Student Staff Bios 2017

Bruin Woods
Adam Turney – Bear & Grill
Adam is ecstatic to return to the best place on earth (sorry Disneyland) for his 2nd summer at Bruin Woods! Growing up, Adam could always be found singing and dancing around the house and those early talents have translated into what he wants to do with his life. Adam just graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in Theater and a minor in Music Industry. Make sure to stop by the B&G to say hi and grab one of his specialty milkshakes! Also, keep an eye out for Adam in our student staff shows!

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Alex Gray – Bruin Counselor
Alex is unbelievably excited to return for her second summer as a Bruins Counselor! Alex was born and raised in Danville, California by two lovely Bruin parents. Needless to say, she could do an entire 8-clap before she had learned to walk. Alex keeps busy on campus as a member of the public relations staff for UCLA’s Campus Events Commission, a tour guide for the Athletic Department, and as the Director of External Philanthropy for her sorority, Alpha Phi. Alex is a second year psychology major hoping to pursue a career in marketing or public relations. After Bruin Woods, she will be off to study abroad in Ireland for fall quarter.

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Alex Hammer – Grizzly Counselor
Alex just finished his third year at UCLA and cannot wait to continue his Bruin Woods adventures! He will be working as a Grizzly Counselor and is bursting with excitement for this summer. Alex is from the heart of Silicon Valley having grown up in sunny Palo Alto, CA. He is an Economics major and Society Genetics minor with wide ranging interests – from biology to music to sports to politics. After he finishes UCLA, he is hoping to go into the business side of the tech industry or into politics. Alex grew up going to a camp similar to Bruin Woods, which just makes him even more excited to come back for his third summer! He cannot wait to meet all of the Grizzlies and the rest of the campers! alexander.j.hammer@gmail.com

Ali Hepps – Arts & Crafts
Ali just finished her second year at UCLA studying cognitive science and gerontology. From Calabasas, California, she was a recurring winter season camper and is so thrilled to be returning to Lake Arrowhead for Bruin Woods summer 2017 as Arts & Crafts staff for the second year in a row! Ali is a fourth generation Bruin, who grew up playing piano and immediately discovered her love for singing. Ali aspires to study/research music therapy and hopes to work with children and elderly people with generative mental disorders. When she’s not busy being STOKED for Bruin Woods, you can find her singing with her a cappella group, The Scatter Tones, who just placed third in the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella! Let’s get artsy! alihepps@yahoo.com
Allie Hodgen – Aquatics
This is Allie Hodgen’s first summer at Bruin Woods and she couldn’t be more excited! Originally from Pasadena, Allie followed in her father’s footsteps to UCLA where she just finished her second year studying Business Economics and minorig in Entrepreneurship and Accounting. When she’s not cooking the books, Allie likes to swim, binge watch Netflix, and hike. During the school year Allie works at Trader Joes and is on the executive board of Chi Omega Fraternity. Allie will be on Pool Staff this summer and can’t wait to belly flop the days away with all of you! allie@alliehodgen.com

Amy Clement – Fishing
After spending her first summer cooking up delicious curly fries and milkshakes at the Bear and Grill, Amy is pumped to spend her second summer at Bruin Woods on the lake as a fishing guide! She can’t wait to show off the fishing skills she learned growing up in the bayous of New Orleans, Louisiana! Amy just finished her junior year in the UCLA School of Theater, Film, and Television studying directing and stage management. She hopes to go into casting and eventually entertainment law after school, but in the meantime, Amy is a member of Chi Omega sorority, a representative for her class on the Undergraduate Theater Council, and was the artistic director for TheaterFest 2017. Amy is so excited for another amazing summer at BW! Go Bruins! amy.clement@ucla.edu
Anna Mader – Frontier Village
Hailing from the small town of Kingsport, Tennessee, Anna didn’t have to buy nuthin’ to be this cowgirl, she had her own boots and hat already! Anna grew up in a house by the Appalachian Trail where Daniel Boone once made camp as he was passing through the Cumberland Gap. Although she sure misses her biscuits and grits, she is so excited to be a California girl now! Anna is a rising junior theater student who hopes to one day be a theater director, playwright, or storyteller. See y’all soon folks! annacmader@ucla.edu

Austin Edwards – Bear & Grill
HEEEEYYYOOOO! NEW HIRE ALERT! Incoming Sophomore Austin Edwards is a World Arts and Culture/Dance major who cannot wait to share his hip hop skillz with everyone at his first summer at Bruin Woods. A SoCal native and the eldest son of two UCLA alumni, Austin was born and raised in Solana Beach, destined to one day become a part of the Bruin Family. A dancer since the third grade, Austin pursues his passion of the arts at UCLA as a core member of the hip hop crew known as the Venmo Project. When he’s not breaking it down on the dance floor, Austin can be found following in his father’s footsteps as a member of Lambda Chi Alpha or volunteering at events such as Relay for Life and Dance Marathon. austin.edwards858@gmail.com
Austin Newton – Bear & Grill
Austin just finished up his second year at UCLA and will be jumping into his second summer at Bruin Woods! Raised in Monrovia, CA (near Pasadena), Austin is majoring in Business Economics as well as minoring in Film, Television, and Digital Media in the hopes of pursuing his interests in consulting and real estate. On campus he can be found beaming with school spirit as a member of the Student Alumni Association, brainstorming icebreakers as an RA in the dorms, and pitching stocks as an analyst with Bruin Asset Management. You may have spotted him darting around camp as a Polar Counselor last summer, but this summer he’ll be much easier to track down serving up smiles at the Bear & Grill. Despite his lactose intolerance, he’s stoked to put his life on the line to shatter the record for the most Oreo milkshakes in a summer! austinnewton@ucla.edu

Brandon Dekema – Outdoor Adventure Director
Brandon is unbelievably excited to spend his second summer at Bruin Woods this year as your Outdoor Adventure Director! The younger of two brothers, Brandon grew up in the small town of Angel Fire, New Mexico. When he wasn’t trying to use LEGOs or books as excuses to avoid work on his grandparents’ horse ranch, Brandon was on the ski slopes, playing soccer, or hiking/biking with friends. Having graduated from UCLA in March with a degree in Political Science, Brandon is currently applying to law school and searching for a job in law or marketing. He can’t wait to share all of the adventures with you this summer and make this the best summer ever! brandondekema9@gmail.com
Charles Bieler – Fishing
Charles Bieler just finished his third year at UCLA and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He was born and raised in San Diego, CA, where he enjoyed swimming and surfing. Charles will be working as a fishing guide this summer, and cannot be more excited to go reel in some trout! At UCLA, Charles is an involved member in his fraternity, Sigma Nu, and is a member of the X1 robotics club. He hopes to pursue a career in engineering once he finishes his final year at UCLA. bielerc99@gmail.com

Dakota Wilson – Kids Group Rover
Dakota Wilson just finished his final year at UCLA and is now an alumnus with a Communication Studies degree. He cannot wait to be working as a Kids Group Rover for the third year in a row as it is the most amazing job on camp! He loves playing all sports, most notably football, basketball, baseball, and volleyball. He also has a strong passion for fitness. During his time at UCLA, he was the Social Chair for Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He was a member of several clubs including PAC, Alumni Scholars Club, and Bear Wear. He wants to stay in Los Angeles or move to San Francisco after Bruin Woods to pursue a career in sales, business, advertising, or marketing. dakotawilson0333@yahoo.com
Elliot Dean – Fishing
Heralding from the beautiful San Francisco Bay Area, Elliot just finished his second year at UCLA and is unbelievably stoked to be back at Bruin Woods for a second summer. He has spent every summer on a lake since he was two months old, so some would say he was born to be a 2nd time fishing guide. Back on campus, Elliot is pursuing a degree in Statistics with the goal of working for the Environmental Protection Agency in order to help protect and preserve beautiful areas like Lake Arrowhead. He is also an avid basketball player and a member of the Club basketball team at UCLA. Whether you’re out on a fishing trip or just hanging around, any time spent with Elliot is sure to be “off the hook!” edean@g.ucla.edu

Emily Kerrigan – Teen Counselor
A 2017 graduate, Emily just finished her 4th year at UCLA with a major in Music Performance and a minor in Music Industry. Emily, a native San Diegan (Poway wooo!), enjoys sunshine, smiling, scuba diving, zoos, and long walks on the beach with her two dogs. During her time at UCLA she partook in UCLA Opera productions, was a member of Spring Sing’s Company for 3 years, a member of the Campus Events Commission’s media production team, and a member of the Gamma Beta chapter of Chi Omega. On top of continuing her performance career, Emily is currently pursuing employment in the fields of music supervision, publishing, and entertainment law. eakerrigan@gmail.com
Emma Gallagher – Kids Group Rover
Emma Gallagher is a 4th year student who is STOKED to be at Bruin Woods for her 3rd and final summer! She is a Human Biology and Society (B.S.) major pursuing a career in education! She starts her accelerated Master’s in Education next year through the UCLA STEP program. Emma also works for the Social Justice Learning Institute and volunteers at the Learning Zone. Yay kids and learning!!! At UCLA, she is an active member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Greek Crossing, and worship team for RUF ministry. When she is isn’t doing that, you may find her running, hiking, playing guitar, writing, or thrifting! Emma loves to chat: Ask her anytime about grey hair, coffee, used clothing, Hamilton, face glitter, or how much she loves Bruin Woods!!!  emmagallagher@ucla.edu

Eric Grubbs – Aquatics
Eric is going into his second year at UCLA majoring in Philosophy, but is way more excited for his first summer at Bruin Woods working as pool staff! At school, he is majoring in Philosophy. He was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA but has family living in Southern California so it was a dream come true once he got accepted to UCLA. He is the Scholarship chairman of his fraternity, Sigma Chi and Vice President of Membership in the Bruin Toastmasters Club. He has had a passion for sports all his life, especially tennis and skiing. He also cannot wait to meet all the guests and spend the best summer of his life with them! egrubbs@g.ucla.edu
**Gabby Sered – Polar Counselor**

Gabby is going into her fourth year at UCLA and can’t wait to return to Bruin Woods for her second summer as a Polar Counselor!! Gabby is a Sociology major with a minor in Art History. Gabby dreams of going to law school after she graduates and hopes to become an entertainment lawyer. Gabby is incredibly close with her entire family. (By the way, they all look identical to each other.) When she and her twin sister Katie (who is also a Bruin Woods counselor) got accepted to UCLA, their family moved to Los Angeles. Gabby is very active on campus as the archivist/historian of her sorority Kappa Alpha Theta, a former member of the UCLA cross country/track team, a member of the Sustainable Youth Club, a Rotary Scholar, and since starting UCLA has been on the UCLA Director’s Honor Roll for academic excellence. Gabby loves puns and tries to weave them into every day conversation. Her puns are pretty (polar)izing, borderline un(bear)able!!

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**Genevieve Zimmerman – Boating**

Genevieve just graduated from UCLA after four of the best years of her life double majoring in World Arts & Cultures and Communication Studies. She was born and raised up in Berkeley, California, but even there she knew she was a Bruin at heart. As a kid she enjoyed her summers wakeboarding in Lake Tahoe with her family and the school year participating in theater and dance productions. After spending last summer hanging with the Ko-Ko-Kodiaks, Genevieve is beyond stoked to spend this summer on the beautiful lake as a part of the boating staff. Now a recent UCLA alum, Genevieve is excited to begin applying to jobs in various fields including PR, tech, and law and potentially applying to law school. Of course, all of that has to wait until she finishes her final and best summer at Bruin Woods!

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Hannah Clarke – Kids Group Rover
Hannah Clarke is ecstatic to meet every single one of you as she frolics around as a Kids Group Rover at Bruin Woods! Having just finished her third year at UCLA, Hannah is more passionate than ever about her Dance major and Disabilities Studies minor. She spent last year participating in a couple dance performances (dance private lessons are her jam). She also started an internship with the non-profit organization Jazz Hands for Autism, continuing on her career path to becoming a dance/movement therapist. Most importantly, Hannah can’t wait to help guarantee you have the best week of your summer.
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Hannah Connery – Kid’s Group Director
Hannah is a Senior Theater Major at UCLA specializing in Acting. Although she was raised in Norman, Oklahoma (Boomer Sooner!), Hannah intends to remain in LA after graduating to pursue a career in the entertainment industry through acting, directing, writing, and management. At UCLA, Hannah serves as an Ambassador for the School of Theater, Film, and Television, is a member of Spring Sing Company, and spent the past two years working on the Bruin Woods recruitment team. Hannah is beyond excited to be returning to Lake Arrowhead for her third summer as Kids Group Director, Show Writer/Director, and Pizza Lunch Connoisseur. Bruin Woods truly is Hannah’s home away from home, so she kindly requests that you all please put your hands in the air and wave them like you just don’t care. Now let’s have the best summer ever!!! hconnery@ucla.edu
Irvin Mason Jr. – Bruin Counselor
Standing six feet, eight inches tall, Irvin Mason Jr. is a first year Theater: Directing major at UCLA, who is ECSTATIC to be this year’s Bruin Counselor. A native Virgin Islander, Irvin loves teaching others about his rich history and culture. In his spare time, Irvin enjoys playing sports (volleyball and basketball), graphic designing, acting, and dancing down Bruin Walk. Irvin recently founded the Color Box Production Company at UCLA, a company rooted in inclusive and multicultural art. He aspires to one day establish a national production company outside of UCLA, after directing amazing shows on Broadway and on television. Additionally, Irvin hopes to open his own community center in the Virgin Islands where students can come to get help with school work and also engage in extracurricular activities such as theater, art, and dance. He hopes to create a foundation that will assist young Virgin Islanders to attend college. In the meantime, you can find Irvin occasionally walking or dancing around campus on his five-foot stilts – as if he wasn’t tall enough. irvinmasonjr@gmail.com

Ivy Liu – Bear & Grill
Ivy was born and raised in Memphis, TN and has come to call the beautiful state of California her new home. She just finished her first year at UCLA and is planning to major in Physiological Sciences and go to medical school someday to become an OB/GYN. Ivy is an avid volunteer at the Ronald Reagan Medical Center through the Care Extenders Internship Program and is involved with the Association of Chinese Americans, Women’s Health Coalition, and American Medical Student Association. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the great outdoors as well as city landscapes, traveling and adventuring to new places, the performing arts, and has a hobby of finding new hobbies. Most of all, she is incredibly excited to meet and connect with all the families this year! Can’t wait to see y’all at the Bear and Grill! ivyliu1198@gmail.com
Jada Banks-Mace – Arts & Crafts
Jada will be starting her third year at UCLA as a Psychology major! She was born and raised in Vallejo, California, where she attended school at Oakland School for the Arts and studied vocal performance for seven years. She couldn’t be more excited to spend her summer in Lake Arrowhead at Bruin Woods as an Arts & Crafts staff member! Jada is a second generation Bruin and is so grateful to attend UCLA, her dream school. Although Jada is a psychology major, she still finds ways to incorporate her love of music into her collegiate career through performing in an a cappella group and other fun music opportunities. In the future, she hopes to be able to change lives with psychotherapy and her passion of singing!

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Jake Dvorsky – Program Director
Jake is a fourth year actor in UCLA’s School of Theater, Film, and Television and is STOKED to be this year’s Program Director during his third summer up at Bruin Woods! Born and raised in Malibu, California, Jake spent his childhood surfing and hiking the west coast. Shaka! He just spent four months traveling all throughout Europe (he even paraglided through the French Alps!) and at UCLA he is part of Spring Sing’s Company sketch comedy group and an active DJ at UCLARadio.com. His dream is to be a professional actor and writer as well as own a theater company that generates original works in pursuit of sparking social and political change. Let’s have a wicked summer!

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Jason Gelfat – Teen Counselor
Jason is SO excited to be at Bruin Woods after coming with his family as a child! Following his Mom’s footsteps as a Bruin, he just finished his first year at UCLA as a 3rd year transfer student studying Communications, and cannot wait to be a Teen Counselor! Jason is from Studio City, CA and has attended Jewish sleep-away camp for the past 12 summers – you could say he loves working with kids! On campus, Jason is a member of the Student Alumni Association where he’ll serve as the Executive Director of Public Relations in the upcoming school year.  
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Jessica Fagrell – Cub Counselor
Jessica just finished her sophomore year at UCLA and is spending her first summer at Bruin Woods as a Cub Counselor! She’s from north county San Diego and grew up with golden retrievers and lots of avocado trees. Jessica is passionate about drawing and loves crafty projects. She enjoys playing with the UCLA club volleyball team and founded the beach volleyball club. Jessica volunteers at Warner Elementary to hang out with first graders twice a week. She is studying Economics and lives in her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma. Some of Jessica’s hidden talents include (but are not limited to) touching her nose with her tongue, one handed cartwheeling, and making fantastic cold brew coffee.  
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John Gordon – Athletic Director
John just finished his sophomore year at UCLA studying Political Science and Philosophy. He hails from Danville, California and has a family rivalry with his mom having attended UCLA while his father and one of his three brothers are USC alum. He has a love for basketball, the Warriors, and coaching. Since high school he has coached youth teams and currently participates in UCLA’s Coaching Corps organization which works with The Boys and Girls Club of Mar Vista Gardens. John also has a passion for law which began in middle school while reading a terms and conditions contract which he believed he could have written better. Since then he has prepared for his future by participating in mock trial, a law club, and he recently began studying for the LSAT. Furthermore, he wants to travel the world. He recently toured Europe for 3 weeks and is currently taking recommendations for places to visit or study abroad! gordonjohn123@yahoo.com

Joey Healong – Boating
Joey just finished his third year studying Mechanical Engineering at UCLA and is beyond stoked to be back at Bruin Woods. During his second summer as a counselor he will be working on the waterfront with the boating staff. Growing up in Sacramento, he fostered a love of the outdoors through watersports, fishing, and camping – a love that he can’t wait to share with the guests. Back at UCLA, he is a proud member of the waterski team, X1 Robotics Club, and Sigma Nu fraternity. If you step aboard his boat this summer, get ready for a whirlwind of adventure! joseph.healong@gmail.com
Katie Sered – Teddy Counselor
Katie is a fourth year English major returning to Bruin Woods for her second summer as Teddy Counselor! When she grows up, she aspires to be a broadcast/journalist in either sports broadcasting or news casting. She is an active member of her sorority Kappa Alpha Theta, a member of the Sustainable Youth Club, an Athletic Director’s Honor Roll member, and is a former UCLA cross country and track athlete. Katie loves to write and is hoping to pursue her passion upon graduation. Katie is a sports writer for the Daily Bruin responsible for creating game previews and wraps. She also interviews players and coaches (her favorite part!) She is obsessed with animals so don’t be alarmed if she tries to befriend the Bruin Woods squirrels, raccoons, and Sparkles the Dolphin! Katie’s friends all know her as an avid snacker and Bruin Woods is a prime place to get the best food including curly fries, ice cream, and Katie’s all-time favorite POPCORN. katherinesered@g.ucla.edu

Kelsey Angus – Aquatics
Kelsey just finished her third year at UCLA and is so excited to work her first summer at Bruin Woods on Pool Staff! She is studying Psychobiology and Spanish and hopes to attend graduate school and pursue a career in public health or law. Kelsey is from Walnut Creek, California, and her parents are both proud Bruin alumni. On campus, Kelsey is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and PILOT, a public health organization. She also covers men’s and women’s volleyball for the Daily Bruin, which she loves because she grew up a huge fan of UCLA athletics. kangus@ucla.edu
Luke Johnston – Bruin Counselor
Luke just finished his second year at UCLA and is extremely excited to work his first summer at Bruin Woods as a Bruin Counselor! Luke grew up in Huntington Beach, California with his parents and older brother where he enjoyed playing baseball and soccer, running cross country, going to the beach, and backpacking/camping. At UCLA Luke studies Mechanical Engineering and is very interested in math, science, and technology. He is a member of the UCLA Racing Engineering club and participates in numerous intramural sports. Luke cannot wait for the summer to begin and meet all of the Bruin Woods campers! lukejhb24@gmail.com

Madeline Brooks – Aquatics
Maddie is a first-year staffer and couldn’t be more excited to help out with all your needs at the pool this summer! She grew up in Seattle doing competitive gymnastics for 16 years and spent her free time waterskiing with her family. Now she is going into her senior year at UCLA as a Business Economics major with minors in Accounting and Digital Humanities. She is also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and the treasurer of the Club Waterski Team. This year the team qualified to nationals and she brought home 4th place overall! Ask her about her impeccable belly-flop technique! mgbrooks27@gmail.com
Megan Hoffman – Kodiak Counselor
Megan is returning for her third summer at Bruin Woods and could not be more stoked for the adventure of being a Ko-Ko-Kodiak Counselor! Megan just finished her third year at UCLA as an Economics major, minoring in whatever looks interesting. As a child of two Bruins and younger sister of another Bruin, Megan has blue and gold running through her veins, so it’s no surprise that she dove head first into campus life! Megan is a Resident Assistant in the dorms, a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, the Student Alumni Association, Homecoming Committee, Alumni Scholars Club, and Bruin Woman in Business! Born and raised in northern California raising a menagerie of farm animals, Megan feels at home here in Lake Arrowhead and hopes that by the end of your week, you too will feel that Bruin Woods is a magical place!
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Megan Leigh – Polar Counselor
Yo yo yo! Megan is way too stoked to start her first summer at Bruin Woods as a POLAR counselor! She just completed her first year at UCLA as an Economics major and hopes to go into business or entrepreneurship after she graduates from the best school in the world! She is a member of the Chi Omega sorority where she serves as the crew’s Intramural sports chair and also has a blast on the Internal Relations committee for UCLA Homecoming. She loves running, especially down the coasts of her hometown in San Diego, and just finished her first marathon last May! Megan also loves the color yellow, creating rad Spotify playlists and attempting to ride her unicycle. She is super-duper hyped to meet you and she is ready for the best summer yet! meganleigh@ucla.edu
Michael Hess – Boating
Michael is a third year student at UCLA and is excited to spend his first summer at Bruin Woods! You’ll find him on the beautiful Lake Arrowhead as a member of the boating staff. He is originally from Berkeley, California, but came to sunny Los Angeles to study Cognitive Science with a minor in Biomedical Research. He keeps himself busy on campus as a Tour Guide for Undergraduate Admission and working in a machine learning research lab. After his senior year, Michael hopes to go into talent representation or film production.
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Mika Nagamoto – Arts & Crafts
Mika just finished her second year at UCLA and is pursuing a major in Psychology with a minor in Public Health. Raised in Parker, Colorado, Mika grew up hiking, skiing, and camping in the Rocky Mountains. In 2013, Mika competed with her dance team to place second on the national television show “America’s Got Talent”. Mika continues to dance at UCLA with Icarus Contemporary Dance Team. She is also currently a UCLA Undergraduate Admission Tour Guide, a member of UCLA Bruin Consent Coalition, and a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. Now pursuing an academic career in Public Health Psychology, Mika is passionate about learning how public health measures may benefit populations affected by psychological disorders.
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Nathan Glovinsky – Polar Counselor
Nathan is a rising third year History major from San Diego, CA. As a former Week 1 camper, he is excited to be back at Bruin Woods with the POLARS! At school, Nathan sits on the ASUCLA Board of Directors and helps manage a multi-million dollar budget for the student association. He is also a cast member for Spring Sing Company and is the Assistant Editor for UCLA’s satirical newspaper, “The Westwood Enabler.” In the future, Nathan hopes to combine his love for politics and comedy as a television writer or political satirist. He’s ready for a goofy summer with you! nathanglovinsky@gmail.com

Nick Kunze – Teddy Counselor
Nick is an incoming senior English major with a focus in Creative Writing and is excited for his second summer as a Bruin Woods Counselor. After spending his first summer on the lake as a fishing guide, Nick decided to switch fishing poles for Randy the Rope and will be a Teddy Counselor this summer! Coming all the way from Connecticut, Nick came out to California to soak up the sun and enable his palm tree addiction. He is passionate about writing and has a vested interest in literature and film and hopes to find a career in entertainment or publishing, if his attempts to find buried treasure with a metal detector don’t work out. In his free time, Nick likes to watch movies, hang out with friends, and beat Counselor Stefan in racquetball. n Kunze@ucla.edu
Noah Hoffmann – Fishing
Noah just finished his first year at UCLA. He is majoring in Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Environmental sciences. As a cadet in UCLA’s Air Force ROTC detachment, Noah is looking forward to a career as a pilot or weather officer. He also enjoys being a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is the youngest of five boys and grew up in Camarillo, CA. He enjoys playing rugby, football, and basketball and is currently on the UCLA rugby team. He has been an avid fisherman for as long as he can remember. He enjoys going on fishing trips with his older brother and is super stoked to be a fishing guide this summer. Get ready for a great time on the water! noah.hoff.hoah@gmail.com

Olivia London – Program Rover
Olivia just graduated from UCLA with a major in Theater. She is back for her third and final summer and is so excited to be your Program Rover. As a Musical Theater graduate she is trying to make her way into this crazy industry any way she can. She was just in TFT’s production of “Carrie: The Musical” (yes, based on the Stephen King novel!) and had an absolute blast! She is also looking to move to NYC fairly soon, so talk to her if you have any advice on the Big Apple! olondon@ucla.edu
Patrick French – Boating
Patrick just finished his first year at UCLA and is so excited for his first summer at Bruin Woods! Patrick is currently majoring in Global Studies, and hopes to pursue a career in business once he graduates. Outside of the classroom, Patrick is on the UCLA rugby team and a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He grew up in the beach town of Encinitas, CA, so he loves spending time outdoors, soaking up the sunshine. Patrick loves spending time in the water, which is why he is stoked to be a part of the boating team this year! pat.mfranch@yahoo.com

Rachelle Bryant – Arts & Crafts
Rachelle is going into her third year at UCLA, majoring in Anthropology, and hopes one day to work for the Behavioral Analysis Unit. She works at the UCLA Computer Store, is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and a research assistant for her favorite professor. She grew up in San Bernardino, where she was a cheerleader for nine years. Now, she enjoys working out, going to the beach, and eating. If she could be any food, it would definitely be a potato. Working Arts & Crafts this summer, she cannot wait to show everyone how creative a potato can be! rachellefb97@yahoo.com
**Rula Samad – Bear & Grill**

Rula just finished her third year at UCLA and is super excited for her first summer at Bruin Woods! She is currently majoring in Communication Studies and minoring in Film and Television, in the hopes that one day she’ll get a chance to work in TV Production. Growing up in West Harrison, NY, Rula loved to play soccer and go on hikes with her family. At UCLA, she is a member of the Pediatric AIDS Coalition, Chi Omega sorority, and Ski Team. You can catch her serving up some food at the Bear & Grill this summer! [sulasamad@gmail.com](mailto:sulasamad@gmail.com)

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**Sabrina Zeigler – Aquatics**

Sabrina is a newly graduated UCLA Bruin with a Political Science major and Society and Genetics minor. She is from the very small town of Sebastopol, CA and learned to drive a tractor on her farm before she learned how to drive a car. She is so excited to return for her third summer at the most magical place in the world! You can find her getting some sun (burns) and keeping the pool safe as one of this year’s lifeguards! Sabrina is looking forward to starting a career in politics and education reform after an amazing summer at Bruin Woods! [szeigler@ucla.edu](mailto:szeigler@ucla.edu)
Savannah Krause – Grizzly Counselor
Savannah is thrilled to be back at Bruin Woods for her third summer as a Grizzly Counselor! She just finished up her third year as a Communication Studies major and Food Studies minor and is excited and terrified to be entering her final year at UCLA in the fall. Aside from Bruin Woods, Savannah is a Campus Tour Guide, a member of the Pediatric AIDS Coalition, and promotes mental health as the Health and Wellness chair of Chi Omega sorority at UCLA. After graduation, she hopes to work in consulting services or any job that will take her. Although her home is technically Tustin, California, Bruin Woods is her home away from home after spending 15 summers as a Week 8 camper and 2 summers as a staffer!

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Scott Snow – Outdoor Activities Rover
Scott is a junior at UCLA, coming back for his second summer at the greatest place on Earth! Majoring in Math and Philosophy, Scott has always thought the world was a beautiful and fascinating place. Born in London, England, he now lives in Carlsbad, California and comes from a whole family of Bruins. At UCLA, Scott is a member of the Varsity Track Team, and spends his free time writing or playing his card game Strings! Scott is an Outdoor Activities Rover this summer, and cannot wait to see all the incredible guests for another amazing summer!

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Sean Tasse – Fishing
Sean just finished his second year at UCLA majoring in Economics and is so excited to spend his first summer at Bruin Woods as a fishing guide! In addition to his other Bruin activities, Sean contributes as a member of the scout team for our UCLA Women’s basketball team and one day looks to work in the sports industry. Sean is a twin! He grew up in Fullerton, CA where he was a standout high school basketball player and high jumper at Sunny Hills High School. Some of his other hobbies include collecting/selling shoes, making music, and riding the waves of Newport Beach. When younger, Sean was fortunate to previously enjoy Bruin Woods as a guest of the Bruin family of his best friend (rumor has it that his team won the 3 on 3 basketball tourney Week 5, 2010) and is stoked to finally be back! seanmtasse@gmail.com

Spencer Martin – Cub Counselor
Spencer is a rising fourth year Musical Theatre student, and is beyond stoked to be returning to the best place on earth for his second summer as a Kids Group Counselor! This summer, Spencer will be having fun in the sun with the Cubs (who are, allegedly, the very best). Last year, Spencer served as a Teen Counselor, where he quickly learned that he does not understand what is hip or relevant at all. Spencer spends his time acting, singing, and writing music; he hopes to one day host his own late night talk show. He was born in Orange County, California, but has never touched a surf board in his life. Spencer cannot wait to hang out with all the awesome guests this summer and is so excited to have a blast with such cool campers! sdouglasmartin@gmail.com
Stefan Orosco – Outdoor Activities Rover
Stefan is a third year Applied Physics major with a minor in Mathematics and is thrilled to be returning for his second summer as an Outdoor Activities Rover! Growing up in the sweltering heat of Temecula, California, Stefan gained a quick admiration for beach activities. Stefan also enjoyed participating in team sports such as football and tennis. Upon realizing his professional scootering career was a bust, Stefan shifted his pursuits towards the engineering field. Stefan would eventually like to manage his own company with a specific emphasis in creating better methods of energy storage and production. oroscogold@gmail.com

Tiernan O’Neill – Kodiak Counselor
This year is Tiernan’s first summer at Bruin Woods and he is super pumped to spend it with the superstar Kodiaks! Double majoring in Art History and History, Tiernan either wants to work at a modern art museum or go to law/graduate school after graduation. In the meantime, he likes to cook, craft, and play Bananagrams against himself – he always wins! Tiernan lives with his Bruin Mom and his Trojan Dad and spent the first half of his life in the Bay Area but went to high school in Athens, Georgia. To this, he attributes his love of grits and okra, the word “y’all”, and Dolly Parton. At UCLA, Tiernan does improv comedy with Shenanigans Comedy Club and is a part of student government. Get ready for the BEST SUMMER EVER Y’ALL!!! tiernanoneill98@gmail.com
Torri Johnson – Kodiak Counselor
Torri is a rising senior studying Human Biology and Society with a minor in Global Health. On campus, Torri is involved with the Student Alumni Association, Delta Gamma sorority, the Pediatric AIDS Coalition and club volleyball! Next year she will combine her passion for UCLA and event planning, serving as the Executive Director of the Bruin Spirit Committee on SAA, which puts on the Beat ‘SC Bonfire & Rally and I Heart UCLA Week. San Diego born and raised, she loves the beach and biking with her family...and will faithfully defend that SD has the best burritos! She worked the past two summers as a camp counselor back home and is looking forward to working with Bruin families. She is STOKED to be a Kodiak Counselor!
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Tyler Simpson – Frontier Village
Howdy families! Tyler is entering his third summer at Bruin Woods and reckons it will be the best one yet! Originally from San Diego, Tyler grew up the oldest of four brothers. He just finished his degree in History and plans to pursue teaching. When he isn’t out exploring Los Angeles, Tyler enjoys listening to music, reading, and playing sports. He really cannot wait to head to Frontier Village as Bruin Woods’ very own cowboy. Yeeehaw! tylersimpson526@gmail.com
**Wes Hartman – Outdoor Activities Rover**

Wes is closing in on his fourth year as a Math major at UCLA. He is taking on his second summer at Bruin Woods as an Outdoor Activities Rover! Originally from Redding, California, Wes is right at home in the outdoors and is looking forward to cruising around archery and the challenge course on camp! At UCLA, he works for the Physics Department as a Learning Assistant and is a part of the Pediatric AIDS Coalition. In his free time you can find him expanding his costume collection, inventing new dance moves, and rewriting popular song lyrics to fit the situation. These skills will without a doubt play a major role in getting Wes into Graduate School! If you see him around camp, just say hi; he’s always up for a good conversation!

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Steve Caloca – Director, UCLA Lake Arrowhead
Steve Caloca is the director of UCLA Lake Arrowhead. Steve is a native of San Jose, California and currently resides in Lake Arrowhead. After many years in the hotel business, Steve has found the true definition of ‘hospitality’ here at UCLA Bruin Woods. Steve loves to mountain bike, kayak, and read (especially anything about Abraham Lincoln). Steve is a member of the Lake Arrowhead Rotary Club, and a board member of the UCLA Mountain Bruins – UCLA’s local alumni association. On behalf of the UCLA Lake Arrowhead Family, Steve welcomes you to Bruin Woods 2017! Go Bruins!

Dylan Matteson – BRUIN WOODS Director
Dylan Matteson has been with Bruin Woods for 12 summers; working for 3 years as a student staffer and the last 9 years on the management side of BW. He graduated UCLA in 2009 with a degree in Economics and a minor in Labor and Workplace Studies. While in college, he was a member of the UCLA Rowing team, Spring Sing Company, and the UCLA Advertising and Marketing Team. Bruin Woods is not simply a part of life to Dylan, but Bruin Woods is life. He even got married at Bruin Woods 2 years ago to fellow alumna Stephanie. Bruin Woods truly is a magical place, and Dylan is excited and ready to make this summer the best this camp has ever seen. Dylan looks forward to meeting each and every one of you. Let’s have some fun! Go Bruins!
Ari Simon – BRUIN WOODS Manager
After 19 years as a camper with his family and 3 summers as a student staffer, Ari Simon returns this summer as the BW Manager for the 2017 summer! He graduated UCLA in 2016 with a degree in Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution and a minor in Spanish. At UCLA he worked as the head student computer technician for Undergraduate Admission, participated in Spring Sing, and was a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. He recently took the MCAT and hopes to one day pursue a career in medicine. He is currently looking for a job in the medical field for the fall but could not be happier to be working this summer at his home away from home (the real happiest place on Earth!). He is looking forward to meeting all of you and can’t wait to make this summer the best one yet!