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Kelly Clark, M.A., is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in school psychology at Northern Illinois University. She graduated from the University of South Florida with her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and earned her Master of Arts in Psychology from Northern Illinois University. Kelly has had applied school psychological experiences in several school districts in the Chicago suburbs as part of her training. Kelly enjoys working with a team of school professionals to prevent and address academic, social-emotional, and behavioral difficulties among youth. She is particularly interested in school-wide intervention programs to facilitate students' well-being, and Kelly is passionate about conducting research that promotes student happiness and academic success. Kelly is excited to

return to Adventure Camp to help the campers use their brave and have fun!

Q & A with Kelly

Why are you returning to Adventure Camp?

I am returning to Adventure Camp to continue gaining experience working with children with selective mutism (SM). My experience at Adventure Camp and Winter Adventure has significantly enhanced my skills as a school psychologist working in schools. It was so inspiring to see each camper growing and attaining their goals, and I cannot wait to meet this year's campers and help them grow! It is my hope that I can take my knowledge and skills forward in my career to help other children with SM.

What do you think you might be able to learn from your camper?

I believe I will learn a lot from my camper. I imagine that I will get a glimpse into my camper's life, including some of the daily difficulties he/she may face because of SM. I expect I will also learn about my camper's wonderful strengths and how she/he is working toward overcoming some of those difficulties, including attendance at Adventure Camp and the unique goals of my camper!

How can you integrate this experience into your academic or professional goals?

As a school psychologist in training, I can immediately apply my experiences at Adventure Camp to my work in local school districts. I can also apply these skills during my year-long internship at the end of my graduate program, as well as once I've graduated and begun working as a school psychologist. My overarching goal as a school psychologist is to help all students enjoy their school experiences and gaining these skills at Adventure Camp will contribute to my ability to support students with selective mutism so they may enjoy school.

What would you tell others who are considering the Adventure Camp Counselor Training?

I would absolutely recommend this training to anyone looking to advance their therapeutic skills and further their understanding of selective mutism. This training provides counselors with skills grounded in an evidence-based approach towards selective mutism, and this training will equip you with the skills and knowledge to help children "use their brave."

What's your favorite part of Adventure Camp?

My favorite part of Adventure Camp was all of the field trips in the community we went on. It was inspiring to watch the Campers as they worked to take what we were practicing in our classroom environment and apply it in a new community setting.