



Brookside and Brookside Tots Day Camp!



Camp Staff!

Daily Items & Reminders

Water Bottle
Bathing Suit
Towel
Sunscreen
Closed-toe shoes

**Please label
 your child's
 items!**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for trusting us with your children. We are so excited to open the doors once again to our camps and know that this is going to be another great summer!

Each camp day begins with singing our morning cheer and holding a brief safety orientation where we talk about kindness and treating others with respect. Then, the campers are off to their morning activities! After a fun filled morning, the campers will gather for a delicious family style lunch. After a yummy lunch, the afternoon will kick off with more fun activities. These activities include water fun time for Tots, pool time for Brookside, or team sports and games that are designed to expand each camper's teamwork and communication skills. But don't worry, even with all the fun activities we have planned there are several breaks throughout the day for snack, water, and bathroom. We even make sure there are cooldown periods for all our campers! The fun day at camp concludes with pack-up and dismissal, and our wonderful counselors and instructors prepare themselves for the next exciting day at camp!

We can't wait to see your children and look forward to a wonderful summer! Please let us know if you have any questions.

- Brookside and Tots Camp Directors

Weekly Themes

Week 1 - Rainbow Week

Week 2 - Wacky Tacky Week

Week 3 - Patriotic Week

Week 4 - Science Week

Week 5 - Fairytale Week

Week 6 - Hawaiian Week

Week 7 - Superhero Week

Week 8 - Disney Week

CONTACT

INFORMATION

We are happy to answer any and all questions, comments, or concerns you may have 248-645-3674 or BrooksideDayCamp@cranbrook.edu



Ms. Sarah



Hi, my name is Sarah! I am the Assistant Director for Brookside Day Camp. This is my 6th year as an Assistant Director, but I have also been a camper and counselor at Kingswood Day Camp! During the school year I work at Brookside as a Team Leader for the Early Educational Center's Aftercare program. I am so excited to meet all our campers and can't wait to make this summer as fun as possible!

Ms. Megan



Hi! I am the Director for Brookside and Brookside Tots Day Camp, and this is my 10th summer working with the camp. I have my Master's in Elementary Education and Bachelor's in Early Childhood. I work as a Pre-School teacher during the school year. I am looking forward to another summer full of fun, laughter and memories!



Ms. Maya



Hi! I am a recent graduate of Michigan State University's teacher education program (Go Green!) and have just recently completed my student teaching experience. I am so excited to be returning to Cranbrook this summer as an assistant director!



Ms. Jessica

Hi! I'm Jessica, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan (Go Blue!), where I majored in business and minored in education. I am a native of metro Detroit and have many fond memories of attending local summer camps, I am excited to contribute to a safe and fun summer for Brookside and Tots campers as an Assistant Director! In my free time, I love exploring nature, listening to podcasts, and exploring new restaurants with friends.





Ms. Courtney

Hi! I am the Office Administrator for Brookside and Brookside Tots Day Camp. This is my 1st year as an office administrator and 5th summer working with the camp. I have a Bachelor's degree in Music Education and work as a high school choir director during the school year. I am so excited to meet all the campers!



Ms. Ava C.



Hi! I currently attend Arizona State University and I'm majoring in Elementary Education. I previously attended Groves High school in Birmingham. In my free time I love spending time outdoors and learning to cook. I can't wait to spend the summer at camp enjoying the outdoors and gaining new experiences!



Ms. Alex G.



Hello! I love to draw and participate in local theater. I recently graduated from West Bloomfield High School and will be attending the School of Visual Arts in the fall. I'm looking forward to playing games with all the kids!



Ms. Brigitte

Hi! I recently graduated from Avondale High School. I plan to attend the University of Michigan in the fall, and I can't wait to spend my summer with all of the campers! Some of my hobbies are sailing and dancing, both of which I have done competitively. I'm excited to meet new faces all summer and participate in fun outdoor activities at camp!





Ms. Julia L.

Hello! I was born in Barcelona, Spain but moved to Michigan in 2016. I graduated from the International Academy Okma and I am currently studying at MSU's Lyman Briggs college majoring in behavioral and systems neuroscience with a minor in cognitive science. My favorite hobbies are listening to music, reading a good book and going outside with my skateboard. This is my first year at camp, so I'm super excited to meet everyone and help make your time at camp the most fun ever!



Ms. Summer

Hi! I enjoy playing soccer, going to the gym, cooking and playing the violin. I just finished my first year at MSU as a biochemistry major. I'm looking forward to all the new people I will meet and new experiences.



Ms. Asha

Hello! I am a junior studying Psychology. I love art, reading, cooking, and all things creative. I have been a camp counselor since I was 15 and want to work with kids as a career. I most look forward to bonding with the campers and dressing up for spirit days.



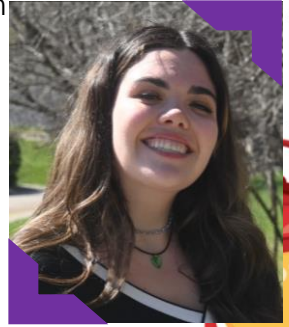
Ms. Lexi

My name is Alexcia but I go by Lexi. I am an upcoming Senior, at Michigan State University, studying Elementary Education. I love leadership activities, babysitting, making people laugh & smile, singing and dancing. I look forward to being a Tots counselor for now, my 3rd year. I can't wait to get to know your children and for them to have an amazing time at camp! Your children will be in great hands. Thank you for sending your kid(s) to camp, I can't wait to meet them!



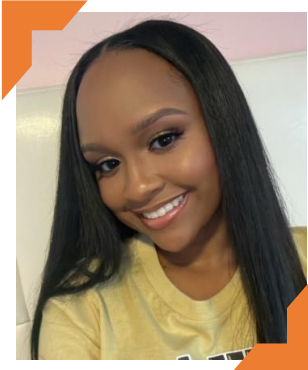
Ms. Charlotte

Hi! I recently graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School and am headed to Alma College in the fall to major in elementary and special education. Some of my hobbies include photography, all things theater, and I am a certified lifeguard. I am looking forward to being a counselor! I've wanted to be one since I was a camper at Kingswood.



Ms. Amayah

Hi! I graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. I have a twin brother, but I always say my mom is my real twin because I look like her more than my brother! I am looking forward to creating lasting relationships with the campers and having fun with them every day!



Ms. Ariel

Hi! I am a graduate of Western Michigan University where I received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood & Elementary Education. I am a Virgo and am looking forward to building meaningful relationships with the campers!



Ms. Leah

Hi! I currently attend Elizabethtown College in southern Pennsylvania. I am majoring in occupational therapy and am also on the volleyball team. In my free time, I like to play volleyball, travel, and hang out with my friends and dog. I also love to be outdoors, and you can often find me outside. I am excited to meet everyone and make so many fun memories this summer!





Ms. Liz

Ms. Liz is incredibly excited to return to Brookside this summer to teach music! When she is not making music at camp, Liz enjoys baking, coloring and writing. This fall, she is beginning her studies in Music

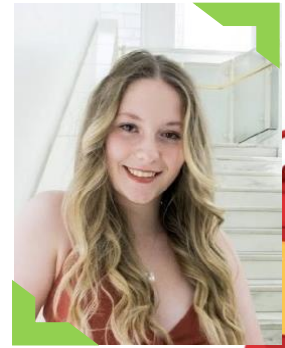
Education at Central Michigan University. In the future, she hopes to become an elementary music teacher or a high school choir director. She can't wait to get to know your camper(s)!



Brookside Music Instructor

Hi! My hobbies include reading, writing, working out, hanging out with friends + family and coaching cheerleading. I have my associates in Human Biology completed at MSU and am finishing Biology B.S. at Oakland University. I am looking forward to making the most memorable memories with the kids at camp and giving them a safe + exciting atmosphere to look forward to everyday.

Ms. Mya



Ms. Frankie

Hi! I'm studying criminology at Loyola Chicago, and I enjoy reading, baking, and time with family and friends. I'm very excited for theme weeks and STEM at camp this summer.



Ms. Julia S.

Hi! I'm an upcoming sophomore at Michigan State University and I'm studying business. In my free time I love to hangout outdoors with my friends and family. I also enjoy going to the beach and being on the water. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and having a good time!





Ms. Isabelle

Hi my name is Isabelle (Izzy) and I am a rising junior at Boston College. I am studying within the Lynch School of Education with a double major in Applied Psychology and Transformational Educational Studies. On campus I am a part of the club synchronized figure skating team and have been skating for over 16 years. In my free time I enjoy cooking, watching hockey, and taking walks with my dog. This summer I am looking forward to meeting new and returning campers and participating in all the fun activities ahead.



Hi! I am an upcoming Senior at Michigan State University studying Social Studies Education, looking to be a high school history teacher! In addition to my love for teaching and history, I have a passion for music. I've been playing guitar for almost 8 years and started a music club at Michigan State. Aside from that, I'm looking forward to water fun day at camp this summer!

Mr. Adam



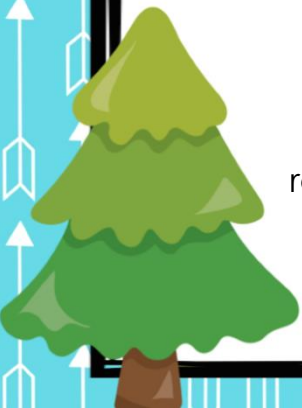
Ms. Audrey K.

Hi! I just graduated from MSU this spring with a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. I enjoy reading and baking. I look forward to working with elementary students as it will help with my future career, and I think it will be a really fun summer!



Ms. Gabby

Hello! This will be my third summer at Brookside Day Camp, and I am beyond excited! Since summer, I started graduate school at Wayne State University. Outside of school, I love spending time outdoors, being with my partner and my family, reading, and building miniatures. I am looking forward to spending my summer learning and growing with your children.





Ms. Kat

Hi! I am super excited to be joining Brookside Tots this summer! I just graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Social Relations and Public Policy as well as a minor in environmental science. One of my passions in life is outdoor recreation, which largely contributes to my hobbies. I spend a ton of time outside either hiking, climbing, or camping. I can't wait to spread my love for the outdoors and staying active with all our campers this summer!



Brookside Tots Sports Instructor

Hi! I am currently a student at Grand Valley State University. I am a senior Psychology major and Management minor and will be going to grad school to work with children and young adults. I love animals, people, books, and am secretly a huge Harry Potter nerd. This summer I am very grateful to have the opportunity to become a mentor and positive role model for so many outstanding children and cannot wait for adventures that await us all!

Ms. Braylon



Ms. Ava D.

Hi! I am an incoming sophomore at North Carolina A&T State University majoring in Psychology. I love to listen to music and hanging out with friends and family. I am so excited to meet all the new campers and get to know everyone!



Ms. Noelle

I am genuinely so excited to work at Cranbrook this summer! I will be a sophomore at Penn State University this fall, studying Early Childhood and Elementary Education with a minor in English and Journalism. I love painting, baking, and doing anything with my friends and family! I am looking forward to all the fun activities the camp offers, especially themed days, and I truly cannot wait to meet and get to know all the campers. Summer camp had such a positive impact on my life growing up, and I can't wait to share that experience with my campers this summer!





Ms. Audrey J.

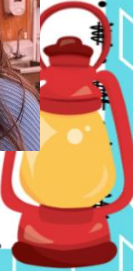
Hi! I am an upcoming senior at the University of Detroit Mercy studying criminal justice. On the side, I enjoy coaching gymnastics, painting, and spending time with friends and family. This will be my third summer with Brookside, and I am so excited to meet all the new campers and have another amazing summer!



Ms. Anna

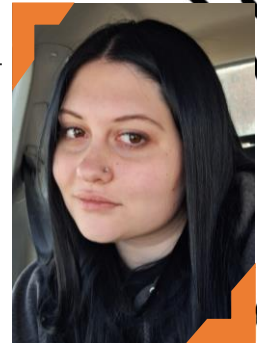
Hi! I am so excited to begin my third year here at Cranbrook! I am a senior at Michigan State University studying Elementary Education with a minor in ESOL. Teaching is my passion, and I can't wait to meet all the campers and parents!

Brookside Special Instructor



Ms. Alex K.

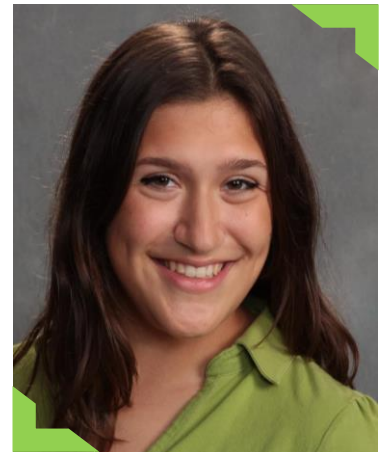
Hi! I'm a Senior 2D Animation major at Savannah College of Art and Design. I love all things art, music, and baking. This summer will be my 3rd year working at Brookside and I am looking forward to spending time outside and making memories with new and returning campers.



Ms. Abigail

Brookside Drama Instructor

Abby is currently studying technical theatre with a focus in stage management at Wayne State University, but prior to that, she attended the Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts and spent ten years performing in various community theatre productions. In her spare time, she loves to sew, read, and play with her cat, Gus. Abby is most looking forward to getting to know the campers this summer!

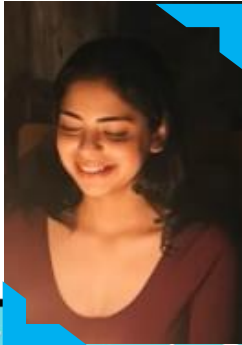




Ms. Mira

I have a variety of hobbies that I enjoy, with writing and crafting being my favorites. I am a student at Wayne State University majoring in secondary education, inspired by my mother, who is a preschool teacher and my role model. I am truly looking forward to getting to know your children, caring for them, and most importantly, guiding their learning journey. It is my goal to create a supportive and engaging environment where they can thrive.

Brookside Tots Science Instructor



Mr. Dean

Hi! My hobbies include playing with my pet dogs, rowing and reading about history. I have gone to Cranbrook for the past 15 years and recently graduated. I am headed to Michigan State University in the fall. I am looking forward to helping create a positive experience for the children I am working with this summer.



Mr. Caleb

Hi! I am very excited to be a counselor for camp this year! Some of my hobbies include singing and theater. I just finished my freshman year at Central Michigan University. I can't wait for summer camp, and I really hope I can make this a memorable and fun summer for the kids!



Mrs. RaeAnne

Brookside Tots Music Instructor

RaeAnne is the music instructor for Brookside Tots, the music teacher at Erie Elementary, and adores her work! She is very excited to work with these young campers and lead them in having fun experiences during music time. RaeAnne has a Bachelor's in Music Education from Taylor University and is currently working towards a Master's in Music Education. In her free time, RaeAnne loves to play Mario Party with her husband and play with her puppy, Bowser. She can't wait to meet each camper and have so much fun this summer!



Mr. Sam

Hi! I'm an upcoming Senior at Grand Valley State University, studying Finance and IT. I love to run, swim, read, ski, and do anything active. I have 5 pets; 3 dogs and 2 cats. I'm looking forward to meeting all the campers and water fun!



Ms. Anna

Hi! I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Educational Studies from Concordia University Wisconsin. I love to go on hikes with my husky, Loki. This is my 3rd summer here at camp, and during the school year, I am a 2nd & 3rd Grade teacher. I can't wait to see how the campers learn throughout the summer!



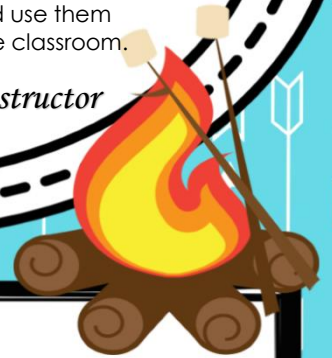
Brookside STEM Instructor

Mr. Payton

I graduated from De La Salle of Warren in 2023. I am currently studying finance at MSU. I spend a lot of my free time outside playing pickleball, swimming, biking, and other outdoor activities. I also play lacrosse at MSU and play men's league in the summer to stay active. I look forward to meeting the kids and building a bond with them. I am also excited to make lesson plans and use them effectively in the classroom.



Brookside Tots STEM Instructor



Ms. Sam

Hi! I graduated from Oakland University with BA in Art Education. Some of my hobbies include making art, hiking, spending time with family, reading, gardening, photography, and walking my dogs Duke and Luna. I am looking forward to making all kinds of cool art projects and having fun with everyone. Some students may already know me as a teacher at Cranbrook and I've also taught both Art and Tae Kwon Do enrichments during the school year.



Brookside Art Instructor





Ms. Chloe

Hello! I'm entering my junior year at Michigan State University, where I am studying kinesiology. In addition, I am a student-athlete and member of the Cross Country and Track and Field Team. When I'm not at school I enjoy running, bicycling and baking. What I am looking forward to the most about being a camp counselor is creating a fun and enjoyable camp experience and making long-lasting memories.



Ms. Elizabeth *Brookside Tots Drama Instructor*

Hi! I graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy last May with a bachelor's in psychology and a minor in theatre. My hobbies include writing poetry, theatre/acting, sewing, cosplay/costume design, attending comic and anime conventions, and the arts in general. I am most looking forward to being able to help campers discover theatre and drama in a way that begins and grows an interest in the arts to last a lifetime. This is my first year at Brookside Tots and I am so excited to meet you all!



Ms. Danay

Hi! I love singing and writing music. I am in my last year at Central Michigan University and just completed my first-year teaching 1st grade! I am looking forward to learning lots of new things with the little ones and having so much fun!



Ms. Elka



Brookside Science Instructor

I'm so excited to be your child/children's science instructor at Brookside! Currently, I am a pre-medical student in the process of earning a Bachelor's in Clinical Diagnostics with a specialization in Medical Laboratory Science at Oakland University's School of Health Sciences. With that being said, my #1 aspiration in life is to become a career scientist who researches infectious diseases. However, this summer, my main goal will be helping your children discover and embrace their love for science too. Although science and learning are my life, my hobbies outside of education include reading, writing, playing video games, taking care of my cats, and antiques.