

Meet the Administrative Staff at Boulder Ridge Day Camp



Kevin Ebner - Executive Director and Facility Manager

Kevin is one of 7 grandchildren of the late Oscar Ebner Sr. and Virginia Ebner, who bought Camp Awosting in 1948 and founded Camp Chinqueka in 1955. He became the Director and Facility Manager of Boulder Ridge when his family purchased the facility in 2003. Having grown up at Camp Awosting, Kevin brings over 35 years of camping experience to Boulder Ridge Day Camp. Despite his many years of experience, Kevin attends camp conferences and workshops throughout the off season and is a member of the Connecticut and American Camp Associations. In addition to his responsibilities at camp, he and his wife Liz run banquets, company outings and other special events on the weekends from April to October.

Samantha Endersby-Smith - Summer Camp Director

Samantha Endersby-Smith has camp in her blood. After being a camp-toddler for several years, Sam was a camper at Camp Chinqueka in Bantam, completed the CIT program there, and went on to be a Low Ropes and Climbing Tower Counselor. Sam spent a summer at Star Ranch in Texas, a camp for children with learning difficulties and behavioral problems, teaching activities like swimming, boating, team building, and various sports, before coming to BRDC. In the off-season, she utilizes her Bachelor's Degree in Therapeutic Recreation at the Farmington Valley YMCA where she is the Site Director for their after-school program. This is her third summer at Boulder Ridge and her 17th at an Ebner Camp.



Nicole Kelley - Operations Director

Nicole has been working for the Ebner family full time since 2003. As a child & teen, Nicole attended camps run by Harwinton, Torrington, and the Girl Scouts, and was also a counselor for Harwinton's Summer Program. During her college years, she spent several summers working with the Torrington YMCA in their summer programs for disadvantaged teens and with the Literacy Volunteers. In addition to being the Operations Director for Boulder Ridge, Nicole utilizes her degrees in Accounting and Computer Science as the year-round Office Manager and Bookkeeper for all three Ebner Camps.

Matt Pettinicchi - Athletic Director & Program Coordinator

Matt Pettinicchi graduated in 2007 from Western New England College where he received his Bachelor of Science and Business Administration in Sport Management. Matt currently works for The Commonwealth Coast Conference, a Division III NCAA Athletic Conference based in Springfield, Mass. He has been a staff member at Boulder Ridge for six years, first serving as a Sports Program Area Counselor and then moved up the ranks as the Athletics Director and as the CIT Coordinator. Matt is pursuing his Masters in Athletic Administration.



Mike Barrett - CIT Coordinator

Mike has a passion for teaching, and brings his love of camp to BRDC. He was a Senior Counselor and Ropes Course Instructor in his four years at Camp Hope in Litchfield. At Boulder Ridge, Mike has previously been a Tower Program Area Counselor and Senior Counselor. This summer, Mike is very excited to be our CIT Coordinator. Mike is currently pursuing a degree in Sports/Fitness Management and Elementary Education.

