Working at the DFC
Summer staff share their experiences

Working at the DFC is a great way to spend your summer. You meet interesting people of all ages, make new and lasting friendships, and develop valuable leadership skills ... all the while getting paid to spend time at one of the nicest-looking backdrops in all of Durham! Don’t take our word for it, just listen to what past DFC staff have to say:

**Ethan Alan** (Lifeguard) - The thing I enjoy most about working at the DFC are all of the cool people you get to work with and meet. Being a social person, I love having conversations and learning more about members, as well as developing relationships with coworkers.

**Ted Middleton** (Snack Bar) - There's no question that my favorite part of working at the DFC is meeting and getting to know the members. The DFC is an interactive and entertaining job and offers so many things you can’t find in other jobs.

**Cameron Smith** (Camp Activities Coord.) - The times I spent playing games, creating arts and crafts and laughing with the kids were by far my favorite moments.

Summer jobs are often a first “real job” for teenagers, and the DFC takes pride in its mentorship and support of first time workers:

**Fere Tallmadge** (Lifeguard) - I loved working at DFC! It was scary in the beginning of the season being this was my first job and had serious responsibility, but the amount of training from supervisors and the support of people who had worked in previous summers made it comfortable and helped me to relax and enjoy what I was doing. I loved it and I promise you would too!

**Virginia Capehart** (Snack Bar) - Don’t be afraid to ask questions! Everyone starts somewhere, and people are super helpful and friendly.

**Leah Sykes** (Head Lifeguard) - Be ready to work work work, but have fun too!

**Cameron Smith** (Camp Activities Coord.) - Come in everyday with a positive attitude, be patient with the kids and just enjoy every day because the summer always goes by quickly!
The positive relationships the staff develops with coworkers, supervisors, and members often transcends their time at the DFC and is regularly cited as one of the main positives of working here:

Freddy Thompson (Camp Counselor) – My coworkers have been supportive both on and off the clock. The people I work with at DFC are like my second family, even when the summer ends.

Elizabeth McCulloh (Camp Counselor) – The camp counselors I have worked with in the past four summers have become lifelong friends, and that makes the summer that much more enjoyable. The DFC staff overall is high energy all the time, and I know that I am able to count on them as dependable and responsible

And sometimes those relationships and networks open doors to full-time work and careers once the summer is over!

Jamie Wylie (Camp Counselor, Special Events/Office Assistant, Recreation Program Manager) – I first joined the DFC as a Camp Counselor in 2008 after my sophomore year at UNC. My mom was a day camp director and I had been volunteering at those camps for years, so this was a great fit and awesome summer job opportunity.

After a couple of summers working elsewhere, I came back to DFC camp during the summer of grad school. This led to an opportunity to assist in club events and the admin office, which ultimately turned into a five year stint as the Recreation Program Manager!

Being able to work in multiple areas of the club allowed me to meet lots of great members, as well as become close knit with the full-time and seasonal staff. One thing I really appreciated about working at the DFC was the chance to take on new responsibilities and challenges. The relationships I formed at the club, as well as the opportunity to learn new skills and “wear many hats” were very beneficial as I looked towards next steps and transitioned within Duke into my new career in clinical research.

Summer employment applications are now posted on the club website. Group interviews will be scheduled for March, so be sure to get your information in early!

Available positions include:
- Facilities Assistant
- Lifeguard/Head Guard/Swim Instructor
- Snack Bar Attendant
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Tennis Camp Counselor
- Asst. Summer Camp Director
- Assistant Swim Team Coach

For questions about any of the positions or the application process, please contact the respective supervisor:
- Facilities Assistant - Bob
- Snack Bar/Aquatics - Carrie
- Summer Camp - Tracey
- Tennis Camp - Mike
- Swim Team - Eamonn
Looking Forward to Camp '18

The DFC staff is taking advantage of having its first time Summer Camp Director, Tracey Holman, team up with veteran Tennis Camp Director, Mike Wojtkowki, as they work together to make the 2018 camp programs the place to be this summer.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the DFC summer camps this year. It is one of the most talked about programs that we run and is enjoyed by so many of our members." – Tracey

Since last August, Tracey has been busy getting acquainted with the DFC families and kids and organizing the logistics of leading three camps over the nine week summer. One of her best resources for how to make it all come together is Coach Mike as he embarks on his 8th summer directing Tennis Camp here at the club.

“Meeting the parents at check-in/check-out is vital as you can put faces with names and it helps you to establish relationships with the parents. Especially if it is a camper’s first time at the club, you can make the parent feel comfortable about leaving their child with you. They know their kid is going to have a safe and fun time.” - Mike

It’s just not summer at the DFC without the sounds of children laughing and playing games. Both camp directors take this to heart and aim to make their respective camps as rewarding and fun as possible.

“Mike’s passion for tennis and his connection with the kids is undeniable. Developing a similar type of relationship with the campers and making camp a wonderful experience for them are definitely priorities for me.” - Tracey

With extended morning and afternoon options, as well as bagged lunches and swim lessons, the DFC’s camp programs fit into most everyone’s hectic summer schedules.

For more information about DFC’s 2018 KinderCamp, Summer Camp, Leaders-in-Training camp and Tennis Camp, please check out the DFC Camps page on the club website.
Don’t let the pre-dawn quietness of the club mislead you. There’s an enormous amount of work going on behind the scenes as Bob Fustine, club Facilities Manager, begins his day.

From attending to the regular maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, buildings, courts, and pools, to the unforeseen work orders and emergencies, Bob is the quiet engineer that keeps the DFC trains running smoothly.

Most of the projects at the DFC are completed in-house by Bob and the DFC staff. The quieter winter months are a great time for multi-day maintenance projects, repairs, and equipment replacement in preparation for the busy summer season.

The 2018 winter "to do" list has included replacing deck boards on the access ramps of the Activities Building, installing floor drains and venting in the main pool restrooms, replacing walking belts on treadmills, aerating & seeding around the tennis courts, installing catch basins and french drains in the parking lot and lower field, and resurfacing and replacing the lines on the clay tennis courts.

Although Punxsutawney Phil may have seen his shadow and returned to his burrow for the next 6 weeks, there is no hibernation for Bob and the maintenance staff!
DFC Happenings

Upcoming Events
For more information or to RSVP contact Tracey

February 1 - American Red Cross Blood Drive

February 5 - Summer Staff Applications posted
→ Find information and postings here

February 9 - Date Night: Social Dancing
→ Put on your dancing shoes and get ready for a night of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and more!
→ 6:30-8:30pm
→ $15 per person (free childcare available)

February 10 - Chili Daze Cook-off (Now March 3!!!)
→ Think you can be the 7th Annual Chili Daze Cook-off Champion?
→ Drinks, cornbread, and chili toppings provided
→ 4:00-6:00pm
→ Free with a pot of chili to share

February 14 - Annual Membership Meeting
→ Come hear from DFC Board Members about upcoming plans and weigh in on the future of the DFC
→ 6:00-6:30pm

February 16 - Kids’ Night Out
→ Games, pizza, movie for kids ages 4-12 years old
→ 6:00-9:00pm
→ $15 for the first child, $10 for each additional

Tennis
For more information or to RSVP contact Mike

February 6 to March 1 - February Indoor Clinics
→ Tuesdays - Womens Intermediate/Advanced
→ Thursdays - Co-Ed Advanced
→ 6:00-7:30pm
→ $104 for the full session, $26 per class

February 11 - Cupids Challenge Tennis Social
→ RSVP by February 9th
→ 1:00-4:00pm
→ Free

February 12 to 28 - Tennis Racket Restring Special

February 13 - Tennis TRX Workshop
→ A total body workout to help with your on-court goals
→ 10:30-11:15 am
→ Free

February 24 - Women’s Tennis Camp
→ Get ready for the upcoming season! 3.0 level and up
→ 9:00am-12:00pm
→ $45 per player

February 26, March 5, and March 12 - Time to Try Tennis
→ Perfect for new players to learn basic game play
→ 6:00-7:30pm
→ Free

Looking Ahead...

March 09 - Kids Night Out
March 10 - Men’s Tennis Doubles Tournament
March 11 - Small Sided Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
March 12 - Junior Clinic Session 2 Begins
March 14 - Early Bird Deadline for Camp Registrations
March 16 - Paint and Wine Night
March 18 - Tobacco Road Marathon Aid Station
March 24 - Women’s Doubles Tournament
March 30 - Mini Camp
March 31 - Spring Egg Hunt

Stay Connected...

Program Listservs
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→ General membership listserv - Patti
→ Fitness information listserv - Carrie
→ Tennis information listserv - Mike

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