

NOMAD Swim Instructor Bios



Mr. Abhishek

Past swimming experience:

Swimming year round for 3 years

Summer league for 1 year

High school for one year

I love teaching because: It's a fun experience. I love working with kids. It feels nice to help people and see them grow and succeed.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD: NOMAD is my home club and my second home!!

What should parents/swimmers know about you? I love challenges, the harder I have to work the better I feel at the end.

Miss Allison-Summers only

Past swimming experience: I have been swimming competitively since I was about 10 years old and am currently swimming for my high school- Lake Norman Charter.

Past Teaching experience: I have been a summer swim coach for the past 3 years.

I love teaching because... I love to help kids improve and see them succeed in swimming. This helps combine both my love for kids and swimming.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose NOMAD to teach lessons because I love the atmosphere and environment.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I hope that I can teach your children the love for swimming that I have and will gladly work on whatever your child needs help on.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Progress

Miss Alyssa

Past swimming experience: I started swimming in 2003 while in 7th grade for the Tigersharks at Northwest Swim and Racquet Club; then started swimming for Northwest High School in 2005 swam until for them until 2009. Then I took a year off and started swimming again for Lenoir-Rhyne University in 2011, that would be my last season as a competitive swimmer.

I love teaching because... Of the 'Ah Ha' moments. The moment when a swimmer gets a new stroke or skill down successfully.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD? Nomad is a family atmosphere. Even just as an instructor I feel like I am part of a larger family.

What should parents/swimmers know about you? I love paying attention to small details and providing tips for them to improve.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word. Enthusiastic.

Miss Anna

-Past swimming experience:

My dad taught me how to swim at a very young age. I started swimming for a team when I was five years old. I swam for a competitive team at MAC for six years. I have swam for my school for four years and will be starting my fifth in the winter!

-I love teaching because...

I love teaching because I love helping someone improve a specific activity and to see their progress. I love to watch someone learn how to do something and be proud of themselves!

-Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose to teach at NOMAD because I love to swim and I would love to help others learn how to as well! Swimming is a great life skill to have and it can be a lot of fun.

-What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I am a junior at Community School of Davidson. I learned to swim at a young age and have been around the water my whole life. I have a lot of experience babysitting. I love working with people and having fun!

-Sum up your teaching philosophy:

I like to get the task completed while still having fun and enjoying the process.

Miss Bianca

Past swimming experience:

I used to swim at Swim Mac for 3 years before I changed to NOMAD, which I have been swimming at for 2 years.

I love teaching because...

I love meeting new kids, each with their own unique personalities.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

Since I have been swimming at NOMAD I have noticed the close-knit relationship between the kids and their instructors and have always wanted to be a part of that bond.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I will work hard every lesson to find the perfect blend between kids learning how to better their swimming techniques while still having fun.

Fun fact:

I own a bunny named Buggs and a dog named Hannah.

Mr. Brandyn

Past swimming experience: I swam for Highland Creek in the youngest age group all the way up until Freshman year in High School. I later went on to swim at Mallard Creek High School my Junior and Senior year. I've been teaching lessons since 2013.

I love teaching because... I get to help kids succeed in and out of the pool.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose to teach at Nomad, because they allow me to connect and help the kids within my own community learn an essential skill!

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I am studying Economics at UNC Charlotte, although I had originally intended to major in political science. I'm also an active member of our community's Mallard Creek Optimist Club! I'm a Panther, Hornet, and Ohio State Buckeye fan through and through! I love the job I do, and I keep things fun but strict during lessons!

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Encouraging

Miss Cammie

Past swimming experience:

I began swimming on the YMCA Blue Dolphins swim team when I was very young and have been swimming for my high school since I was a Freshman.

I love teaching because...

I enjoy teaching because I love to see the progress swimmers are making and I enjoy working with children.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose NOMAD because of the great working environment and all the good things I've heard about the community as a whole.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I really enjoy challenging swimmers to do their best and have confidence in their abilities.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:
Perseverance

Miss Cassidy-Summers only

PAST SWIMMING EXPERIENCE: I have been swimming summer league since I was five years old. One year was spent with NOMAD, and I am coming up on my second year of high school swimming.

I LOVE TEACHING BECAUSE... I am passionate about children and want to help them develop a love for swimming

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO TEACH FOR NOMAD? After swimming for NOMAD and getting to know the compassionate and hardworking staff, I decided that I would love to work amongst them. In addition, it will allow me to help children develop swimming skills.

WHAT SHOULD PARENTS/SWIMMERS KNOW ABOUT YOU? I am a committed individual that is compassionate and kind, as well as patient and loving. I am also a senior at North Mecklenburg High School, and plan to attend college in the fall of 2017

SUM UP YOUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY IN ONE WORD: Caring

Miss Cassandra

Past swimming experience: I've swam competitively at NOMAD from when I was 6-13 years old. I've swam on and off through the years at my neighborhood Highland Creek swim team. I have also swam for my Middle School and High School swim team at Community School of Davidson 6th grade and 8th grade up to current(11th).

I love teaching because: I've always loved working with kids and people in general. My absolute favorite part of teaching is when someone I'm teaching lightbulb goes off and they have a breakthrough moment in learning a skill. The smile on their face is priceless, and makes my job so special.

Why did you choose to work at NOMAD?: Besides my past swim team experience with NOMAD....I've always felt NOMAD to be very home like to me and I love every single person involved with NOMAD.

What should parents/swimmers know about you: In MOST lessons I will push your child(s) to their full potential and sometimes out of their comfort zone. (Varies for each child and circumstance) I set lessons to be a fun and exciting environment and something your child will look forward to. We will play games, be silly, but we will work hard!

Fun Fact: I know and can recite the last paragraph of MLK's "I have a dream" speech" by heart.

Mr. Dante-Summers only

Past swimming experience: Swam for NOMAD from 2nd grade until 10th grade. Swam for Mallard Creek High School for 9th and 10th grade.

I love teaching because it allows me to give back to the swim community. Helping kids become strong swimmers is something I love taking part in.

Why did you choose NOMAD: I chose NOMAD because I have been involved in their swim family since I was young and I couldn't see myself anywhere else.

What parents and swimmers should know about me: I'm patient with kids, I have been a certified lifeguard for four years, and I have the swim experience necessary to help young swimmers excel.

Fun fact: My favorite stroke is breast stroke!

Miss Donna-on break

Past swimming experience:

Swam on a high school swim team and have been a lifelong swimmer for fitness.

I love teaching because...

I like to see kids achieve skills and the kids make me laugh.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

It is an AWESOME family company!

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I will challenge your child to improve, but will do it in a positive way.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:

“Funawesome” ☺

Miss Emma-Summers only

Past swimming experience: 9 years of competitive swimming with Nomad!

I love teaching because... I love seeing kids fall in love with something that I fell in love with so many years ago!

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

Nomad has been my family for so long I wouldn't think of going anywhere else.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I love to coach and teach, and I'm excited to see their kids succeed.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: MOTIVATING

Miss GG

My past swimming experience is that I swam for Nomad for 4 years.

I love teaching because I want to give kids the experience of swimming and having fun like I got.

I choose to teach for Nomad because I love the family like environment that I have gotten from Nomad in my years swimming there.

My teaching philosophy summed up in one word is enthusiastic.

Miss Hannah

Past swimming experience:

I started swimming at NOMAD when I was when I was 6 years old. I continued swimming for several years and was a part of my summer league team. I am now a member on my high school swim team as well.

I love teaching because...

I love working with kids and passing on my love for swimming to others.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I've grown up swimming at NOMAD; it feels like my second home! I've always wanted to teach swim lessons and NOMAD feels like the perfect place to do that!

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

Every lesson I will work hard and make sure kids have fun while learning to swim.

Fun fact:

I have been swimming for 10 years now!

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Patience

Miss Jamie-Summers only

Past swimming experience:

10 years summer league swimming

4 years year-round swimming at NOMAD

3 years high school varsity swimming

I love teaching because I love helping kids succeed and watching them grow as swimmers!

I chose to teach for NOMAD because I have been part of the team for years and I love the atmosphere, the staff, and the convenience!

Something parents/swimmers should know about me: My favorite stroke to swim is breaststroke!

My teaching philosophy in one word: Perseverance!

Mr. Keethan

Past swimming experience: 5

I love teaching because... It is a great feeling to teach others

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD? Because I learned how to swim at Nomad

What should parents/swimmers know about you? I love kids

Fun fact: I have 5 siblings

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Fun

Miss Leyla-Summers Only

Past swimming experience:

10 years with NOMAD (year-round team)

10 Years with Highland Creek (Summer League)

3 Years with Mallard Creek High School Team

I love teaching because...I love helping others learn new things while hopefully making a difference in their lives.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

NOMAD, moreover swimming in general, has taught me so many great things and I think it's an amazing opportunity to share this with others!

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I really like working with kids and like to approach every situation with enthusiasm and energy!

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Innovative

Miss Lia

Past swimming experience: I learned how to swim before I was 3. I've been swimming competitively since I was 7 years old on both summer league and club teams. This will also be my third high school swim season.

I love teaching because... I love interacting with children and passing my love of the sport on to the next generation of swimmers.

Past teaching/coaching experience: Last summer I was a coach with Skybrook Swim team and I have done private lessons before.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose NOMAD because of the sense of community it has and the people it brings to the facility.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

Parents and swimmers should know that I want to make learning fun and that we will work hard!

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:
Personalized

Miss Makenna-Summers only

I have swam summer league since I was 4 and this is my 6th season at nomad

I like to teach kids how to swim because its what I love to do and hopefully i could help someone else find love for swimming.

I choose to teach at nomad because it's very welcoming and Nomad is a big family

My teaching philosophy in one word would be: effort

Mr. Michael

Past swimming experience:

Summer league swim team at the YMCA for 4 years.

I love teaching because...

It's rewarding to see the progress and accomplishments over time.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I know other instructors and was told that NOMAD was a great place to be!

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I'm a high school student at Central Cabarrus and enjoy spending time with my family and golden doodle.

Fun fact:

I have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:

Strive

Miss Mikaela

I have been competitively swimming for four years; competitive, summer league, and high school.

I love teaching because I have fun working with kids and I enjoy helping people.

I chose to teach for Nomad because the environment is positive and encouraging.

I am an easy-going person and very optimistic.

I believe in teaching in a way that is exciting, enjoyable and adapting a learning strategy that best fits the person learning.

Miss Paige

Past swimming experience:

My past swimming experiences included beginning swim lessons at nomad in 2011 and joining the NOMAD team that same year. I have been on the team for 5 years now and have participated on my school swim team for the past two years.

I love teaching because...

I enjoy helping children and I like to see how they progress and learn over time.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose to teach at NOMAD because I already swim on the team and enjoy the atmosphere that the company provides.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?
Parents and their swimmers should know that I am very helpful and patient.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:
Patience.

Mr. Paul

Past swimming experience:
Year round competitive swimmer for several years

I love teaching because...
Seeing the kid's excitement when they learn a new skill is very rewarding

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?
Nomad is like a family and I really enjoy being a part of it

What should parents/swimmers know about you?
I am very patient and flexible

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:
Fun!

Miss Rachel S.

Past swimming experience:
I've been swimming since 2008 and I am still swimming in the Senior group today.

I love teaching because...

I love teaching because I get the chance to teach people something that I am passionate about, which in this case is swimming. I also love seeing how an individual grows as time passes.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose to teach for NOMAD because I love the atmosphere and all of the people that work in the facility. Everyone is very friendly and have great personalities.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

Parents or swimmers should know that I am a very hard worker and I've been a straight A student all my life.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:

Inspiring

Miss Sarah-on break

Past swimming experience:

Swim team from 1988 to 2000 in Lexington and Salisbury, North Carolina. Since then I swim for exercise and I am teaching my own children how to swim.

I love teaching because... I can make a positive impact and help people become safer and more confident in the water.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I drove by the building for a year off and on saying "hey, I need to check that place out!" My first time inside I loved it. Everyone was friendly and easy to talk to. I love the diversity and the feeling that you're always welcome. I may never leave!

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I can customize the experience for you or your child. Feel free to communicate with me any concerns or special needs.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Patience

Miss Sierra-Summers only

Past swimming experience:

I swam for SwimMac Carolina for most of my swimming career which was from the ages of 4 to 18 years old. Through the years I had many of great coaches, like David Marsh, that fed my love of swimming. Now that I am in college, I swim to keep in shape and stay active.

I love teaching because...

Swimming is something that has been such a positive thing in my life and being able to pass that love onto others and teach them skills to help them become better swimmers is why I love teaching swimming.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose to teach for NOMAD because I have always known of NOMAD, having seen them at swim meets in the past. After looking into the swim lesson program, it looked like a fun environment that would be a great place to work!

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I am passionate about swimming and it is a goal of mine to make sure that my swim lessons are fun and something that you are excited to come to!

Fun Fact: I have my EMT-B license and have a year left of school at East Carolina University till I graduate with as BS in Elementary Education

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:

Student-centered

Miss Sydney

Past swimming experience: I began my swimming career on my neighborhood team at the age of five. From there, I progressed to NOMAD at the age of ten where I swam for the next five years. I am also a member of my high school swim team.

I love teaching because: I love teaching kids to swim because I get to share my love for the sport and watch them grow.

Why I chose to teach for NOMAD: I chose to teach for NOMAD because I have spent many years training in the building and it feels like home. I have gotten to know many of the swimmers from multiple groups as well as coaches and enjoy the family environment.

What parents and swimmers should know about me: Parents and swimmers should know that I am a good student, responsible, and strive to do my best in all areas of my life. Also, that I will come to each lesson enthusiastically and with a smile.

Fun fact: I love camping and traveling to new places!

Miss Virginia-Summers only

Past swimming experience:

I've been swimming on a team since I was seven. I did club swimming with NOMAD, neighborhood swimming for Highland Creek, and then high school swimming for Charlotte Catholic High School. Now I still swim on my own whenever I can!

I love teaching because...

I get to share my love and knowledge of swimming with everyone; whether it's a group of 4 year olds or a serious teen wanting to train for high school swim team. I get to blend my love for people and my sport into one activity!

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

I chose NOMAD because I like the friendly, yet professional, environment I get to work in. I enjoy being able to teach such a wide variety of classes; whether it's Little Bobbers, Group Lessons, Private Lessons, or filling in for Coaches.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

Parents should know that I like teaching children of all ages, and don't mind children that are very energetic or cry every now and then- they will come to love the water! Swimmers should be prepared to have fun, but take the lesson seriously as well.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:

SupercalifragSWIMlisticespialidocious

Mr. Wesley

Past Swimming Experience: Neighborhood Swim Team

I love teaching because...It is rewarding when a student finally learns a technique they have been struggling with.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD? It is a fun and family friendly environment.

What should parents/swimmers know about you? I like to be silly as long as everyone is learning and becoming better swimmers.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Effort

Mr. Zach

Past swimming experience:

I started off swimming with Swim MAC when I was nine years old and took about a year off from swimming when I was twelve. I joined NOMAD when I was thirteen and have been swimming there ever since (three years). I am currently in the Senior Performance group.

I love teaching because...

I enjoy seeing people succeed in an incredible activity that they can continue on with for their entire life.

Why did you choose to teach for NOMAD?

NOMAD is such an amazing place that has been so welcoming during the time that I have swam there. I want to give back to NOMAD by helping people feel the same way that I have towards it by improving their swimming.

What should parents/swimmers know about you?

I am currently a rising junior the IB Program at North Mecklenburg High School. I am in the top ten percent of my class and aspire to swim for Johns Hopkins University in Maryland to study medicine. I previously lifeguarded at several country clubs and will continue lifeguarding at NOMAD. I am currently in the Senior Performance group and have grown highly fond of my teammates.

Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:

Encouragement