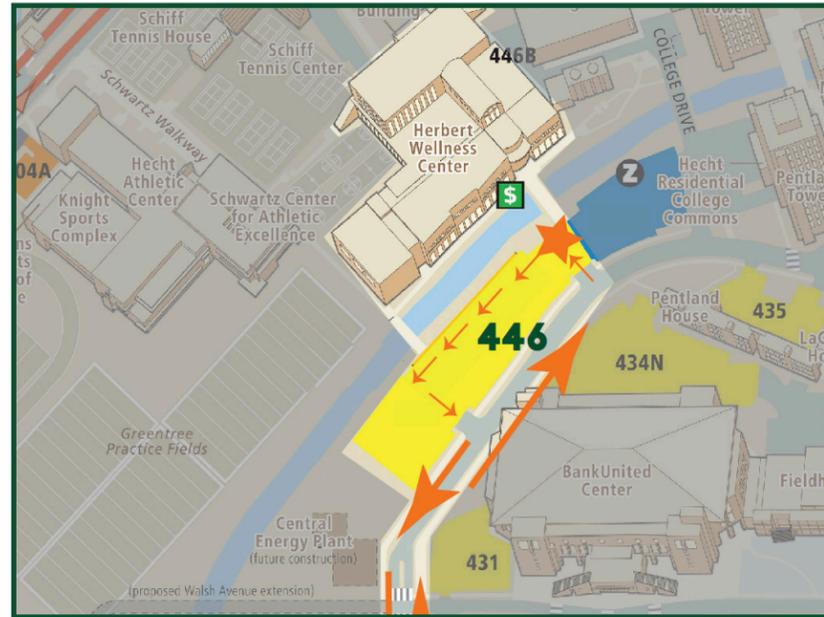


Drop-off & Pick-up Location



Camp Support Staff



MARY DAVIDSON Assistant Director of Operations



Mary is a University of Florida graduate and a 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!

ANDREW GOODMAN Graduate Assistant



Andrew is a California native who grew up in Los Angeles. He graduated from Cal State Northridge in 2017, and is in his first year working Mini Canes Camp. Andrew enjoys travelling to new places across the country, and is an avid fan of the Dodgers and Lakers. He also officiates college basketball, and hopes to one day referee in the NBA.



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.

MARENA GAVILAN Camp Registration Assistant



Marena Gavilan joined the Department of Wellness and Recreation in August 2007. She works directly with Dave and Tom Soria assisting with club sports, intramurals/special events, and camp. Marena has two sons and a daughter. She enjoys traveling, reading, music, and exercising. Marena is responsible for all camper registration and is very excited for her tenth summer of camp.

DAVE BROADSTONE 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 2015-16. This is his fifth year with Mini Canes.

CHRISTINA WOOCING Assistant Camp Director



Christina earned her bachelor's degree at Luther College in Iowa and Master's Degree from Barry University. Christina is originally from Colorado and loves being active and engaged in health, fitness and wellness activities as influenced from her home state. Christina loves all sports and being outside and is excited for her second year at Mini Canes camp to do all the things she loves throughout the summer.

MARK DUSEK Operations Director for Sports Programs



Mark "The Bird" Dusek is a graduate of The University of Miami in 1978 with a Bachelor's of Education degree. He is a State of Florida Certified Teacher in Physical Education with over 30 years of experience. Mark has been an FHSAA Certified Basketball Official for 37 years. The Bird has been Director of Operations at Mini Canes Camp since its beginning in 1995.

He looks forward to having another memorable summer with campers and staff.

ANGIE MONTERO Operations Director for Administration



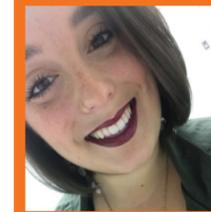
Angie Ramos was born and raised in Miami and after graduating from the University of Miami in 2011, she began teaching third grade at Miami Children's Museum Charter School. She was named Teacher of the Year at her school in 2013. Angie enjoys dancing, cheering on her CANES at football games, and taking trips to Disney World as often as possible. This is her fourth year with Mini Canes.

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 2 state championship titles 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.

BRIANA BENEZRA Arts and Crafts Director



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.



2018 Mini Canes Camp Counselors

FELIPE



Felipe is a sophomore majoring in international conflict resolution at American University in Washington, DC. He loves being outdoors, working out, and singing when he can. He has previous camp experience at the Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp, where he looked after 8 and 9 year old campers. He is very excited to get started with camp and looks forward to having tons of fun!

LAUREN



Lauren is a sophomore majoring in business law at the University of Miami. She was born and raised in Southern California, where she developed her love for the beach and music. She spends her free time playing golf, enjoying the warm weather outdoors, reading, and traveling.

KAI



Kai is a junior 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.

ALEXA



Alexa is a sophomore majoring in Public Relations in the College of Communication at Boston University. She is a Miami native and attended the Mini Canes Camp as a Cane and Manatee, returned to be Program Aide and is now a counselor. She loves nature and traveling and has participated in programs dedicated to saving the environment. She also loves working out and her favorite sports include baseball and hockey.

GEORGIA



Georgia just completed her freshman year at Lehigh University, where she is planning on majoring in mechanical engineering. She previously worked at Mini Canes as a swim instructor, and was a counselor in training at a sleepaway camp in Freedom, NH. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, swimming, and playing lacrosse and soccer.

ELIZABETH



Elizabeth is a junior majoring in Early Childhood Education at the University of Florida. She was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She has spent a lot of her time volunteering in classrooms, afterschool programs, and summer camps with elementary school students. She loves reading, watching movies and tv shows, and traveling. She likes to go to the beach and Disney World.

XOCHILT



Xochilt is a junior majoring in Exceptional Students Education (K-12) at Miami Dade College. She is a Miami native with a Nicaraguan family background and enjoys hanging out with family and friends as well as roller skating at the rink for leisure. She currently works as a MDCPS Substitute teacher and covers elementary thru middle school classes. She enjoys spending her time at the beach, listening to all types of music genres and binge-watching tv shows as often as she can!

KELVIN



Kelvin is a proud dad of a 1-year-old son and is currently a junior at FIU majoring in Physical Education. He 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. This is Kelvin's second year of Mini Canes.

ERIKA



Erika is a recent graduate from the University of Miami who majored in political science. She will be continuing her education next year at Miami Law as a double 'Cane. She enjoys running, yoga, and ballet. Erika has previous camp experience working for the LuHi Summer Program in New York. She also has experience working with disabled children as a volunteer for an organization called HorseAbility. In her free time she enjoys walking her dog, going to the beach, and spending time with friends.

ESTEBAN



Esteban is a sophomore majoring in sports management at Towson University. He is a military brat who grew up in Miami and enjoys basketball, baseball and playing video games and has previous camp experience working at Big 5 with 6-12 year olds. Esteban likes to watch movies, play sports and video games in his free time.

KEENAN



Keenan is a Alumni from the University of Miami with a degree in Marketing. He is originally from Virginia Beach but enjoys living in Miami for all the activities it has to offer. Keenan has been apart of the Mini Canes family for the past 6 years and has worked with almost all of the different age groups. In his spare time, he enjoys playing sports, watching movies, going to the beach, and traveling. Keenan is excited to be back with Mini Canes for another great summer.

MATT



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.

2018 Camp Calendar

CAMP DATES

SESSION 1 Week 1: June 11 - 15 Week 2: June 18 - 22	SESSION 3 Week 1: July 9 - 13 Week 2: July 16 - 20
SESSION 2 Week 1: June 25 - 29 Week 2: July 2 - July 6 *No camp July 4	SESSION 4 Week 1: July 23 - 27 Week 2: July 30 - Aug. 4

CAMP THEME DAYS - THURSDAYS

SESSION 1 June 13: World Cup June 21: Superhero	SESSION 3 July 11: Sports Jersey July 18: Tie Dye
SESSION 2 June 27: Disney July 3: Red, White and Blue	SESSION 4 July 25: UM Spirit Aug. 1: Mismatch

SPORT OF THE WEEK

SESSION 1 Week 1: Soccer Week 2: Basketball	SESSION 3 Week 1: Soccer Week 2: Track & Field
SESSION 2 Week 1: Volleyball Week 2: Softball	SESSION 4 Week 1: Flag Football Week 2: Kickball



2018 Camp Information

EACH CAMP SESSION

- Carnival Day - first Friday
- Art Show - second Thursday
- Color Olympics - second Friday
- Extravaganza - second Friday

DAILY ACTIVITIES

- Arts and crafts
- Games and team sports
- Swimming instruction

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Special events
- Theme days
- Wellness education

CANES 6 years old	DOLPHINS 9 years old
MANATEES 7 years old	MARLINS 10 years old
PANTHERS 8 years old	HEAT 11-12 years old

As part of the "Green U" initiative at the University of Miami, Mini Canes Camp uses recycled materials for some of our arts and crafts activities. To assist in our green efforts in using recycled materials, we encourage campers to bring: empty and cleaned milk cartons and soda/water bottles, old newspapers & empty paper towel tubes.