Nature Summer Camps 2019 - Staff Bios

**Molly Heer** is a talented, creative, and dedicated educator. She currently teaches first grade in Vergennes and received her degree in Education from the UMass Amherst. Molly grew up on a farm and around youth exploring nature. Her mother runs a Forest Kindergarten, at which Molly found her love of teaching children about the outdoors. Molly recently worked as a Nature Camp Educator at Audubon Vermont and is currently teaching 1st grade in Vergennes. She looks forward to helping MALT grow opportunities to connect Addison County youth with nature.

**Caleb Basa** has been exploring and interacting with the Vermont outdoors since he can remember. In May of 2018, he graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and for the past two summers has worked for the State of Vermont managing aquatic invasive species. He considers himself a lifelong learner and aspires towards a career in the education field where he can both share his passion for the outdoors and lead others towards the wonders that nature has to offer. In his free time Caleb enjoys running up mountains, studying the movement patterns of white tailed deer and practicing the art of Pizza Napoletana.
Maurice (Mo) Bissonnette is a local legend at MALT Nature Camps. Former campers say he is the best storyteller around! He co-founded MALT’s camps with Katie, and has been helping kids find their inner wild ever since. Mo is a Middlebury resident and brings a wealth of experience from the mentor-based, nature, and wilderness skills areas of environmental education. This will be Mo’s 9th year leading MALT Nature Camps. Welcome back Mo!

Katie McEachen brings the best of nature-education to MALT summer camps. She has an extensive background in early childhood education, which allows her to mentor campers in forming intimate and lasting connections with the outdoors. She co-founded MALT’s camps with Mo 9 years ago and we are so fortunate to have her spirit, songs, and sense of play. Welcome back Katie!

Jamie Montague serves as MALT’s Executive Director and can be found sneaking away from her desk to connect local kids with their wild side. She has deep roots in environmental education and has been teaching nature-based programs for over 10 years on the coasts of Washington, villages of Iceland, forests of Audubon Vermont, and trails and lands of MALT. She never gives out more than one marshmallow and loves loons most of all.