

## Nolan Benoit

Nolan is returning for his third season at Shelburne Farms! He worked his past two seasons in the Children's Farmyard (CFY) and is excited to join the camp staff for the first time. He is most looking forward to exploring the CFY with campers and introducing them to his best friend, Zeke the draft horse! In the off-season Nolan spends his time traveling, farming, and doing carpentry work. Fun fact: Nolan is trilingual; he speaks English, French, and Spanish.

## Grace Colbert

This is Grace's first summer teaching at Shelburne Farms summer camp. She is excited to get to know the Farm staff members and animal friends. She is also looking forward to teaching, discovering, and playing with campers all summer! During the rest of the year, Grace is a student at the University of Vermont, pursuing a degree in elementary education. In the fall, she will begin her senior year and student teaching experience. Outside of school, Grace enjoys relaxing in her hammock, camping, and hiking. She was able to enjoy all of these activities, and more, during the 7,200-mile cross-country road trip she took in May. She is happy to be back in Vermont, and is thrilled to work at Shelburne Farms for the summer!

## Brian Conroy

Brian is looking forward to his third summer working as a summer educator at Shelburne Farms. He has been fortunate to work in the Discover the Farm, Taste of the Fields and Beyond the Barn camps on the Farm. When he is not on the farm, Brian has worked as an educator for the 25 years primarily with middle school students. He has a B.S. in Business Management from Arizona State University and a Masters in Elementary Education from Depaul University. Being on the farm allows him the opportunity to "unplug" and share all that Shelburne Farms has to offer campers. Brian's other interests include spending time with his family, hiking in the mountains and kayaking on the rivers and lakes of Vermont.



## Ivy Geilker

Ivy Geilker grew up at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Charlottesville, Virginia. She worked at the Field Camp of Charlottesville for four years, and has experience teaching in Spain and Costa Rica. Ivy is a rising Junior at Middlebury College where she is majoring in Sociology, minoring in Education Studies, and enjoying adventures in the outdoors. In her free time, she likes to goof around on the guitar and cello, or listen to mix CDs while she paints. Ivy is looking forward to making tons of new friends of all ages this summer.

## Laura Heil

Laura Heil is very excited to begin her first summer working at Shelburne Farms. During the school year, Laura can be found leading Outdoor Classroom lessons at Fairfield Center School in Fairfield, Vermont as well as hanging with students of Hinesburg Community School at their Imagine Afterschool program. A fun fact about Laura is that she has touched a cheetah in a National Park in Zambia! This summer, she is most looking forward to cooking produce from the gardens in the outdoor kitchen with campers!



## Amanda Mormile

This will be Amanda's first summer teaching camp. During the school year, she teaches 4th grade at John F. Kennedy Elementary and her favorite subject is science. She is so excited to explore the woods, hike the trails, learn in the Farmyard, harvest and create veggie snacks, and most of all be around amazing kids and laugh a lot! Amanda spends a lot of her time with her two dogs who love to hike, ski, swim, play fetch and snuggle!



## Christie Nold

Christie is excited to be back at Shelburne Farms to play, swim, and explore - she can't wait to cook food around a fire and dip for critters in the pond! During the school year, she teaches social studies and English language arts to an amazing group of sixth graders at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington. When she's not exploring with campers, or learning alongside her sixth graders, Christie can be spotted reading a great book under the shade of a tree, kayaking in Lake Champlain, or traveling with her partner Mohamad.

## Flannery Raabe

Flannery grew up going to summer camp at Shelburne Farms, and is now returning to teach a third year of camp at Shelburne Farms Summer. During the school year, Flannery attend Oberlin College in Ohio and will be a junior in the fall. Flannery is so excited for a summer full of exciting adventures at camp!

## Johannes Suppan

This is the first summer Johannes Suppan will be teaching as a Camp Educator. He has worked with kids in many different settings and looks forward to a fun packed summer. Johannes grew up in Burlington, Vermont and has enjoyed nature and learning about the outdoors his entire life. Currently a senior at the University of Vermont, Johannes's major is environmental studies with a concentration in Environmental Design and Outdoor Education. He is active and loves spending time outside. He enjoys swimming, biking, running, and exploring nature. He is looking forward to the abundant amount of adventures, activities, learning, and exploring that will take place this summer at Shelburne Farms.



## Haeli Warren

Haeli Warren will be returning for her third summer as an educator in the Shelburne Farms Summer Camp Program. In the fall, she will be studying psychology and education at Wellesley College. Having grown up as a camper at Shelburne Farms, Haeli is thrilled to be a part of the education team and absolutely loves exploring the forest and cooking over the fire. When Haeli is not teaching, she enjoys hiking, cooking, swimming, biking, and spending time with family and friends. Haeli is looking forward to exploring the gardens, harvesting, and creating new recipes with campers this summer.



## Silva Warren

Silva is thrilled to be returning for her fourth summer as a Camp Educator! She is a rising junior at Mount Holyoke College where she studies Psychology and Education and Environmental Studies and is pursuing her elementary teaching certification. When not exploring the fields, forests, and waters of Vermont she loves to dance, play music, and sew. She looks forward to spending the summer exploring with all of her old farm friends and making many new ones!



## George Conklin

George is a farm-based educator who is excited to be involved in all areas of educational programming at Shelburne Farms, be it the Children's Farmyard or with school and family programs. He grew up on a dairy farm in New Hampshire and loves sharing and learning about the past, present, and future of agriculture, as well as the connections and responsibilities we share in how our food is produced and consumed.



## Kelly Knudsen

After fifteen years of visiting Shelburne Farms and bringing her children to camps and programs, Kelly joined the education team in the spring of 2014. In her year-round part-time position, Kelly works as an educator in School Programs and in the Children's Farmyard. She enjoys helping others make connections to the natural world and where our food and fibers originate. As an educator at the Farm, Kelly combines her passion for education and the outdoors with her love of working with learners

of all ages. Her previous professional experiences include coaching collegiate, high school and youth soccer, directing youth soccer camps, preschool teaching, volunteering in the local schools and teaching secondary school Spanish. Kelly lives in South Burlington with her husband and three children and enjoys hiking, gardening and playing soccer.



## Christine Lutters

As Assistant Summer Camp Director, Christine helps design, plan, hire, teach, and evaluate the Summer Camp Programs for ages 4-17 on the farm. Throughout the school year, she helps plan and teach the Adventures Preschool Program for ages 3-5. She also gets involved with many of the weekend Family Programs, such as Play Dates, Maple Open House, and Harvest Festival. Christine grew up in MA before attending UVM and gaining a degree in Elementary Education with a focus in Environmental Studies. After interning, completing an apprenticeship, and being seasonal for 2 summers, she became a full-time year round educator at the farm in

2003. She lives in Hinesburg, VT with her family. Teaching at Shelburne Farms allows Christine to share the joy and wonder of the working farm landscape and the natural world with children and families. She strives to nurture curiosity, build relationships, cook with farm-fresh food, and foster a connection between children and the natural world through discoveries, experiences, and play.



## Kerri McAllister

Kerri works across departments with many of our education programs, educating both youth and adults. She began her career in environmental education with Shelburne Farms as an education intern while attending the University of Vermont and pursuing a BS in Environmental Studies.

Taking full advantage of opportunities to study abroad, Kerri spent semesters in both Australia and Belize with The School for International Training. She completed graduate work in education at University of Minnesota while concurrently teaching. She has taught and managed environmental education programs for fifteen years in a variety of locations including Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Minnesota, The

Chewonki Foundation in Maine, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, and NatureBridge in California. She has also worked with international student travel programs in Australia, Cambodia, China, and Morocco. As a National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellow, Kerri has been recognized for excellence in geographic education and was recently invited on an expedition to the Arctic via Norway and Svalbard to further her climate studies first hand with naturalists, photographers, and adventures. Kerri strives to provide interdisciplinary educational opportunities that inspire curiosity, promote inquiry, and empower action. She is a passionate lifelong learner and educator who embraces the world as her classroom.



## Ryan Morra

Ryan works in many capacities on and off the farm facilitating professional development for educators around **Education for Sustainability (EFS)** through Shelburne Farms' **Sustainable Schools Project** and facilitating farm-to-school professional learning through **Vermont FEED** (Food Education Every Day). You will also see him teaching in our school programs and working with the students and teachers at our partner schools, including the Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes Elementary in the Old North End of

Burlington. Ryan's connection to education, food, farming, environmental and social justice runs deep, beginning with three years of service throughout the country through AmeriCorps NCCC before entering college. Ryan received his B.S. in Biology and Environmental Studies from Warren Wilson College, where he apprenticed in carpentry, sustainable forestry, and environmental education. Afterwards, he acquired his teaching license in 7-12 General Science through a fellowship at Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center in Estes Park, CO. There, he explored innovative place-based and project-based teaching models for his practice, and it eventually led him to an Advisor position at Big Picture South Burlington, an innovative, public school-within-a-school where students design their own individualized learning through projects and internships. Throughout his educational journey, Ryan interspersed myriad agricultural and outdoor adventures, including farming in Tuscany, mountaineering in Chile, working as a backcountry caretaker with the Green Mountain Club, and leading a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps high school crew. Ryan received his M.S. through the Field Naturalist & Ecological Planning Program at UVM, where he created a place-based education initiative in Adjuntas, Puerto Rico that was modeled after the UVM-Shelburne Farms PLACE Program.





## Courtney Mulcahy

Courtney joined the Education Team at Shelburne Farms as School Programs Coordinator in January 2016. A total dream job! She works with educators to coordinate school programs at the Farm and outreach experiences that enhance and support student work in the classroom. Courtney has a passion for learning that happens outside the walls of school and has a background in public, private, charter, urban, rural, outdoor and environmental education. Within these settings, she's held different positions that have given her an insightful and unique perspective on teaching and learning.

Having spent the last ten years in urban education, Courtney is excited to reconnect to the land by exploring life on the Farm with kids, educators, and families through the school programs, summer camps, and professional learning opportunities. When she's not at the Farm, you can find her on her yoga mat, in the mountains hiking and skiing, or traveling to new places near and far.



## Jed Norris

Jed coordinates the preschool Adventures program that runs in the fall, winter, and spring. Throughout the academic year, he also regularly teaches school programs; in the summer, he roams the farm with groups of campers. Jed comes to the farm with years of experience as an early education teacher as well as a program director of an early education school. He received his undergraduate degree in child development and graduate degree in early childhood special education. Jed is a life-long Vermonter who grew up on a dairy farm and he especially enjoys running into families

that he has crossed paths with throughout his life. Jed loves the seasonal changes at the farm, the variety of experiences that each week brings, and sharing it all with his wife and two young sons, who love the farm more and more with each visit or story they hear.



## Noel Perriello

As Children's Farmyard Manager, Noel is excited to educate people of all ages about sustainable agriculture. She is especially interested in educating people about where the food they eat comes from, and in the humane treatment of animals. Noel grew up in New Jersey, but spent summers on her grandparents farm in West Virginia, cultivating a love of animals and nature. While obtaining her undergraduate degree at Rutgers University, she gave farm tours on her college campus—it was her first experience combining education with her love of animals. She did her student teaching at The Newark Museum, using animals from the small education collection to teach kids about the importance of conservation. Noel then worked in the zoo field, caring for primates and other exotic hoofstock while earning her graduate degree in animal behavior and conservation. She missed the education field though, so Noel began working on weekends at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture. Here, she reconnected with her desire to educate others about animal welfare and the sustainability issues she cares deeply about. Then it was on to the Farm!



## Kestrel Plump

Kestrel is honored to be a part of the excellent team here at Shelburne Farms. She began her work at the farm in the Children's Farmyard in the summer of 2013. In her current role she collaborates with several different preschools in the Burlington area to bring Education for Sustainability (EFS) into their classrooms and school grounds. She is also part of the team that hosts a Professional Learning Community for Early Childhood Educators on Education for Sustainability. Kestrel also teaches School Programs, the Adventures program, and summer camps. Kestrel grew up in the Philadelphia area where she was lucky enough to have many wonderful educational experiences, including attending a Quaker high school. After one semester of college she made the decision to leave school, travel the country, and become involved in community organizing and grassroots activism. This two-year experience gave her invaluable insights that continue to inform her work to this day. Kestrel returned to college and graduated from Prescott College in 2007 with a major in Nature and Culture and a minor in Education. She then returned to her home state and spent



several years farming and teaching urban farm-based education in Philadelphia. She and her family moved from Philly to Vermont in 2013. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Education from Antioch University. Kestrel loves the farm, eating great food, studying herbalism, and having dance parties with her husband and young daughter.



## Amy Rougier

Amy supports and coordinates a variety of educational programs as well as registration for Shelburne Farms' programs. Prior to Shelburne Farms, Amy taught English in elementary schools in France, served as a Program Director at a summer camp in Maine, and coordinated and facilitated field research expeditions for Earthwatch Institute in Boston. When not at work, Amy enjoys exploring her new home state of Vermont and cooking up a storm with her husband.



## Vera Simon-Nobes

Vera Simon-Nobes coordinates program development and communications for the Farm-Based Education Network, a free member network established to strengthen and support the work of educators, farmers, and community leaders providing access and educational experiences on working farms. She also works with a team of Shelburne Farms education staff and other partners to plan agricultural education professional

development. On the Farm, Vera assists with family programs and summer camps, and keeps tabs on exciting developments in Vermont's agritourism community. She connects farmers and educators from Vermont and beyond with resources to help them enhance their farm-based activities. Vera grew up in Vermont, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Environmental Studies from the University of Vermont. From 2009 - 2011 she lived in San Francisco and volunteered with La Cocina, a community space that cultivates low income food

entrepreneurs as they formalize and grow their businesses. She also organized cooking and nutrition classes in limited-income communities as an AmeriCorps service member for the Cooking Matters Bay Area program. Upon returning to Vermont, she co-organized NOFA-VT's Winter Conference and the 6th National Farm to Cafeteria Conference, and helped manage the NOFA-VT Farm Share Program. Vera is passionate about community, experiential learning, kids, and food access. She serves on the Slow Food Vermont Board, and is a contributing columnist for her hometown paper, the Charlotte News. She runs a small farm in Charlotte with her partner, Michael.



## Lindsay Whitaker

As Summer Camp Director & School Programs Educator, Lindsay plans and implements camp programs full of fun, campfires, animals, hikes, and songs in her favorite season, summer! Outside the summer season, Lindsay continues to explore the farm with students as a School Programs Educator. Lindsay's teaching experience started while earning her Bachelor of Arts in Business & Organization Management from Maryville College. She spent her summers, and sometime after college at a residential program in East Tennessee where she taught

canoeing, outdoor living skills, high ropes courses, and environmental education lessons. She then moved to Maine to continue learning and teaching ecology based school programs, now in a coastal setting. Wanting to understand more about funding, budgeting, and planning programs Lindsay worked as a program assistant on climate change and marine science grants in Boston. When Lindsay met a Vermont farmer, a magical blend of romance and the clarion call of life in Vermont lured her to the Green Mountain State to work in the Children's Farmyard. While she no longer works in the farmyard, Lindsay holds a special place in her heart for all the farmyard animals. Lindsay loves baking biscuits, visiting her native Tennessee (Go Vols!), petting her cats, and is always trying to perfect her marshmallow roasting skills.

Suellen Bessette

Beth Wassmund