



MEET OUR CAMP STAFF

Y CAMP AT LAKE NEBAGAMON



NATHANIEL BALLARD

CAMP DIRECTOR

Where are you from?

I am from Duluth, Minnesota.

How long have you worked for the Y and what has been your position?

This will be my second year at the YMCA. I worked last year as a camp counselor. I loved it so much, that this year I accepted the role as Camp Director.

What is your favorite thing about camp?

I have such a passion for working with kids and being able to make a difference. I also really love the outdoors and all things adventure. Therefore, I love how camp brings that all together into one epic summer.

What is a fun fact about you?

A fun fact about me is that I can walk on my hands!

What are you most excited for camp?

I am most excited to see new and returning campers!! I love being a part of their growth educationally, but also through the time spent at camp on character development. I really enjoy the deep conversations we have about what it means to be honest, caring, respectful, and responsible. Also..... gaga ball is a super fun time and I definitely have lost to several of those competitive campers. So I'm ready for a comeback this summer.

Do you have a favorite spot or center at camp?

I love all of camp, but if I had to choose a favorite center, it would be campfire building. I love how excited the kids get (and I get) about learning the skill of building a campfire. It's a great teamwork activity, and besides the fun of collecting firewood and building a roasting fire, I enjoy the great conversations that are held around it.

What is your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is a wolf! If you ever hear me mention anything about our camp "pack", I am referring to our camp family, much like a wolf pack.