Meet the Camp Directors

Nancy Holm, Camp Director

Mrs. Holm is the Assistant Director for Sponsored Research, Public Engagement, and Communications (SRPEC) at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC). Besides overseeing a variety of research projects, Mrs. Holm works on a number of Public Engagement activities for ISTC and the Prairie Research Institute including the Naturally Illinois Expo, Institute Lightning Talk Symposium, sustainability seminar series, student internships, and science displays.

Mrs. Holm joined the staff of ISTC in August 2006. Prior to joining the Center, she worked as a substitute teacher in the Champaign Unit 4 schools and at the Unit 4 Science Center. From 1984-89, Mrs. Holm was an assistant limnologist at the IL State Geological Survey with their Lake Michigan Program.

Mrs. Holm earned her B.A. degree in Biology and Chemistry from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and earned her M.S. degree in Oceanography and Limnology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Elizabeth Luber, Assistant Camp Director

Ms. Luber is a Research Specialist at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC). Ms. Luber works on various Public Engagement activities including Naturally Illinois Expo; Institute Lightning Talk Symposium; sustainability seminar series; ISTC’s Science and Technology at Urbana’s Market at the Square; and science displays. She also does research on emerging contaminants.

Ms. Luber joined the staff of ISTC in April 2011. Prior to joining the Center, she worked at the Illinois State Water survey as a laboratory assistant. For several summers, during high school and college she was a camp counselor with Catholic Charities’ summer camp in Bloomington, IL.

Ms. Luber earned her B.S. degree in Geology (2008) and M.S. in environmental Engineering (2010) from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Kirsten Walker, Assistant Camp Director

Ms. Walker is the Environmental Education Specialist at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC). The main focus of Ms. Walker’s work is to provide support to the Sustainable Electronics Initiative as well as other ISTC projects in collaborating with area schools, university faculty, and other officials about introducing sustainability concepts into the curriculum; develop written and online curriculum and videos; and organize and participate in environmental education activities for ISTC and the Prairie Research Institute.

Ms. Walker recently joined the staff of ISTC in November 2012. Prior to joining the Center, she worked as a high school teacher for District 211 (Hoffman Estates), graduate assistant in environmental education (Northern Illinois University), and non-formal educator (USFW and Reveille Peak Ranch – Central Texas); she is an active board member of the Environmental Education Association of Illinois and enjoys teaching others about the outdoors.

Ms. Walker earned her B.S. degree in environmental biology from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois. She has earned two master’s degrees in education. The first degree is in secondary education-science from Roosevelt University (M.A.) and the second is in curriculum and instruction in environmental education from Northern Illinois University(M.S.).