

# Camp Support Staff

ROB

Graduate Assistant

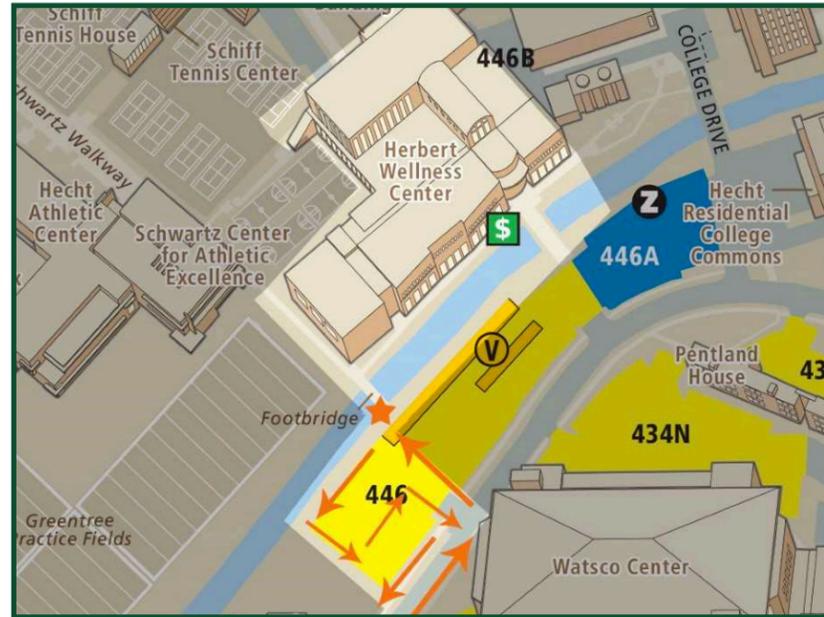


Rob is the graduate assistant for the Department of Wellness and Recreation.

He is a Miami native who enjoys football, lacross and hanging out at the beach. In previous years, he was a camp counselor for Mini Canes.



# Drop-off & Pick-up Location



# 2017 Mini Canes Camp Parent Newsletter



**TOM SORIA**  
Camp Director



Tom Soria received his bachelor's degree in secondary education and his master's degree in sports administration from Wichita State University. He has been a part of the Mini Canes camp staff since 2006 and has been the camp director since 2014. He is CPR/AED certified and is also a Registered Collegiate Recreational Sports Professional (RCRSP).

Tom enjoys officiating sports, traveling, the beach, and is a proud father to his two boys.

**DAVE BROADSTONE**  
Assistant Camp Director



Dave graduated from U.M. with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2010, and Master of Science in 2012. He was a Mini Canes counselor for two years as an undergraduate, then Director of Operations for Administration while earning his master's. He directed three summer camp programs at Middle Tennessee State University from 2013-14 and co-coordinated Rice University's Summer Youth Activity Program from 2015-16. This is his fourth year with Mini Canes, and his first as Assistant Director.

**MARENA GAVILAN**  
Camp Registration Assistant



Marena Gavilan joined the Department of Wellness and Recreation in August 2007. She works directly with Dave and Tom Soria assisting with club sports, intramurals/special events, and camp. Marena has two sons and a daughter. She enjoys traveling, reading, music, and exercising. Marena is responsible for all camper registration and is very excited for her ninth summer of camp.

**CHRISTINA WOOCING**  
Assistant Camp Director



Christina earned her bachelor's degree at Luther College in Iowa and Master's Degree from Barry University. Christina is originally from Colorado and loves being active and engaged in health, fitness and wellness activities as influenced from her home state. Christina loves all sports and being outside and is excited for her first year at Mini Canes camp to do all the things she loves throughout the summer.

# Camp Swim Staff



ANGIE



PAOLA



GEORGIA



RYAN



JESSICA



NIKKI



NOT PICTURED: David

The Mini Canes Camp office staff is available for parents in need of receipts, additional T-shirts, and extra pick-up slips.

The office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and can be reached at 305-284-8510 for any questions or concerns.



**MARK DUSEK**  
Operations Director for Sports Programs



Mark "The Bird" Dusek is a graduate of The University of Miami in 1978 with a Bachelor's of Education degree. He is a State of Florida Certified Teacher in Physical Education with over 30 years of experience. Mark has been an FHSAA Certified Basketball Official for 37 years. The Bird has been Director of Operations at Mini Canes Camp since its beginning in 1995.

He looks forward to having another memorable summer with campers and staff.

**ANGIE MONTERO**  
Operations Director for Administration



Angie Ramos was born and raised in Miami and after graduating from the University of Miami in 2011, she began teaching third grade at Miami Children's Museum Charter School. She was named Teacher of the Year at her school in 2013. Angie enjoys dancing, cheering on her CANES at football games, and taking trips to Disney World as often as possible. This is her fourth year with Mini Canes.

**JUAN RUIZ**  
Assistant Operations Director for Sports Programs



Juan, a Miami native, well known as Coach JC, is a P.E. teacher at Pinecrest Cove Preparatory Academy, currently completing his 4th year. Coach JC has had previous experience in training high school, college and professional baseball players. He holds 2 state championship titles and currently trains 5 minor league players and 2 major league players in the off season. He has a passion for sports and helping kids reach their highest athletic potential.

**KIMBERLY DESOUZA**  
Arts and Crafts Director



Kimberly graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She enjoys swimming, dancing, and creating art. She has previous summer camp experience working at the Police Athletic League for the city of Miami Beach parks and recreation. Kimberly loves to travel, participate in water activities such as going to the beach and making people laugh.



# 2017 Mini Canes Camp Counselors

**LIAM**



Liam is a freshman majoring in economics at American University in Washington D.C. He has lived in Miami his entire life, and has spent time working as a Program Aide at Mini Canes. His favorite sports are soccer, track, and football. He also enjoys going to the beach and listening to music in his free time.

**MATTHEW**



Matthew is a junior majoring in information technology at Florida International University. Born and raised in Miami, he has participated in multiple sports throughout his life including football, basketball, and wrestling. Matthew has experience at Mini Canes, both as a camper and a P.A. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball, spending time with friends, and playing video games.

**KAI'CHIEN**



Kai'Chien is a sophomore majoring in Mass Communications in Media at Miami-Dade College. He has grown up in Miami where he enjoys playing football, basketball, and soccer. He has worked with kids during his time with the City of Miami Parks and Recreation, ages 6-13. Kai's life revolves around sports, sports, and sports.

**MARY**



Mary is a University of Florida graduate and current Miami-Dade County School teacher. She will be returning to school to seek her master's in education. She is a Miami native who really enjoys running, hiking, and the beach. Mary is passionate about working with children of all ages. She cannot wait for camp to start!

**SAMANTHA**



Samantha is a 5th grade ESE Elementary School teacher at David Lawrence K-8 Center. She is a recent graduate of the University of Miami where she completed her double major in Elementary Education and Studio Arts. Samantha is a Miami native who loves to go fishing or diving in the ocean. In her free time, Sam loves playing with her dog, going to the beach, and working on her pottery.

**EZEKIEL**



Ezekiel (EZ for short) is a senior at the University of Miami, majoring in Criminal Justice. Born and raised in Miami, the Mini Canes Camp has always been a part of his life. EZ was a volunteer program aid and is excited to be a returning counselor. EZ is proud to say that he was on the 2016 Color Olympic Champ team! He enjoys fishing, working out, sports and watching TV and movies.

**ANA**



Ana is an incoming sophomore majoring in Psychology at American University. She loves to workout and watch scary movies in her free time. Ana also enjoy going to the beach and getting her nails done. She loves to work with kids and has been a PA for Mini Canes camp for the past four years. Ana is super excited for the summer to begin!

**MILLIE**



Millie is a recent graduate of the University of Miami with a degree in Liberal Arts, and she will be starting graduate school in the fall. Millie loves painting, drawing and photography as well as baking and playing soccer. She has experience teaching 4th grade math and English and in addition was a camp CIT for the YMCA.

**BRIANA**



Briana was born and raised in South Miami and enjoys playing lacrosse with her friends, listening to music and dancing. She has previous experience working with Mini Canes as this is her 3rd year here, as well as babysitting in her spare time. Briana is currently the food service manager for Miami Arts Charter School. She enjoys being happy and spreading joy to everybody around her.

**ASIA**



Asia is a sophomore at the University of Miami with a major in Nursing. She is a Virginia native who enjoys running and working out and has previous camp experience at Camp Heron at the YMCA working with all age groups. In her free time, Asia loves to spend time at the beach, watch movies, and cook.

**KELVIN**



Kelvin Rivers is a proud dad of a 4-month-old son and is currently a junior at FIU majoring in Physical Education. Kelvin is a Miami native, born and raised. He enjoys playing flag football, working out, mixed martial arts and other activities. Kelvin is very down to earth and during his free time enjoys spending time with his son and staying active.

**JORDAN**



Jordan is a junior majoring in Physical Education at Miami Dade College. He is a Miami native who enjoys all sports. Jordan is a Mini Cane Alumnus as a camper and Program Aide. Jordan has been working at Mini Canes for the past six years and cannot wait for another exciting summer with the campers.

## 2017 Camp Calendar

### CAMP DATES

<b>SESSION 1</b> Week 1: June 12 - 16 Week 2: June 19 - 23	<b>SESSION 3</b> Week 1: July 10 - 14 Week 2: July 17 - 21
<b>SESSION 2</b> Week 1: June 26 - 30 Week 2: July 3 - July 7 *No camp July 4	<b>SESSION 4</b> Week 1: July 24 - 28 Week 2: July 31 - Aug. 5

### CAMP THEME DAYS - THURSDAYS

<b>SESSION 1</b> June 15: Superhero June 22: Sports Jersey	<b>SESSION 3</b> July 13: UM Spirit July 20: Tie Dye
<b>SESSION 2</b> June 29: Disney July 6: Red, White and Blue	<b>SESSION 4</b> July 27: Safari Aug. 3: Mismatch

### SPORT OF THE WEEK

<b>SESSION 1</b> Week 1: Soccer Week 2: Basketball	<b>SESSION 3</b> Week 1: Soccer Week 2: Track & Field
<b>SESSION 2</b> Week 1: Volleyball Week 2: Softball	<b>SESSION 4</b> Week 1: Flag Football Week 2: Kickball



## 2017 Camp Information

### EACH CAMP SESSION

- Carnival Day - first Friday
- Art Show - second Thursday
- Color Olympics - second Friday
- Extravaganza - second Friday

### DAILY ACTIVITIES

- Arts and crafts
- Games and team sports
- Swimming instruction

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Special events
- Theme days
- Wellness education

	<b>CANES</b> 6 years old		<b>DOLPHINS</b> 9 years old
	<b>MANATEES</b> 7 years old		<b>MARLINS</b> 10 years old
	<b>PANTHERS</b> 8 years old		<b>HEAT</b> 11-12 years old

As part of the "Green U" initiative at the University of Miami, Mini Canes Camp uses recycled materials for some of our arts and crafts activities. To assist in our green efforts in using recycled materials, we encourage campers to bring: empty and cleaned milk cartons and soda/water bottles, old newspapers & empty paper towel tubes.