

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. They work hard to share their joy of nature with your kids, mitigating risk along the way.

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 8th grade science at Southampton Middle School

but on the weekends, he runs EcoTech Excursions and leads a group of boys at his Community Christian Church in White Marsh. 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, snorkeling up to an eel or exploring their first wild cave.

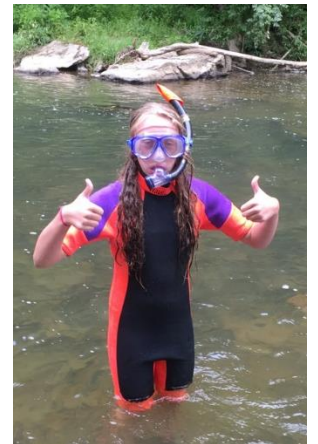


Hannah Pritchard

Beginning as an EcoTech camper at age 8 and transitioning to a Camp Counselor role at age 15, Hannah developed her passion for guiding people to and through nature. This past summer, she spent her first season away from EcoTech working for the Rocky Mountain Conservancy – Conservation Corps doing trail maintenance in wilderness areas throughout the northern Rockies of Colorado. With her crew of 10, she earned her crosscut saw certification to maintain backcountry trails for recreationists. This past school year, she further expanded her knowledge of the outdoors and outdoor recreation in particular at The Ohio State University’s Outdoor Adventure Center. Beginning as a Climbing Instructor, belaying for patrons, she now serves as a Route Setter, Clinic Instructor, Outreach Agent, and will begin her Clinics Manager position virtually this summer. In addition to her understanding of the Earth through her studies at OSU as a Natural Resource Management major, she also brings CPR, Wilderness First Aid, and Leave No Trace certified knowledge to camp every day. According to Hannah, she is happy to be back working with her dad and keeping EcoTech Summer Camp awesome!



Erin Moreland is a college student heading to the University of Delaware this Fall majoring in Media Communications. She loves all the adventures and experiences we have at EcoTech Summer Camp! She attended camp when she was younger too. She loves hiking and taking her dogs for long walks on the Ma & Pa Trail. She’s looking forward to conquering the Billy Goat Trail again this summer and can’t wait to meet all of the campers! To the right, Erin in middle school!





Roman Jasso was born in El Paso Texas, right next to the border. He has lived in Maryland for 3 years now, coming from a military family, and lived in Michigan prior to this area. He went to Southampton Middle School in Bel Air from the 7th to 8th grades. He's now in 11th Grade at Aberdeen High School for their Science and Math (SMA) Program. He loves all the sciences and particularly microbiology, environmental science, biochemistry, and organic chemistry. One day, he hopes to go into the medical field, environmental design, or something of the sorts. He's been a dancer his whole life, and currently is part of a dance company for

RageBox Contemporary Dance Center. He also has been in Tang Soo Do (Moo Duk Kwan), a Korean martial art, for almost 10 years, and is a 2nd Degree Blackbelt, testing for 3rd Degree this summer. His other active hobbies include weightlifting, cross-country and track/field team at school and calisthenics. He's looking forward to spending this summer at camp, and can't wait to meet everyone!

Izzy Grace



Izzy Grace attends The John Carroll School and plays soccer and track. She loves the outdoors and her favorite thing to do is go to the beach. She has come to EcoTech Summer Camp since she was little (as pictured on the left), and she loves it every year. Her claim to fame is that she and her best bud, Faith are pictured at the top of our home page. She is excited to be a counselor with all of you this summer.