth noting that my son spent 8 years as a "Champer" and will be a counselor this summer). As the Executive Director, I look forward to providing happy and healthy activities that allow kids to maximize what summer has to offer.

To sum it all up, as I enter my 13th year of "work" at Champion Summer Camp, I am more excited than ever and can't wait to see your family in action at camp this summer!

Sincerely,

Tony Basso



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Ryan Murray ***Director, Photographer, & Videographer*** ***(10th Year at Champion Summer Camp)***

Dear Families,

My name is Ryan Murray and I am excited to be returning for my 10th year at Champion Summer Camp! Let me tell you a little about myself and my background. After growing up a San Mateo native I moved down to southern California, where I graduated from CSUSM with a degree in Psychology. After moving back to the Bay Area, I was fortunate to begin work as an Instructional Aide at North Elementary School in Hillsborough, where I spent five years working across grade levels and coaching middle school sports. It was here, through Hillsborough Recreation, that I was introduced to Tony and Champion Summer Camp, and the rest is history! I am currently teaching fifth grade in the San Mateo Foster City School District, but the community of Hillsborough will always have a special place in my heart! Also, I recently became a parent and am already planning future summers at Champion for my daughter!



My background in sports can be traced back to when I began swimming competitively at a young age. Ever since, I have had an itch for competition, and have enjoyed playing and coaching many different sports. Sports have played a significant role in my life because of the many lasting relationships I have developed with teammates throughout the years. As a coach for Hillsborough Recreation, I felt fortunate to be able to pass on a passion for sports and what it means to be part of a team. In my opinion, nothing cements a lasting friendship like striving toward a similar goal, working hard, and most importantly, having fun in the process.

Every year I count the days until summer, because working at Champion Summer Camp means I get to witness first-hand the comradery and new friendships that develop at camp over playing sports and having fun. I am thrilled that your family is joining in on all the fun that camp has to offer this summer and I look forward to seeing you at camp soon!

Kind regards,

Ryan



Jordana Bartfeld
Director of Arts & Crafts
(5th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hello Parents and Excited Changers!

A little about me...I graduated from the University of Redlands with a dual degree in Liberal Studies/Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders. I spent this past year working as a paraeducator in the Academic Program Support or APS program at West Elementary School to better my future career. This Fall, I will be attending graduate school at the University of the Pacific to get my Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology. After graduate school, my goal is to become either an Educational Speech-Language Pathologist working in elementary schools or a Children's Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist. I look forward to a career in a field that I am passionate about and that will allow me to utilize my skills to help others grow and overcome their challenges.



Growing up I was always active and creative. My favorite memories include ballet, tap, soccer, and swimming. As a kid, I spent several years in AYSO and was also involved in dance for many years, taking several ballet and tap classes as I loved to wear my tutu everywhere and pretend I was a ballerina and always found myself dancing all around my house. Eventually, swimming is the sport that became the most significant part of my life. I started as your regular average kid, taking swim lessons at my local rec center, but then I fell in love with the sport. I continued swimming for 11 years and ultimately competed on both my high school team and several club teams. I was also a camper at Champion Summer Camp for several years before becoming a Counselor in Training (CIT). I should also mention that along with working as a paraeducator at West this year, I have worked as a teaching aide at summer school and have experience tutoring children at several elementary schools. As you can see, I have always had a deep-rooted love for working with young kids, especially in a classroom setting and a learning environment.

I could not be more thrilled to return to Champion Summer Camp this summer as the Arts and Crafts Director for a third year. I'd like to think your child's time in Arts & Crafts will leave them coming home with some amazing artwork to show that they are proud of! I am eager to provide campers with an opportunity to express their artistic side through a wide variety of fun and engaging weekly-themed projects in a supportive and encouraging environment. I feel that having arts and crafts at camp is a real treat for campers and allows them to have a break from sports and just have some fun getting messy and being creative with their friends.

I hope your child is looking forward to some amazing arts and crafts at camp. I can't wait for camp to start and to meet all our art-loving, and enthusiastic campers this summer!

Cheers, Jordana



Hollie Allen
Executive Counselor
(8th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Dear Parents,

My name is Hollie Allen and I am so grateful to have the opportunity of working with your kids this summer and giving them the best camp experience possible! I am a rising junior at the University of San Diego this fall and I am majoring in behavioral neuroscience.

In my opinion, Champion Summer Camp is the best camp out there. It allows kids to release their energy, interact with other kids, showcase their talents, and try new things they may not have done before. I attended this camp when I was a young girl and I had a blast. The counselors make sure you feel included and they encourage you to put yourself out there and try new things in a supportive environment. After this camp I made so many new friends and was immersed into many new sports and activities.

In my free time I love going on hikes and going to the beach (and I mean I go to the beach at least 3-4 times week). When I'm not moving about, I love to read and listen to music. Personally, I love keeping fit and being outdoors. I did high school track and field throughout my 4 years at high school and also did cross country, competitive gymnastics, and rowing. No matter what I always try to incorporate a sport in my life because I feel you learn the greatest life lessons when being in a competitive environment. That is why Champion Summer Camp has a place in my heart because it is teaching your kids lessons that will stick with them for a long time.

Overall, I am so excited to get to have the role as a counselor at Champion Summer Camp. I will make sure to give your kids the best experience possible so they are begging you to let them come back next summer!

Hollie





Taj Apparao
Counselor
(6th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Dear families of my group of campers,

Hi, my name is Taj and I am your child's counselor for this week of Champion Summer Camp. I am so excited to get to know all the campers and have a great time with them this week. I am a high school student going into 11th grade at Crystal Springs Uplands School.



I play varsity soccer and baseball, but I love to play all sports. Sports are one of the most important parts of my life because, through sports, I have made so many amazing memories and found a lot of my close friends, as well as learned many life skills that still help me today. In school, I am very interested in science, and one day I hope to have a career in science, whether that is being a doctor or another line of work. Sports are my main hobbies and activities, but I also study photography in school and have worked in the darkroom to print my photos. I also enjoy art, especially drawing and bracelet making, both activities that your child will partake in this week, and that I will have so much fun helping them with.

Working with younger kids is so enjoyable for me because I see so much of my younger self in them and can relate to them in many ways. I hope this week I can create a great relationship with each and every one of the Champion campers and have a positive effect on them, to create a fun and memorable summer experience.

See you soon at camp!

-Taj



Rowen Barnes
Executive Counselor
(10th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

What's Up Everyone?!

My name is Rowen Barnes. I just finished up my sophomore year at UC Davis where I am majoring in Human Development. As pictured here, I recently played baseball for Skyline Community College and am also currently playing on the UC Davis team (Go Aggies!).



My life has always been centered around sports. I grew up playing what feels like every sport. Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, and of course Baseball. I even played a bit of volleyball. Although I had a great time playing every sport, I ended up focusing on Baseball as my favorite.

When I'm not doing something baseball related, you can catch me hanging with friends/family, my dogs, or just doing whatever. I'm also really into sports cards and love to buy, sell, and trade, all the time. Maybe even a little too much.

I feel like I have been coming to Champion Summer Camp forever now. I still have memories of my first year and how much fun I had. Each year has been just as fun and hopefully I can give your kids the same experiences I had growing up.

-Rowen



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Ryann Barnes ***Executive Counselor*** ***(5th Year at Camp)***

Hi, my name is Ryann. I just graduated from Menlo Atherton High School and I am headed to UCLA next year to study Music History and Industry.

I am a passionate dog person (as you can see) as I have two labs that I adore. I spend most of my time writing music, working as a server, and spending time with my friends. I grew up dancing and playing school sports like basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

I'm excited for this job because I love seeing kids have fun and this camp has so many great games and activities to offer. My uncle happens to run the camp so I got to attend myself when I was younger. Unfortunately, in my earlier camper days I wasn't very enthusiastic about sports, but I gotta give my uncle credit because I always had so much fun when I came to camp here! Some of my highlights at Champion were air hockey tournaments and making lanyards for my mom.

I'm excited to come back and be part of this friendly and supportive environment! I can't wait to meet your kids and most importantly have fun!

Best,
Ryann





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Zach Bartfeld ***Executive Counselor*** ***(8th Year at Champion Summer Camp)***

Hey Everyone!

My name is Zach Bartfeld and I just finished my first year of college at San Diego State University where im studying to be a theater performance major since I want to be an actor for movies and or T.V.



I've played lots of sports when I was younger and I played volleyball for my high school and I used to play basketball, baseball, and this last year at college I actually was a part of an intramural soccer team which was super fun. But apart from sports talk, I just want to say how much I love working with kids since my Mom has been a K-1 teacher for a long time, and I always have enjoyed walking into her classroom at South Hillsborough elementary and getting to see their little smiles and faces and hear them talk about me from my mom, is everything and makes my day and that's why I truly love this job because I get to make the kids have a great time playing sports and activities with new kids and familiar ones as well and get to make summer memories that'll last forever.

I am so excited and thrilled to be a part of the Champion staff again for my 8th year (my 4th as a counselor) and cannot wait for this summer with the kids and having an awesome time!

Hoping to see you soon at camp!

-Zach Bartfeld



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Trent Basso **Counselor** **(12th Year at Champion Summer Camp)**

What's up everyone,

My name is Trent Basso, and I am headed into my junior year at Carlmont Highschool. I am a social and extroverted person who enjoys interactions with others. I love



encouraging people to participate in events, both physical and social. Some of my interests are hanging out and meeting new friends, working on my personal fitness goals, as well as teaching myself how I can become a better athlete. While I'm not totally set on a specific career, I am interested in picking up Business as my major with an emphasis in Real Estate.

Growing up, I played a lot of baseball, basketball, soccer, tennis, and swimming. Baseball was my favorite because of both the fun it brought me while playing, as well as the team aspect of the game which helped me develop a brotherhood with my teammates. Currently, I play for my school's Football and Wrestling teams, and I'm going to try out for the lacrosse team next year as well. Sports have always held a special place in my heart, and a part of me believes I live to play them. All the programs I've ever been a part of have brought out the best in me.

When I came to this camp as a kid, I was always surrounded by supportive counselors who made every day fun. Now that I am a counselor, I want to return the favor and give all champers the same kind of experience that I had. Rest assured that I will do everything in my power to make every day at camp truly wonderful for your child this summer!

See you soon at camp,

Trent



Danny Conway
Executive Counselor
(7th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hi Parents!

My name is Danny Conway and this Fall I will be attending Emerson College where I will be majoring in comedic arts. I just graduated from Burlingame High School where my claims to fame included service as a reporter for the Burlingame B (the school newsletter) and also service as Class President. In my free time, I love to write, film videos, and spend time with friends.



I started attending Champion when I was only in preschool and my dream was to someday be a camp counselor here. I am very proud to be on the staff this summer!

I am so excited to share my love of sports with your kids. I played Baseball at BHS for four years and have also played basketball, ultimate frisbee and soccer since I was little. I'm also a pretty awesome air hockey player, a skill I honed here at camp, and I can't wait to share some tips with your kids. Champion is the funnest camp that I ever attended and

I'm excited to make it a great experience for your family!

Can't wait to see your child here!

Danny



Spencer Coral
Counselor
(9th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hey all!



I'm Spencer Coral. I'm a rising Junior at Aragon High School, and I'm extremely excited to meet all your kids this summer!

A little bit about me, I've been going to Champion Summer Camp since kindergarten, and have been playing sports since I was 6. My two favorite sports are soccer and lacrosse, and I am currently on the varsity lacrosse team at Aragon. Some of my hobbies include photography and reading, and after I graduate high school, I intend on attending university.

I'm so excited to work this summer, as Champion was an integral part of my childhood, and making sure that your children have an unforgettable experience here is my top priority. I eagerly look forward to a great summer with your child at camp!

Kind regards,

Spencer



Cassidy DeWitt
Counselor
(9th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Dear Parents,

I am Cassidy Dewitt, a rising senior at Burlingame High School. I am very excited to be a counselor at Champion summer camp and to have the opportunity to work with all your kids. I have been a part of Champions Camp for 9 years, and many of my fondest summer memories were made at this camp. I have been a CIT for multiple summers and a Champer for many years previous to that. As a part of the staff, I hope to ensure your kids have a wonderful and fun experience and make many new friends and memories!

Sports are a very big part of my life. I think that sports not only allow you to be active, but they also are a great way to meet new people. I love playing volleyball, soccer, and basketball, which your kids will get to play at Champions. The athletics and sports at Champion are a great way for your kids to be a part of a team, learn about new sports, and, most importantly, have fun. I am so excited to be a part of the Champion staff because I love working with kids and the camp environment. I hope your kids have as fun of an experience as I had when I was a Champer, and I look forward to making sure all Champs have an exciting and memorable summer!



Best,

Cassidy DeWitt



Schyler DeWitt
Executive Counselor
(12th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hello Champion Parents!

My name is Schyler DeWitt and I am so excited for yet another summer here at Champion summer camp! This will be my fourth summer as a staff member, but I spent two years as a counselor in training, and I was even a Champion camper myself for six years. Clearly, Champion Summer Camp holds a special place in my heart and I hope to reflect on what a wonderful camp it is for you and your children.

I just wrapped up my freshman year at the University of Tennessee, where I am majoring in Elementary Education. (Go Vols!) I am described by my peers as very friendly, outgoing, and a responsible leader. I have played competitive soccer my whole life, starting at Burlingame Soccer Club, then Belmont United Soccer Club, and eventually playing on my high school team (Notre Dame Belmont)! My many years on the soccer pitch have taught me so much about leadership, hard work, dedication, and of course teamwork. Besides soccer, I have always been very involved in sports, additionally playing basketball, gymnastics, competitive cheerleading, golf, and tennis. Sports have an extremely important role in my life and have turned me into the competitive, enthusiastic, and driven person I am today.

Every summer I dedicate my time as a staff member to make sure all campers love Champion camp as much as I did when I was a kid. I love the summertime, and am so grateful for the opportunity to work with your children! Here's to a great summer!

Best regards,

Schyler





Elizabeth Diehl
Counselor
(8th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hi Parents!

My name is Elizabeth and I am a rising Senior at Burlingame High School. I have been a Champer since I was a kid and I am super excited to be back as a camp counselor. I love working with kids because they are so creative and fun.



As a high school student, extracurriculars are very important to me. This past fall, I was on my school's varsity tennis team. It was a great way to meet new people as well as allowing me to continue playing the sport I love. Sports have played a special role in my life by teaching me the significance of teamwork, cooperation, and how to take a loss. In addition to sports, one of my passions is theater arts. I have always loved to sing; my parents have told me that even as a toddler, I was constantly singing. In March, my school performed "Disaster!" where I played Jackie. It was such an amazing feeling to be in front of a live audience and to hear the applause, laughter, and cheering. As of right now, I am interested in pursuing Psychology in college in order to become a therapist or a similar profession in that field.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to meeting you soon!

-Elizabeth Diehl



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Jack Eandi **Counselor** **(8th Year at Champion Summer Camp)**

Dear Parents,

Hi, my name is Jack Eandi and I'm going to be a senior in this coming school year. It is



my pleasure to inform you that I love teaching children and being around kids. I've worked at Peninsula Bridge for two years as a TA helping kids learn and I've also worked at Champion Summer Camp before as a CIT and counselor and had a blast. I love working with kids and I hope you feel secure knowing that I will do everything I can to make sure your kid comes home happy and safe.

Now about me. As for my interests, sports have always been a huge part of my life, from Thanksgiving football with my family to road trips going to AAU basketball games, sports integrated into who I am as a person. My favorite sport is basketball and I've been playing at a tournament level since elementary school. One thing I love that's not sports related is learning about biology and the medical field, however, I doubt that will come up at camp. All in all, I hope I can

entertain your kids at camp and keep them safe so you can pick them up without stress or worry.

See you this summer!

Jack Eandi



Isabel “Izzy” Garcia
Executive Counselor & Assistant Director
(12th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hello Parents and Changers,

My name is Isabel Garcia but most people call me by my nickname which is Izzy! I am 20 years old and I am currently a junior at Landmark College located in Vermont. Before



I left for Vermont, I also got the opportunity to teach at West Elementary School as a Kindergarten Teacher's Assistant.

I am super excited to come back and work at an active, memorable, and enjoyable camp. All the activities that are provided are very amusing, so rest assured that your child will be entertained all day long. Working here means a lot to me because I was once a "Champer" starting at 6 years old. Another reason I enjoy my time working at this camp is that I would love to work with a variety of kids in the future, so this is the perfect experience for me.

Team sports are also a big part of my life, I have played softball, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and have even done some cheerleading. Some of my other interests other than sports, are photography, running, painting, and going to the beach with family or friends.

Thrilled is the feeling I get when I can return and work with all the wonderful kids that attend year after year. I look forward to giving your kids a memorable camp experience as I had for so many years!

Sincerely,

Isabel Garcia



Marisa Garcia
Executive Counselor
(12th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hi, my name is Marisa Garcia. I just graduated from Burlingame Highschool and I will be attending the University of Arizona this Fall where I will be majoring in Business. I am looking forward to seeing all your kids back at Champion Camp this summer!

Throughout my life, I have been an avid athlete. Soccer has always been my favorite sport. I started playing when I was four years old and continued all the way through high school on the varsity team at BHS. In middle school, I played both basketball and volleyball, and I continued to play volleyball competitively as a club sport during my HS years.

As you can see, sports are a big part of my life. What I love most about team sports, is not only playing the sport but also growing strong friendships with my teammates. From being on many different sports teams, I have grown to learn how essential collaboration and communication are, not only while playing the sport, but also as important life skills. Some of my interests outside of sports include journaling, bike riding with my friends, and skiing with my family as much as possible.

I am so excited to be able to work with your kids this summer. I am a long-life camper having attended Champion Camp every summer since I was five years old. Furthermore, I am extremely familiar with the camp routine and all the daily activities. I can assure you this summer at Champion Summer Camp your kids are in excellent hands and will have a blast every day!

Sincerely,

Marisa Garcia



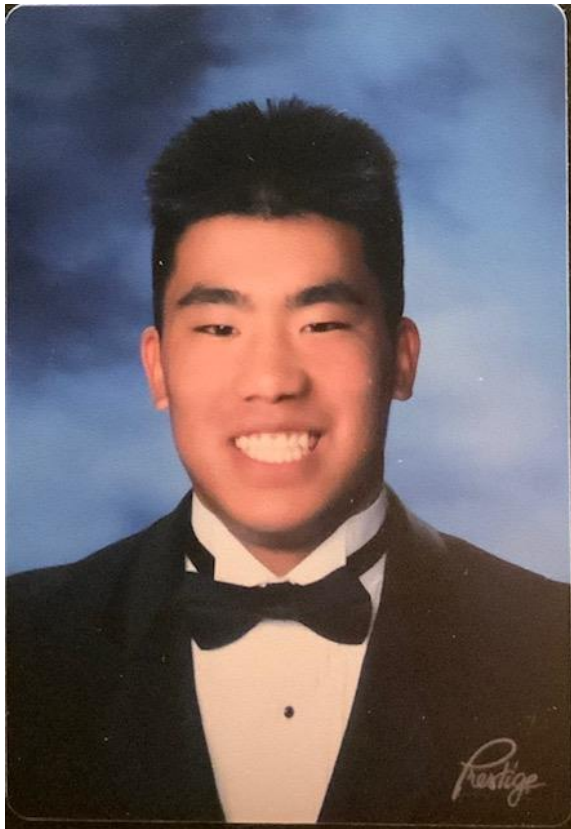


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Jayson Higashi ***Executive Counselor*** ***(5th Year at Champion Summer Camp)***

Hi parents!

My name is Jayson and I am heading into my Freshman year of college this Fall at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I attended Burlingame High School the past 4 years and developed a humorous, playful, and energetic personality throughout these exciting times. These traits will translate towards my time at Champions Summer Camp as I love spending time with kids whether it's through sports, arts and crafts, or simply just making conversation with them!



In the past, I've played baseball and basketball since childhood. I find interest in all varieties of sports and will truly enjoy playing them with the campers as well.

I myself was a camper during my childhood and growing up to work as a camp counselor is something I absolutely take pride in. I'm looking forward to high school graduation and a summer full of fun activities (although I will be missing all the friends I made in high school when I'm off to college), as well as working in my third year as a camp counselor at Champions Summer Camp! I'm so

appreciative and excited to have the opportunity to work with your children as Champions camp this Summer will be a blast!

Jayson



Sophia Ibanez
Executive Counselor
(6th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Dear parents,

My name is Sophia Ibanez and I am thrilled to be back at champions for another summer! I recently graduated from Burlingame High School and will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall. I plan on studying business, most likely with an emphasis on Sports Business, I also plan on joining the Oregon Club golf team. I've been part of Champion Summer Camp for six years now, first as a young Champer, then as a CIT, and now continuing on as a counselor to your kids.

If you were to ask me my favorite subject in school, I would always say PE, even to this day. Sports are a huge part of my life. Growing up, I played all sports including soccer lacrosse, basketball, and golf. But for most of my life, Taekwondo was my favorite sport. Through it, I learned discipline, time management, agility, concentration, and most importantly how to respect others. And that's not even close to being all that it teaches you, this sport is what led me to who I am today both on and off the field. The importance of sports to me is to learn collaboration and life skills, build relationships, and seriously just have fun while doing it.

I am super excited to be a part of the staff because I love spending time with kids and sharing my love for staying active with them. I'm looking forward to giving your kids the most unforgettable summer at the best summer camp!

Sincerely,

Sophia





Chase Johnson
Executive Counselor
(13th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hi Champer Parents!

My name is Chase Johnson. I recently graduated from Burlingame High School and will be attending the University of Miami next year! I am thrilled to be back once again as a counselor at Champions Summer Camp!

I have always had a pretty big background in sports as well as watching over kids/babysitting. Throughout my high school career, I ran four years of cross country, played four years' worth of baseball (the past two seasons on varsity). Some of my hobbies include traveling, listening to music and spending time with my family and friends.

As far as my history with Champion Summer Camp, I have been part of this camp each year since its inception including the past two years as a counselor, two years as CIT (Counselor in training) and eight years as a camper. With my experience through multiple sports teams, school clubs and my long history with Champions I have learned what it is like to run a camp and use leadership skills that I can take into my experience at the next level. I have always loved working and attending summer camps and I hope to make the weeks your children spend at camp some of the best of their lives.

Thank you!

-Chase





Reese Johnson
Counselor
(4th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hi!



My name is Reese Johnson and I am headed into my Junior year at Burlingame High School. I grew up playing a multitude of sports and have enjoyed being surrounded by athletics my whole life. I am currently a 3-season athlete including lacrosse, tennis, and soccer.

I am a huge people-person and get along well with kids. I have younger cousins with whom I am close with and take care of during family outings. Additionally, I have worked as a junior coach for both a tennis camp and the Burlingame Coyotes lacrosse program. I love working with kids, and I heavily enjoy playing and/or teaching sports as well as art so Campion is an ideal job for me. I also grew up going to Champion and loved it as a kid, so I would be thrilled to continue more years with this amazing program and meet new campers and staff along

the way.

I can't wait to meet you and your child at camp this summer!

-Reese



Catie Nudelman
Executive Counselor
(6th Year at Camp)



Hi Everyone!

My name is Catie Nudelman and I am so excited to be working another summer at Champion! I just graduated from Palo Alto High School and will be attending the University of Colorado Boulder in the Fall. I will be studying Psychology and Neuroscience and I hope to gain all the fundamental knowledge needed to successfully pursue a career as a child psychologist.

During my free time, I love to hike, hang with friends, and enjoy as much time outside as possible. I participated in figure skating which I learned for 9 years at a local ice-skating rink near my house. It was truly one of the best experiences I have throughout my life and I still love to practice when I have free time. Aside from activities, I am a very social, outgoing, extroverted person who absolutely loves working with kids!

I have spent my last two summers working with children from the ages of 5-13 making sure they had the best summer they could possibly imagine! My goal every day is to make sure that a kid's day is a little brighter every time they come to camp so that they are going home with a big smile and lots of memories. I always prioritize child safety and I can ensure that your kids' safety is top priority this summer at Champion!

As someone who has not only worked at Champion, but also used to be a Champion camper (known as a "Champer"), I can proudly say that your child will have an unforgettable summer with lots of new memories and new friends. I am so excited to meet everyone this summer and can't wait for another great year!

Warmly,

Catie Nudelman



Marco Rice
Executive Counselor
(10th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hello everyone,

I am Marco Rice. I am 18 years old and will be entering my Freshman year at Chico State. I just recently graduated from Burlingame High School after a fantastic senior year.

I really enjoy playing and watching sports. I play football, basketball, and baseball (although I just recovered from an ACL tear). I also like playing video games and hanging out with friends in my free time. I have one sister in the family and sadly have no pets. I also recently became an Eagle Scout (a designation that took me 10 years to earn).

Sports are a very important aspect of my life and have taught me many valuable life lessons. I have met some of my closest friends through sports and have also made many amazing memories. I try my best to maintain good grades and hope to one day have a career that is sports related. I want the kids to learn the benefits of sports on and off the field.

I have attended Champion Summer Camp for 6 years as a camper and spent another three years as a Counselor. I am thrilled to be part of the staff for my third time this summer and always have a great time at camp. I know that you really enjoy it too!

I hope this helps you get to know me better! It is going to be a fun summer.

Marco

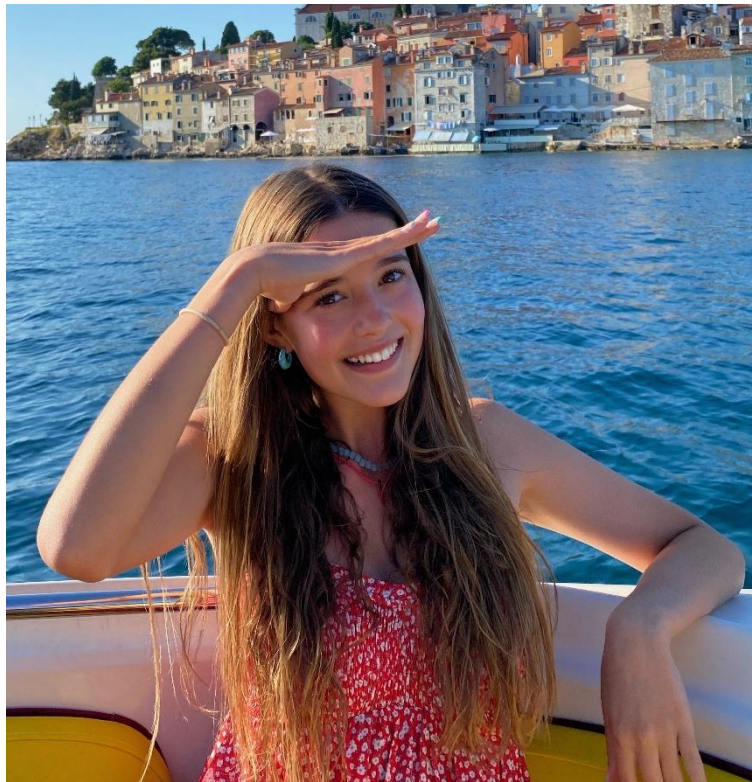




Sasha Rossen
Counselor
(8th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hello Champion Families!

My name is Sasha Rossen and I am an incoming senior at Burlingame High School. I



cannot wait to be a part of your Changers' summer this year (FYI, a "Champer" is a Champion Camper).

I love working with children and have two younger brothers so that leadership role has always been prominent in my life.

Growing up in a super active family I became very passionate about sports. I have played softball, competitive basketball, and tennis but now focus exclusively on soccer! I first started playing soccer at age 3, and instantly fell in love with the sport. I hope to play until I graduate high school. When I am not on the soccer field you can find me playing and singing music. Music is a big part of my life, I have played guitar and

sung for years and I really enjoy the creativity aspect of it and the art you can create whilst doing so.

I can proudly say that I have been a Champer for 5 years, a CIT for 2 years, and am now returning to camp for my third summer as a counselor. Champion was always one of the best things about summer for me as a kid and I plan on bringing much enthusiasm to be able to help your kids feel that same excitement I felt when I was a Champer.

I cannot wait to meet your kids. Here is to a great summer! Thank You!

Sasha



CHAMPION SUMMER CAMP

Kyle Shirley ***Executive Counselor*** ***(11th Year at Champion Summer Camp)***

Dear Camp Parent,

My name is Kyle and I just graduated from Aragon High School. This Fall I am planning to take a gap year before attending college starting in 2024. I am so excited to be your camper's counselor at camp! I was camper here for many years and enjoyed my fellow campers and counselors.

My favorite sports include football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. I believe sports are important in life for three reasons: The first is social interaction between players, coaches, referees, and fans. It is important to learn how to cope with different personalities and find ways to work together and bring out the best in each other. The second for me is teaching people how to be competitive as the real world is full of competition. It strengthens your position when you know what it takes to compete. Lastly, sports teach people how to lose, adapt and learn from your mistakes. First you recognize your mistakes, second you find another solution which helps you recognize options when the next challenge arises.

I am excited about this job as I get to be the counselor that I looked up to all those years. I am looking forward to working with kids that share similar interests that I did as a camper and meeting new people.

Sincerely,

Kyle Shirley





CHAMPION SUMMER CAMP

Quinn Shirley **Counselor** **(9th Year at Champion Summer Camp)**

Dear camper parents,

My name is Quinn Shirley and I am thrilled to be your child's counselor this summer at Champion Summer Camp! I am an incoming junior at Aragon High School and former camper myself. I attended Champion Summer Camp throughout my elementary school years, and have also had the privilege to work as a CIT for the past two years.

With an older brother and competitive family, sports have always been a huge part of my life. Not only do sports provide an opportunity to engage in fun activities and compete against others, you get to know some amazing teammates along the way. I am currently playing competitive soccer for my club team, and have also been on my school's varsity soccer team for the past two years. Some of the other sports I have interest in and have played competitively include softball, basketball, volleyball, dance and track and field. Whether it be on the soccer field, or in the dance room, I look forward to bringing my previous experience and love of sports with me to make sure your kids have as much fun at camp as I did!



Outside of school, some of my other hobbies include running, drawing, and reading. I am super excited to be a camp counselor this year to work alongside the fun and enthusiastic staff, as well as get to know your child over the course of their time at camp. I look forward to meeting them on the first day, and being alongside them for all the fun activities that come after! Get ready for your child to come home a champer!!

Kind regards,

Quinn



CHAMPION SUMMER CAMP

Sam Sorof **Counselor** **(7th Year at Champion Summer Camp)**

Hello Parents,

My name is Sam Sorof and I am going to be a Senior next year at Burlingame Highschool. I like to play basketball, frisbee, and tennis. I played basketball all throughout my life, and played frisbee throughout middle school. I recently started playing tennis and I currently play for my school.

Sports have always been an important part of my life growing up, and I have found that some of the best bonding moments happen while playing sports. I want to be able to help others have those same positive experiences that I had when I was a camper.

In the future, my dream is to go into medicine and help others in a meaningful way. I am very excited to work here because of my positive memories as a camper. The councilors always had so much energy and made me feel truly at home at camp. I want to be the councilor that the kids loved so much.

Regards,

-Sam





Cadence Thevenet
Counselor
(2nd Year at Champion Summer Camp)



Dear Parents,

My name is Cadence Thevenet, and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and share my enthusiasm for the upcoming camp experience.

Sports and outdoor activities have always been a significant part of my life. From a young age, I developed a deep love for sports, particularly volleyball. The adrenaline rush of competition and the camaraderie formed through teamwork have shaped me into the person I am today. Currently, I am going into 11th grade, and I am excited to bring my passion for sports to the campers.

In terms of my academic journey, I am a student at Carlmont High School, where I have had the privilege of participating in accelerated classes. After graduation, I aspire to go to a 4-year college and become successful and help others where I can.

Beyond sports, I enjoy engaging in diverse hobbies such as supporting mental health organizations, exploring different career paths and experiences, and hanging out with friends. These interests have allowed me to develop a well-rounded personality and a deep appreciation for others' journeys and abilities to help others.

What excites me most about this job is the opportunity to create unforgettable memories with the campers. I am genuinely thrilled to be a part of their growth, to encourage their passion for sports, and to witness the friendships formed at camp. Each day, I will bring boundless energy, a positive attitude, and a genuine desire to make this summer the best one yet for all the campers.

Wishing you a fantastic summer ahead!

Cadence



Sierra Troy
Counselor
(7th Year at Champion Summer Camp)

Hi Champion Summer Camp parents,

My name is Sierra Troy and I will be attending 11th grade at Aragon High School in the



fall. My favorite sport is soccer, and I have been playing since around 1st grade. During my time at Aragon, I have played on the Varsity Girls Soccer team for both my freshman and sophomore year and have had such great experiences. I have also played club softball and volleyball in the past, and in 6th grade I tried all three during the same season. While I like all three sports, I have decided soccer is my favorite, and I'm wanting to play in college.

I love playing sports because I enjoy teamwork as well as staying active. Besides soccer, other hobbies I have are skiing, drawing, and babysitting. I have been a CIT at Champion for the past two years, and have loved working with the kids and sharing my love for the activities with them. I can't wait to have fun with your kids this summer and make their time at Champion Summer Camp a blast!

See you at camp!

Sierra



CHAMPION SUMMER CAMP

Carson True **Counselor** **(8th Year at Champion Summer Camp)**

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to be working with your kids this summer and making sure your child has an amazing experience at Champion Summer Camp. Next year I will be a Senior at Serra High School. My favorite sports include basketball, football, and most of all weight lifting. I have been playing basketball for nearly 10 years and love playing competitively and with my friends. After my sophomore season of football, I quickly found a huge passion of mine at the gym and lifting weights. Lifting weights and working out is something I am very passionate about and will continue working out the rest of my life. Playing sports and being active has always been a huge part of my life and I hope to share my love for sports with your kids.

I have been a part of Champion Summer Camp ever since I was a little kid and this will be my second summer working as a counselor. Last summer I had a blast working with all the kids at Champion and I cannot wait to create more memories with your kids this summer. I will make sure your kids have a great time and have fun this summer.

Thank you!

Carson True

