



Winona Family YMCA 2024 Camp Wenonah Staff



Myles

Hey everyone! My Name is Myles Hawthorne, I am super excited for Camp Wenonah and to meet you all this summer! I am currently a student athlete at Winona State University playing linebacker on the football team. I plan to graduate December 2024 with a bachelor's in Sociology and a Spanish minor. I also work for the IT department for the university and as a Personal Care Assistant. I recently joined the Winona Family YMCA this spring for my internship for a variety of roles such as youth sports coach and camp lead at Camp Wenonah. I am from Osseo Minnesota, which is a town right next to the Twin Cities. My favorite things to do during the summer are playing sports, hiking, running, swimming, or any other outdoor activity! When I am not doing that, I really enjoy eating good food and sleeping. I can't wait to have fun with everyone this summer and get to know you!



Grace

Hello everyone! My name is Grace Douglas, and I am so excited for Camp Wenonah this summer! I have worked at the Winona Family YMCA since May 2023 within a variety of departments. You may recognize me as a youth sports coach, group fitness instructor, after school care counselor, dance instructor, all-inclusive counselor, and now part of the amazing Camp Wenonah family! I am also a full-time student at Winona State University and I am completing my junior year. I will graduate with my bachelors in Exercise Science in the Spring of 2025 and graduate with my masters in Athletic Training in the Spring of 2026. I am from a small town called Pine Island, which is near Rochester, MN. Some fun facts about me include that I LOVE SUMMER! I plan to move somewhere warm after graduating. I love to be outside, hike, be at my cabin, water ski, kneeboard, boat, hammock, outdoor walks, and anything that involves physical activity! I also have a puppy named Riffley (in the picture with me) who I love and adore! I can't wait to meet everyone and get to know you!



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Tabitha

Hey! My name is Tabitha Acketz! I am very excited to be camp counselor this summer and get to know all the kiddos! I started working at the Winona Family YMCA back in June of 2023 as a youth sports coach. I have coached volleyball, basketball, flag football, track and field, and soccer! I have been working with youth and playing sports for over the past 5 years! You may also recognize me from some of the other departments at the Y, including after school care and kids corner! I can't wait to meet all the kids this summer at Camp Wenonah and make memories that will last forever!! Fun Fact! I am going to cosmetology school starting in the fall!



Brandon

Hi, my name is Brandon Bell! I joined the Winona Family YMCA in January of 2024 as a youth sports coach in the sports department, where I coached 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-4th grade, and Happy Hoops basketball. I attend Winona State University with a business administration major and play wide receiver on the football team. I am from Chicago and graduated high school in the west suburbs of Chicago (Wheaton Warrenville South) where I played football, basketball and competed in track and field. I love playing sports, nature, traveling and forming good connections and just having fun with the kids I work with and make forever lasting memories!



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Collin

Hello! My name is Collin Perschnick, and I can't wait for Camp Wenonah and to be able to meet everyone! I have worked at the Winona Family YMCA as an after-school care counselor and youth sports coach since September 2023. I am currently a junior at Winona State University and will graduate in the Fall of 2025 with my bachelors in Health and Physical Education. I then plan to attend University of Wisconsin – La Crosse to get my masters degree in Adaptive Physical Education. Once my schooling is all complete, I want to move somewhere warm and teach physical education in a high school setting. I am from Eden Prairie, MN. In previous summers, I have worked at Eden Prairie Parks and Recreation Summer Camp as a lead counselor. During high school, I worked as an after-school care counselor at a community center. I was also on an ultimate frisbee team throughout my high school years. This is my first summer here in Winona and I couldn't be more excited!. Some fun things about me are that I love summertime, grilling, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and staying active any way I can! I am super excited for this summer and can't wait to meet everyone!



Mattie

Hi! My name is Mattie Haizlip, and I am beyond excited to spend time with the kiddos at Camp Wenonah this summer. I recently joined the Winona Family YMCA staff as a lifeguard and sports coach. I just graduated from Winona State University with my Bachelors of Science in Nursing and a minor in Child Advocacy Studies. I grew up playing any sport I could sign up for but dance was my favorite! A fun fact about me is that I love horses! I am currently learning how to ride English and jump with horses. This is a picture of me and Zoey (the horse I get to ride). I am looking forward to spending time at camp this summer!



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