



Nina Finley

Nina is a junior at Whitman College majoring in biology and environmental studies. If she could be any animal, she'd be a moss-mat specialist salamander. During a year abroad, Nina studied sea lion foraging in the Galapagos, monitored hawksbill turtle nesting in Ecuador, and taught elementary school in the Amazon. As an undergraduate she has researched sculpin jaw morphology and sea star wasting disease, and she hopes to complete a PhD in marine disease ecology. Nina loves to make new friends by sharing her passions for

organisms, ecosystems and ultimate frisbee

Mike Machura

Mike is originally from Chicago and has always had a passion for exploring the outdoors and learning about nature. He has a bachelor's degree in Biology from Monmouth College and a master's in Biological Sciences from Binghamton University, where he researched salamander anti-predator behavior. At the same time, Mike began working with teachers to develop inquiry-based science curriculum, and led lessons that he hoped would inspire a love of nature and a sense of stewardship. Mike has served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania, led environmental field trips in Montana, and taught high school Chemistry. He also climbed Mt.



Kilimanjaro and travelled to New Zealand to study frogs. He is an avid hiker and photographer, and looks forward to his first summer in Alaska as Peterson Bay Field Station Coordinator.

Laura Robison



Laura is a self-proclaimed nature nerd who hopes to inspire a sense of wonder and respect for the natural world in the people she interacts with. Laura grew up in Southern California where, at an early age, she started developing her deep love of the natural world. In 2015, after four years of studying the complexities of life on this planet, Laura graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a degree in Zoology. During the past year, she has been working as a naturalist in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and has discovered a passion for helping create positive outdoor experiences for others

within an educational context. She is fascinated by the intricacy of the ecosystems that surround us and is particularly enthralled by bioluminescence and foraging for wild edible plants. When she isn't working, Laura can be found baking, experimenting with making fermented foods, reading a good book, or doing anything that involves being outside.