Camp Support Staff

Rob is the graduate assistant for the Department of Wellness and Recreation.
He is a Miami native who enjoys football, lacrosse and hanging out at the beach. In previous years, he was a camp counselor for Mini Canes.

Camp Swim Staff

ANGIE
PAOLA
GEORGIA
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.

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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.

ANGIE RAMOS
Camp Registration Assistant

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, reading, music, and exercising. Marena is responsible for all camper registration and is very excited for her ninth summer of camp.

MARK DUSEK
Operations Director for Administration

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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 2013-16. This is his fourth year with Mini Canes, and his first as Assistant Director.

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 a state championship title 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.

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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 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.

Samantha is a 5th grade KSE 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 (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.

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 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.

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.

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!

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.

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!