## Meet Our Play & Activity Groups Staff



**Beth Carlson** "I am so very excited to be back for another summer. I feel like I have watched so many of your children grow up into amazing human beings! This will be my fourth summer working with the playgroup at Twilight, but my 14<sup>th</sup> in the park. A bit about myself for those who don't know me – I am a mountaintop native, aka a local. I was the 6<sup>th</sup> generation to grow up in Tannersville. I attended Binghamton University where I graduated in 2004 Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in Urban Planning and Development. After that I pursued a dual Masters in Elementary and Special Education, which I completed in 2006. I am currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher in Howard County Maryland. In my free time I enjoy traveling and I occasionally play in a marching band! I feel so blessed to be welcomed into your community every summer. I am hoping for another fun-filled, memory making experience again this year. "

**Brad Watson**, the new counselor in charge of our pesky 7 to 12-year-olds. We're going to warn you in advance about him: He has a southern accent. A strong one. He loves sports, hiking, camping, fishing, and kids. He's from Alabama and is currently a middle school teacher in a town in the Florida panhandle called Grand Ridge (population around 800). Also the girls' softball and boys' basketball coach. Also the assistant football coach. You name it, he's coached it. Brad gets rave reviews from everyone who has ever worked with him about his kindness, diligence, and commitment to his students and his job. He has lots of ideas of ways to keep our children entertained/run them ragged, and we can't wait to welcome Brad into the Twilight community. Brad will be at the Club House Cottage and will also serve as our Teen Program Coordinator.

<u>Alexandra Tetrault</u>, third-year drama major at NYU will provide a mix of arts and crafts, fine art, costume and set design, dance, and theater. In her initial letter to us, Alexandra shared this:

"During the past three summers, I have worked as a dance instructor through the Williamsville Community Education's summer program in Buffalo, New York, where I taught classes for children ages 6-12. Through the Community Ed program, I also served as the choreographer and assistant director for the musicals Willy Wonka Jr., HONK, and Beauty and the Beast. In 2006, 2007, and 2009, I worked as a swimming instructor and lifeguard for University at Buffalo and Amherst Swimming Inc. Currently, I am working as a teacher and tutor for the FasTracKids and Enopi enrichment programs in New York. In addition to teaching positions, I have been greatly involved in theatre, dance, and performance for over fifteen years."

Alexandra will be living with the Lemanns and is very eager to contribute to the roster of Twilight community events. She can teach dance--to little kids and to adults--yoga; and cooking.

<u>Sandra Truesdell</u> is our counselor, lifeguard, swimming teacher, and Special Ed teacher extraordinaire, a beloved and stalwart member of the Twilight community for many years. Sandy is certified in childhood education, Life Guarding, Water Safety Instruction, First Aid, CPR, AED, YMCA Healthy principles and more! She is very qualified for the many roles she plays including Head Counselor for the 5-7 year olds, Swim Instructor and Pool Manager. Both Beth and Sandy will be living at the Pool House.

<u>Darren Patlen</u> is of course Twilight's very own Tennis Pro and he will be teaching the Older Children's Tennis clinics

Also we have all our **Junior Instructors and Counselors and our Counselors in Training i**ncluding:

- From Onteora
  - Alton Sioussat, Robbie Barker, Annie Canning, Benjamin Martin and Oliver Martin
- From Twilight Park
  - o Will Bennett (Tennis), Anna Zabel, Katie Sade, Charlotte Mack, Walker Douglass and Zachery Hommel