

# Summer Camp Grades 1-4



Ms. Kathy Farwell

SESSIONS 1 & 4: Ms. Farwell served the public schools as an elementary teacher for fifteen years in a Latino community. For most of those years she taught at Hillcrest Elementary in Lawrence, Kansas when it was a school with three hundred-seventy kids from thirty-five countries and six continents. During the course of her teaching years, she recognized the importance of community, compassion and respect for other paths. She learned why educating the whole child is essential and that we must treat our children with great respect so they, in turn, will give us hope for the future. During the 2009-2010 academic year, Ms. Farwell taught the 2nd-3rd graders at Prairie Moon, and will continue into next year, as they become 3rd and 4th graders.



Mr. Kris Carlson

SESSIONS 1 & 4: Mr. Carlson was raised on a horse ranch in British Columbia with five siblings. Mr. Carlson is a man of many talents: cowboy, foundry worker, guest lecturer at universities, carpenter, vegetarian cooking instructor, hindu priest, artist, mechanic and Waldorf teacher. He was drawn to pursue his training in Waldorf after being inspired by witnessing the changes of his two children, when they began their schooling at the Eugene Waldorf School. Mr. Carlson received his Waldorf teacher training at the Eugene Waldorf Teacher Training Institute from 2000-2003. He completed a practicum in Waldorf education at the Meadowbrook Waldorf School in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, and taught at Front Range Waldorf School in Lakewood, CO for 5 years. Most recently, Mountain Phoenix Community School in Golden, CO. He has also served as an aftercare teacher and woodworking teacher. During the 2009-2010 academic year, Mr. Carlson taught the 1st graders at Prairie Moon, and will continue into next year, as they become 2nd graders and be joined by a new group of 1st graders.



Ms. Lana Maree Haas

SESSION 2: Ms. Lana Maree Haas is a singer/songwriter who performs locally and regionally. She also homeschooled her daughter using a Waldorf-inspired curriculum at RedBud Cottage and since then taught at Prairie Moon's Summer Camp in 2009, teaching the session on music and drama. She has taught at the Lawrence Arts Center in the preschool and lead music camps and has performed for the NEKansas Libraries Summer Reading Program. Ms. Haas is a substitute teacher at Prairie Moon, filling in for music class teaching, as well as for the grades teachers. She is currently working as an intern for a human potential course. She loves the energy and people at Prairie Moon and looks forward to being with the kids whenever possible, especially this summer!

SESSION 3: Ms. Bekah Zachritz is the Director of the Afternoon Program for early childhood at Prairie Moon, as well as the music teacher for the grades. Ms. Zachritz joined Prairie Moon in January of 2008, after which she led the very first Daisy Garden classroom for the children age 2 years 9 months – 4 years of age.

Originally from Macon, GA, Bekah's family moved to Topeka just in time for her to attend Topeka High School, where she got to enjoy nurturing her desire to act, sing and put paint on things. Since then she has been performing and teaching theater in the area. Somewhere in between touring elementary schools around the nation with Ric Averill's Tell-a-Tale players and being a nanny in Kansas City, she received a BA in theater from Washburn University.

Outside of Prairie Moon, Bekah enjoys hanging out with her dog, Blue, and making music with her friends. She is trying to kick off her music with her band, The Belfry Owls, who have performed at the May Music Festival the last three years.



Ms. Bekah Zahritz

# Early Childhood Faculty



Ms. Elizabeth Rowley

SESSIONS 1 & 2: Ms. Elizabeth was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas. With an artist/writer father and homemaker mother, her childhood seemed magical. After travel and many work and life adventures, she finished her education at Wichita State University with three undergraduate degrees, including a BFA in painting and drawing. She then pursued a life as a working artist. The journey began at Prairie Moon Waldorf School when she left Wichita and moved to Lawrence. Although it was a relationship that brought her to Lawrence, it was the landscape that beckoned her to paint it. In October 2005, the first year Prairie Moon opened, she began her beautiful journey as the After-Care Teacher. Ms. Elizabeth is now our Daisy Garden Assistant. She writes:

“The gardens we planted grew just like the community at Prairie Moon. The vision that this small group of parents had in the beginning was so passionate and still is. Nature is my muse and the thrill of passing this reverence on to children is truly a soulful experience. The prairie surrounding the school speaks to me as I come to work daily – I am home.”

Ms. Elizabeth has been a summer camp teacher three out of the four summers Prairie Moon has conducted summer camps and looks forward to leading the first two sessions this summer.

SESSIONS 3 & 4: Ms. Kimberli is a native of Kansas City, now living in Lawrence. She has been an early childhood educator, serving also in an administrative capacity since 1993. Before joining

Prairie Moon Waldorf School, she taught kindergarten for three years at the Scuola Vita Nuova, a charter school in Kansas City.



Ms. Kimberli Eddins

Ms. Kimberli is the Program Director of Prairie Moon's Early Childhood Program and has led the Sunflower Garden for the 2009-2010 year. She will initiate her Waldorf early childhood teacher training in June 2010 and continue as the lead teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Kimberli taught the Rainbow Garden summer camp as lead teacher at Prairie Moon in summer 2009 and looks forward to leading the last two sessions, working in the fresh air, sunshine, and gardens of the Prairie Moon environment.



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