

Who are these people?



If you haven't met the staff of EcoTech Summer Camp, they are a bunch of "professional fun-havers" who enjoy the same kinds of activities middle-school kids enjoy. If they could, they'd probably be tubing, camping, hiking, sailing, paddle-boarding or surfing anyway, except they would wish students were there to share in the fun. The teachers of this camp are Maryland Certified teachers. Along with the amazing counselors, they are dedicated to the safety and education of your children.

Staff Bios



James D. Pritchard, Jr. (Camp coordinator, teacher)

Mr. Pritchard has been running nature camps since the summer of 1991. He has been a certified teacher in the state of Maryland since 1990. His passion for nature is surpassed only by his desire to share it with middle school kids. Currently, he teaches 7th grade science at Southampton Middle School but on the weekends, he runs EcoTech Excursions. He is dedicated to exposing kids to the outdoors in a safe and fun way, so they will, in turn, fall in love with nature and in the future, make responsible decisions to preserve it. He feels privileged to witness students seeing their first Bald Eagle or exploring their first wild cave.

Avery Lane (Teacher)

Avery has been working with her dad since she was old enough to tag along with the big kids at camp. She is the Special Education department head at General John Stricker Middle School. She has mastered the art of making learning fun, and the students love getting to know her throughout the week. Many of the students keep in touch with her long after the summer is over. When she's not hiking, paddle-boarding, canoeing, or caving with camp kids, she is a youth group leader and worship singer at Harford Community Church. She loves her summer job, and the students are glad she's partnered up with her dad at EcoTech Camp.



Hannah Pritchard (Counselor) graduated from C. Milton Wright in 2020. She brings the fun. Her energy with the kids is contagious. She's been here every Summer since she was 8 years old, and has fallen into her counselor role like a natural. She is a college student at The Ohio State, studying Natural Resources. Her passions are wide and varied. She loves rock-climbing, psychology and sustainability. If we're lucky, she may be able to come for a couple weeks this Summer, between internships.

Trevor Heid is a Junior at C. Milton Wright and is passionate about golf and spending time in the outdoors. He has attended EcoTech Summer Camp since he was 10. His energy is contagious at camp, and he serves as a great role model. His college prospects are many, as his grades and golf talents will make him an asset to any university lucky enough to get him.



Andrea Kovacic is a Junior at Appalachian State University majoring in Biology with a concentration in Evolution, Environmental and Ecology. She is a former student of Mr. Pritchard's science class. She is a wonderful addition to our staff. She is very engaging with all the kids, which is the secret to why we brought her on fulltime. Look how she caught a catfish in her bare hands and had to show it to the kids.

