

Meet your teachers!

Pre-Home School (4-5 yrs) – Ms. Brianna and Ms. Kendra



Brianna Lites- Ms. Brianna is so excited to begin her second year teaching Pre-Homeschool here at Robinson! Originally from Philadelphia, PA, she found a passion for environmental education at Penn State University and has been exploring ever since. Her curiosity led her to the Adirondacks and Rensselaer Plateau in NY to Presquile Wildlife Refuge on the James River in VA. These days, when not in her hammock, she enjoys baking, tending to her houseplants, and kayaking.



Kendra Bierman- Ms. Kendra has been involved in environmental education since 2015 when she began teaching ecology and sustainability at Heritage Creek Farm Camp. Since then, she has also been a conservation educator at Raystown Lake in Central, PA. She has a degree in environmental science from Juniata College and a passion for botany. Jewelweed is by far her favorite plant. In her free time you may find her creating with fibers arts, brewing kombucha, or enjoying the great outdoors through hiking and camping. Her favorite thing about education is the appearance of an ah-ha moment when people become inspired by the natural world.

Home School (6-8 yrs) – Mr. Josh and Ms. Monica

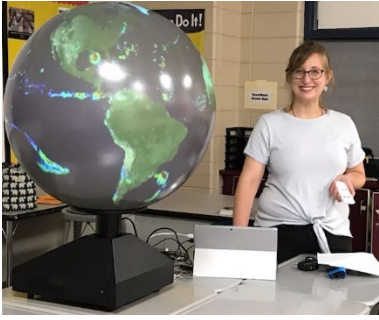


Joshua Detweiler – Josh began teaching at Robinson in June 2015. His special wildlife interest is in birds of prey species including hawks, falcons, eagles, and owls. He has held previous positions at Raptor Centers such as The Vermont Institute of Natural Science where he was involved in handling, training, and programming with these amazing birds. He enjoys anything outdoor related from bird watching and hiking all the way to hunting and fishing with his family. He loves music and often spends his time listening to and playing his guitar and singing.



Monica Horan – Ms. Monica has taught at Robinson Nature Center since we opened, and has been an educator for 15 years working with preschool, elementary, middle school, high school and adult students. She was a high school teacher for 5 years, a Biologist for MD Department of Natural Resources for 2 years, and a stay at home mom for 10 years. She enjoys watching animals in their natural habitats, cooking, baking & eating food, going on adventures with her two daughters & husband, hanging out at her backyard pond with her two cats, and listening to Zac Brown Band. She particularly love frogs, chipmunks, and macroinvertebrates! This fall, Ms. Monica will be transitioning to the Nature Center's Assistant Volunteer Coordinator. She is very excited to be your child's teacher here at Robinson Nature Center as this transition takes place, and can't wait to introduce you to your child's new teacher once they come on board!

Home School In-Depth Study (9-12 yrs) – Ms. Tracey and Ms. Jessie



Tracey Gelner- Ms. Tracey is very excited to be working with the 9-12 year olds this year! Tracey has degrees in Biology, Geography, and Environmental Systems and has worked as a teacher with many age groups including pre-school, upper elementary, middle school and high school. Tracey loves being outdoors working in her garden and taking care of the nature center's many animal ambassadors!



Jessie King- Jessie is super excited to be teaching with the 9-12 year olds this homeschool season. She is a recent graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in Environmental Science. While at Maryland, she did research involving ecological design and wetland restoration. Jessie enjoys hiking in different National and State Parks with her family. Her favorite animal is a turtle but she has recently become friends with the Nature Center's snakes!