



**Camp 2 Grow Environmental Leadership Program  
MASTER TRAINER BIOGRAPHIES**

Bradley "Huckleberry" Ostrander

Bradley "Huckleberry" Ostrander works for UCLA UniCamp in Los Angeles, California. He served as a volunteer for UniCamp for four years during his time as an undergraduate at UCLA. He now has the pleasure of working for UniCamp as a full-time employee. It is his second year working as a full-time employee. As one of only three professional staff members, Ostrander wears quite a few hats when it comes to the administration of UCLA UniCamp, but enjoys this fact as it always keeps him on his toes!

DJ Newport

DJ Newport has worked with multiple Chicago area park districts' camps to accommodate children with disabilities. He has run special needs day camps for two agencies and a residential camp for children and adults with disabilities, illnesses, and youth classified as "at risk." Newport has been an accreditation visitor for seven years and has presented at multiple camp and recreation conferences.

Gordon Kaplan

Gordie Kaplan is a lifetime camp person. He attended his first resident camp at age eight and has continued in the field ever since that first encounter. He has direct work experience with resident camp, day camp, family camp, trip camp, travel camp, and serving school groups through environmental education as well as hosting a variety of other user groups.

He has taught professional camp director courses for new and experienced camp directors from 1967 – 1980 and from 1994 – 2009. Gordie has a master's degree in camping and outdoor education from George Williams College. His master's dissertation was on the first consolidated version of the ACA Accreditation Standards (dated 1965). He served on the ACA Standards Rewrite Committee from 1967 – 1972, the ACA Standards Committee from 1972-1976, and was Standards Committee and National Board member 1974-1976. He has volunteered and served in a staff capacity to implement the ACA Standards/Accreditation program continuously since 1967 through the present time.

Kaplan has been either associate or executive director of the ACA Chicago Section, ACA St. Louis Section, and ACA, Illinois since 1970 with the exception of one short absence.

His passion is to help anyone and everyone seeking information, knowledge, or service related to the organized camp experience.

Jennifer Hargrave

Jen Hargrave currently works for the Hulbert Outdoor Center, a member of The Aloha Foundation, Inc. in Fairlee, Vermont. She is the director of school programs, a school-year based program enabling individuals to enrich their lives and the communities in which they live, work, and play through experiential outdoor

programs. Hargrave has been in the camp field as a camper and staff for over twenty-eight years. Her love of camp as a kid helped her choose outdoor education as her educational degree and profession. She has been lucky enough to work at summer camps and outdoor education centers across the country, coast to coast.

#### Jenny Clark

At thirteen years old, Jenny Clark swam across the lake from the Town Beach and landed as a CIT for a residential YMCA that had just switched from being all boys to becoming co-ed. And, that is where she stayed for years, moving from CIT status to counselor, program director, and waterfront guru . . . wherever there was a need. By the time she received a BA in psychobiology from Wheaton College, she had taught Matt Damon how to swim; been the boys' section head for a summer (interesting); created a day camp program; and knew how to fix the showers blindfolded. Clark returned to camp eventually as the director. She developed an environmental outdoor education program for inner-city schools to meet Mass Frameworks, did the grantwriting, and grew the afterschool program. Now here she is, the finance and operation manager for ACA, New England, using so many of those same skills and having a ball!

#### Beverly McEntarfer

Beverly McEntarfer has been a camp director/administer for the past thirty years. Currently she is the director at Camp Homeward Bound. Camp Homeward Bound, owned by the Coalition for the Homeless, is a residential camp that serves homeless youth from New York City. She is also a volunteer trainer and mentor for Global Camps Africa in Soweto, South Africa. McEntarfer also facilitates adventure-based programs for community-based organizations. Prior to directing Camp Homeward Bound, she worked for Oasis Children's Services where she helped design integrated academic and recreational day camp programs in New York City. She spent over twenty-three years with The Fresh Air Fund, directing Camp ABC and developing and directing their year-round programs. McEntarfer is active in ACA as a standards chair, visitor, instructor, and a member of the National Standards Commission. She also serves on the board of directors for Project Morry.

#### Dr. Robert Ray "Bob" Meadows

Dr. Robert Ray "Bob" Meadows has experienced a long career as an educator and leader. Better known as "Dr. Bob" by the clientele he serves, he received his BA and MA degrees from West Virginia University, and his doctorate in education administration from Virginia Tech. Dr. Bob served as state 4-H program leader for Virginia involving over 180,000 youth and 26,000 volunteers annually. Additionally, he had supervisory responsibilities for Virginia's six all-year-round 4-H educational centers (all ACA accredited) which serve approximately 25,000 participants annually. He is an active ACA member. As a faculty member of Virginia Tech, he recently was awarded Emeritus status by the Board of Visitors.

#### Anna Weigand

Anna Weigand has been involved with youth programming and camps for seventeen years. She is an active volunteer with ACA as a standards visitor and section education chair. While Weigand most recently managed several summer day camps, over the years, she's fallen in love with both residential and day camp programming. Anna is an experienced facilitator educator and has led many successful camp trainings. She believes every moment at camp is an opportunity to develop skills and create lasting memories.

Camp 2 Grow, funded through the Lilly Endowment Inc., is an initiative created by the American Camp Association to encourage and teach leadership skills among campers in unique nature-based settings. This initiative fosters positive youth development with a multifaceted focus on engaging youth from disadvantaged backgrounds, parent outreach, staff training, and environmental stewardship.