

Dear Bernadette families, staff, and alumni,

I am so excited and grateful for the opportunity to be the new Resident Director at Camp Bernadette. As a former camper, CIT, and counselor, I have an inside understanding of our camp's culture and a strong belief in our mission. Our camp truly changes lives. I think every Bernie girl will agree that although we may be at Bernadette for only a short period of time, Bernadette remains with each of us forever. The individual growth, the friendships made, and the wonderful experiences all contribute to a life changing summer. I look forward to bringing my skills and talents to Bernadette to give back to such an amazing and impactful community.

A little about me, I hold two degrees in management, a BA from Assumption College and a MBA from the University of Massachusetts- Boston. I spent a decade in various supervisory roles and am confident in my ability to transfer my education and skills to run Bernadette successfully. I have a wonderful family, my husband and I have been married for eight years and we have four spunky little girls. In my free time, I like to take Zumba classes, listen to audio books and serve my community. I am the kindergarten representative for the parent association at my children's school, I volunteer in a local military care package organization, and I am a leading member in my town's volunteer committee that assists in serving many different groups in our area.

I am very fortunate to have a familial history with Bernadette and Fatima. My late father was a head staff member, my brother and I both attended the camps, and I am thrilled to continue the tradition with my daughters. As a mother, I understand the needs and concerns of our campers from a parental standpoint. I will treat each Bernie girl as one of my own and I look forward to getting to know each of their unique personalities. If there is anything that I can do to alleviate any anxieties from parents, campers or staff, it would be my pleasure.

It is my personal connection with Bernadette along with my faith and relationship with God, that give me the passion, maturity and enthusiasm necessary for this position. Promoting faith with both staff and campers is of the utmost importance to maintaining the integrity of our camp culture. And by practicing the gifts of kindness, generosity, honesty and humility, we can teach our campers to enhance relationships and to build confidence and self-worth.

I look forward to working with our staff to ensure that they are responsible, mature, and kind hearted young ladies who will strive to provide a safe and exciting experience for our campers. Our goal is to encourage everyone to try new things, meet new people and have an extraordinary time this summer. Over the next four months, I will be reaching out to meet the staff and investing the time to familiarize myself with all aspects of camp life so that I can ensure a smooth transition for everyone. I look forward to the adventures that await and I welcome your comments and suggestions. I can be reached at katie@bfcamp.com. Thank you!

Sincerely,



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Resident Director of Camp Bernadette