

# Say “HELLO” to our 2025 PlayZone Team!

As day camp quickly approaches, our staff is eagerly preparing to meet our campers.

**“Laughing Lexi” is a graduate of Red Land HS and currently attends Waynesburg University majoring in Forensic Biology. She plans to graduate with a BS in 2028 and continue her education in Criminal Investigation or at the Police Academy.**

Lexi has been a Summer Blast camp counselor as well as a PlayZone counselor for WSRec! This summer, she looks forward to seeing the campers come out of their shells.



## **Fun Facts about Lexi:**

- My #1 team is the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- In my free time, I enjoy reading, running, working out, and sleeping.
- My Mom is my role model because of her wealth of knowledge and her deep care and love for others.
- If I could eat only one thing for the rest of my life, I would go with potatoes. They are so versatile! Think of the possibilities....mashed potatoes, French fries, baked potatoes, gnocchi, perogies, potato donuts.
- I have two cats....Kevin and his mom Nala. They are both chronically overweight. Kevin is a menace, but we love him! I also have a really big Goldendoodle named Landon, who is super curly and cuddly.

**Another Tidbit:** I can run a half marathon (and win)!

**Did you know...** The best thing that happened to me this past year was making the deans list my first semester in college.



**“Passionate Parker” is a graduate of Cedar Cliff HS and currently attends Lebanon Valley College, studying History Secondary Education. Parker plans to work as a High School history teacher after graduation. This will be Parker’s 2nd year as a PlayZone counselor. He looks forward to having lots of fun playing all the games with the kids!**

## **Fun Facts about Parker:**

- My heroes are my parents. They have taught me so much about this world, and are always on my side.
- If I could only eat one food, it would be Penne Alla Vodka.
- My favorite sport to play is baseball! It is my favorite because every second of the game matters!

**More Tidbits** - I love to collect sports cards & Pokémon cards, hang out with my friends, play all types of sports and relax!

**Did you know . . .** This year, I got my first ever collegiate start for baseball!



**“Loving Lauren” is a graduate of Red Land HS (2021) and Millersville University (2024). She has a degree in Early Childhood Education and plans to obtain her Masters in Education.** Lauren was a student teacher for a third grade class in Manheim and has been a long-term substitute teacher in Manheim Township. This summer she looks forward to creating a fun environment where campers can be curious, make mistakes and make friends all in the spirit of summer!

**Fun Facts about Lauren:**

- My favorite sport is Soccer! It was a favorite in my home where we would root for my mother’s country team (Denmark)
- My role model is Judith Bourque, my third-grade teacher from West Shore, who inspired me to pursue a career in teaching and helped foster my love for science!
- The food I could eat the rest of my life is ice cream because there are hundreds of flavors and dozens of toppings to choose from!
- My family loves animals and rescues strays. I have 5 cats. One, named Tilly, was found as a kitten in a porta-potty by my parents.



**More Tidbits-** I am a big world traveler! I have been to at least seven countries including Germany and Sweden. I like to thrift, explore state parks, spend time in nature and dabble in arts and crafts.

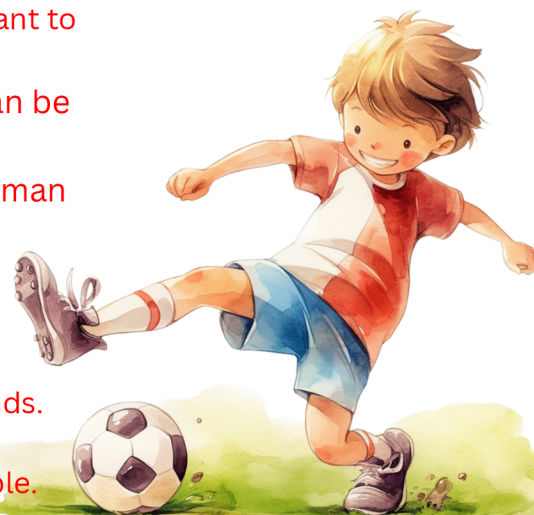
**Did you know....** The best thing that happened to me this past year was graduating from college!



**“Adventurous Aidan” is a 2024 Red Land HS graduate and plans to graduate from Penn State in 2028 with a degree in Business.** He looks forward to seeing everyone and having fun alongside the kids.

**Fun Facts about Aidan:**

- My favorite sport to play is Soccer! I’ve played soccer so long that it has become a part of my life and brings great joy.
- My favorite team is Arsenal.
- My hero is my dad. He has inspired me to be better than him. He has pushed me to be the best version of myself and I want to do the same things throughout life to everyone I meet.
- I would choose pizza as my favorite food because it can be customized in so many ways.
- I have 2 dogs. One is a black lab and the other is a German short-haired pointer. They love to be outside.



**More Tidbits-** A unique fact about me is that I have double jointed thumbs. I like to golf, work out and hang out with friends.

**Did you know...** The best thing about this year was starting college and meeting so many new friends and interesting people.

**“Banging Bryce” is a 2024 Red Land graduate who now attends PSU majoring in Kinesiology. His future plans include graduate school in order to obtain his Physical Therapy Doctorate.** He anticipates watching all of the kids grow individually as well as with a group of people and seeing progress made in real time.

**Fun Facts about Bryce:**

- My favorite sport to play is golf because every sport I played growing up was a team sport, so all the pressure is on me and I like that. My favorite team is the New York Giants because I watched them win a super bowl in 2012 (I know I’m a bandwagon).
- If I could eat one thing for the rest of my life, it would be seafood alfredo because I love seafood and it reminds me of summer and the beach all year round.
- I have a pet cat named Ashley. She is on the bigger side but its ok because she has been on the treadmill and my family loves her no matter what.

**More Tidbits-** In my free time, I like to watch movies and play golf with friends. One of my all time favorite movies is Cars 2. When I was younger, I had a huge sports card and Pokémon card collection.

**Did you know....** An accomplishment I was most proud of this year was getting into Penn State and meeting all of my new friends.



**“Super Samantha” is a senior at the University of Alabama majoring in Elementary Education. Her future plans include graduate school and becoming a teacher. Sam was a PlayZone counselor last year.** She is looking forward to seeing the campers from last year and meeting new campers. She’s excited to see what the summer holds!

**Fun Facts about Sam:**

- My favorite sport to play is lacrosse. My #1 team is Alabama because I grew up watching them play and currently attend school at Alabama.
- My hero is my father. He works so hard to support his family and he always does it with a smile on his face. I strive to be as successful as him and as kind as he is every day.
- If I could eat one thing for the rest of my life, it would be quesadillas.
- I have a yellow lab named Crimson and a chocolate lab named Dixie.

**More Tidbits-** In my free time, I like to draw and paint. The best thing that happened this year was traveling with my family and friends.

**Did you know...** I am the youngest of 4 and we all attended the University of Alabama!





**“Marvelous Meghan” is a graduate of Cedar Cliff HS and currently attends Penn State University for Secondary Education in Biology. She plans to graduate in 2026 and possibly continue on for a PHD in Molecular Biology.** Meghan has been a Playzone counselor for the past two years. This summer, she looks forward to spending all day having fun, being outside and meeting new campers!



#### **Fun Facts about Meghan:**

- My favorite sport to play is volleyball. I love watching football.
- In my free time, I enjoy reading, playing pickleball and shopping.
- My Mom is my role model because she always encourages me to be the best version of myself.
- If I could eat only one thing for the rest of my life, I would choose a cheeseburger and fries.
- My favorite animal is a jellyfish because they are pretty to look at.

**Another Tidbit:** I have a lot of stuffed animals!

**Did you know...** The best thing that happened to me this past year was winning a THON chair position for my sorority!



**“Kinetic Kennedy” is a graduate of Cedar Cliff HS (2021) and Indiana University of Pennsylvania (2025). She has a degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. Her future plans include graduate school for a Literacy, MEd. Kennedy was a PlayZone counselor in 2023 and is excited to return! She has also worked with children through internships and volunteer opportunities. She just finished student teaching in special education classrooms.** She can’t wait to see the joy and excitement in the kids’ faces as they discover new things, make new friends and experience the fun and growth of the summer camp program.

#### **Fun Facts about Kennedy:**

- My favorite sport is softball. I played for 12 years! I love the teamwork and the thrill of the game, especially the feeling of making a great play or hit.
- My hero is my mom, who has always shown me the value of kindness, patience, and understanding. She inspires me daily to pursue my dreams and help others achieve their potential.
- If I could eat one thing for the rest of my life, it would be pizza because it’s so versatile and you can make it with so many different toppings!
- I have a pet cat named Bex. She’s a little crazy, but loves to cuddle. She’s full of energy and makes every day more fun!



**More Tidbits-** In my free time, I like to read and explore new places with friends and family. I also collect gnomes!

**Did you know....** An accomplishment I am most proud of this year was graduating from college and being one step closer to my dream of becoming a special education teacher.

**“Authentic Ashlyn”** is a 2023 graduate of Red Land HS and currently attends West Chester University majoring in Early Grades Preparation. Ashlyn was a PlayZone counselor last year. She is excited about getting to know the campers and making the summer fun for them.

### **Fun Facts about Ashlyn:**

- My favorite sport is swimming. My #1 team is Penn State because I grew up watching them since my dad went there.
- My role model is my grandma because she has inspired me to be kind and caring to everyone.
- I would choose sushi to eat for the rest of my life because there are so many different types.
- I have a 2 cats and a dog.



**More Tidbits-** In my free time, I like to go for walks outside and spend time with my friends and family. I also like to crochet and can make many things!

**Did you know...** I am most proud of making the dean's list for each of my college semesters so far.

