



Introducing Our ... Facilitators!



We thought you would like to know a little about the people who are offering the great sessions that we have! We appreciate their hard work and hope you and your children enjoy learning in our unique setting.

Lisa Tcheripanoff

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Lisa has been a volunteer facilitator at Twindly Bridge for several years. She spends many hours volunteering by teaching a variety of sessions to our students. Her classes are always well attended and she brings enthusiasm & knowledge to her sessions.

Tim Kelly

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Mr. Kelly ("Coach" Kelly) has been working with youth shooters for nearly 20 years. He is a NRA Certified Pistol Instructor and NRA Range Safety Instructor He has coached two Jr. National Pistol Champion shooters with multiple pistol championships won. He also coached several adults to regional championship status. He is a Match director for USA Shooting Alaska Jr. Olympic Qualifier match.

Valerie Segerstrom

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Valerie is a certified teacher at Twindly Bridge Charter School.

Sierra Lehman

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A former home school mom, I have a masters degree in ceramic art, and love working with clay. I enjoy sharing this art medium with others, and have years of experience working with K-12 and adult students.

Ron Bergey

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I am a life long Alaskan, grew up in Gakona and graduated from Glennallen High School. I earned a B.S in Biology and a degree in secondary education and have taught for 26 years before retiring. I love science and everything about it. Not being able to stay away I joined the team at TBCS half time and have been loving it ever since. In the summer I commercial fish for salmon, halibut and blackcod. I have been married for 21 years and have 3 children. In my spare time I love to hunt, trap and fish. I appreciate the diversity and the kids and Twindly as well as their interest in learning.

Bettina Mileur

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Bettina is a certified teacher at Twindly Bridge Charter School.

Stephannie Shoemaker

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I teach beginning and intermediate violin to students of all ages. I teach by Suzuki and other methods according to the student.

Cyndy Wahlgren

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I started drawing when I was 6 years old when my gramma told me to draw exactly what I see and put a pear on the table out on her patio near the trellis covered with roses. I have had no formal extended training only the great benefit of teachers who invested in my interest throughout grade school and a lifetime of experience of observing and capturing what I 'see.' □

Karen Olson

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Karen has been a volunteer facilitator at Twindly Bridge for several years. She spends many hours volunteering by teaching a variety of sessions to our students. Her classes are always well attended and she brings much enthusiasm & knowledge to her sessions.

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Michael Taylor

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I have been practicing karate since 1971 and a teacher since 1980. I have taught extensively in the public school system of Alaska, both in south east Alaska and in the Mat-Su Valley. This includes all levels from pre-school thru the University of Alaska. I currently have advanced black belts in both Shotokan Japanese Karate and Shito-ryu Japanese Karate, along with a black belt in Jujitsu.. Nationally and internationally certified as an instructor. I have also taught Karate in Europe and in Africa.

Kimberly Bergey

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Living in Palmer most her life, Kim Bergey has been involved with fitness since the age of 12. It was then that she developed a passion for weight training and living a strong healthy life. She has continued with this passion still today and has encouraged, trained, and motivated hundreds of kids and adults over the past 25 years. She is a Certified fitness Trainer & Certified Performance Nutritionist. At her own fitness studio she personal trains adults and students. She has worked at several valley schools teaching Middle School P.E., high school cross training, and worked as an assistant wrestling coach. Mrs. Bergey has an amazing track record with valley students mainly due to her 5 year stint of successful preseason for wrestlers. Her own program of conditioning wrestlers in strength, endurance, agility and flexibility had lead to successful and injury free kids. Mrs. Bergey has a special heart for kids eating right and being strong individuals. She thinks all kids are valuable and all have what it takes to live a healthier life. She has a unique way with kids in how to encourage them and help them see their value and success. This year will be Mrs Bergey's second year teaching at Twindly Bridge and she is excited to see returning students and lots of new ones too!

Sarah Jasper

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I am a stay-at-home mother of four who also has a degree in practical nursing. My husband and I have homeschooled our children for several years, and we enjoy the opportunities it gives us to educate our children in the way that works best for the individual child. I teach because I believe we all have different gifts that we can share. I enjoy reading, sewing, being creative, and all things old and historical.

Sara Blydenburgh

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My name is Sara Blydenburgh, I have lived in Alaska for over 30 years, I have two children of my own and love to learn and play with them. For many years I was a technician supervisor for a medical pharmacy and recently left to spend more time with my children. I take great joy and pride in teaching my kids and working with them to learn new life skills. My family loves to explore the world around us and we enjoy inventing new and silly games out of everyday house hold chores. I'm excited to be helping TBCS and looking forward to a fun year.

Elizabeth Mills

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I'm a home schooling mom of two kids and am very interested in supporting our students.

Jessi Tomasino

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I am a born and raised Alaskan girl, my mom delivered me at the Valley Hospital when delivery rooms didn't have private bathrooms. Yikes!

I am a licensed Optician and managed an Optical Shop for 13 years. I am so grateful to be able to be at home and homeschool my kids, now I just fill in as an Optician when people go on vacation.

In my spare time I raise chickens, turkeys, ducks, decorate special occasion cakes, and lead painting parties. (Painting parties are the most fun thing ever!) I have always loved to paint. In high school I was in art honor Society and in college I took way too many art classes than what was needed or required. As a lifelong student of art I somewhat recently learned how to throw pottery on the wheel and found yet another new love!

I have always connected with children. I started babysitting when I was very young and still love to be around children today. I am so excited to be able to teach something I am passionate about at Twindly Bridge and share some of my art experience with your children.

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Judy Vanderwilt

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I am a USA certified lvl 2 archery coach. I am the independent archery coach for Screaming Eagle Archery of Alaska. I have been coaching for 9 years. I teach beginning, advanced and competitive archery as well as bow hunter education courses for Alaska Fish and Game. One of the young ladies I coach is now ranked 8th in the nation in 3-D archery. I love sharing archery with everyone who is interested in learning.

Melissa Palaniuk

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Melissa is a home schooling parent of Twindly Bridge.

Laurine Domke

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My name is Laurine Domke and I am so excited and happy to be part of the Twindly Bridge family! This is my 28th year as an educator in Alaska. My teaching background is in secondary math and science and over the years I have taught most subjects in those two areas. I have also served as an administrator in district office and as the site principal for two small rural schools. My educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics, a Master of Science in Business Administration and as well as extensive coursework in education and educational leadership.

Kim Howell

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I have been in the field of education for over 15 years both as a teacher and a counselor. I have previously taught middle school students in almost all core areas but my specialty is math and science. Upon receiving my masters degree in counseling I was a high school counselor for about 9 years and then recently went back to middle school for counseling. I love helping students find their path and help students reach their goals. Prepping students for post-secondary endeavors is important to help them achieve their aspirations.

Richard Larochelle

Richard is a certified teacher.

Dabric Huntington

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My name is Dabric and I have owned reptiles for over 21 years. I grew up in the valley and after getting my first Burmese Python I was hooked on reptiles. Since then I have had the pleasure of having iguanas, geckos, monitors, tarantulas, scorpions, cockroaches, hermit crabs, turtles, tortoises, and many different types of snakes. In my free time I enjoy reading, painting, bike riding, and rock climbing.

Eric Rains

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Eric is a certified teacher at Twindly Bridge Charter School.

Kim Mattison

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I am a homeschool mom to three children and we have been homeschooling for 4 years. I was born and raised in Alaska and moved to the Valley a year and a half ago. I enjoy teaching crafts to children and adults. I think hand crafts such as crochet and sewing teach wonderful self reliant skills that connect us to our pasts. □

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Charlotte Rhine

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I was born and raised in Kiel, Germany. All through my life I traveled, and even lived abroad for several years. I met my husband while vacationing in Alaska, and soon fell in love with both the man and the state. After years of long distance dating and plane hopping between AK and Germany, I finally moved here in 2006 and have been living in Big Lake ever since. My first experience as a German language tutor was at age 16, during my year as an exchange student in North Carolina, and I have since tutored children and adults off and on throughout my life. I have also taught German language classes while living in Africa for a few years. Before moving to the USA, I obtained a Master's Degree in General and Comparable Linguistics and English studies from Kiel University. I'm especially looking forward to sharing our German language and culture with the kids at Twindly Bridge this year.

Sadie Leader

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When it comes to coffee everyone has a memory that pulled them to take their very first sip. My journey with coffee began when my grandparents began importing coffee through a co-op in Madison, Wisconsin. From the moment that first bag arrived I felt instantly drawn to the deep, rich aroma that lingered in their kitchen as they prepared french press after french press for our outspoken, large family. We spent many an early morning & quite often a late evening gathered at the same round table that exists in that space today. It was there that my interest in coffee first began & no matter where I have gone, coffee has been a constant ingredient in my life. Recently I found my way back to a career in coffee as a barista & with this new journey I found a refreshed passion that I now want to share through education with the next wave of young coffee professionals.

Amanda Barnette

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I am Amanda Barnette. In the past have been a nanny, "babysitter", child care center lead assistant teacher, and owner/teacher of my in home daycare which was open for 10 years. My life has been devoted to the care, wellness, and education of all children.

Brenna (Nikki) Rath

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John Rodgers

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My name is John Rodgers. I am originally from Canada. I came to the United States to study in a Missionary College in Minnesota. That is where I met my wife Elizabeth. I became a citizen of the US in 2005. My wife and I were missionaries in Mexico for 6 years. We came back because our first-born son Daniel was born premature and deaf. He now hears with Cochlear Implants. My second son Jo Jo was born in Alaska and is 5 years old now. I studied Music for 4 years at Humber College in Canada after high school. Music has always been an important part of my life. I have been in many bands, performed in many venues, recorded in the studio and taught both privately and in public school. I am very glad to be a part of Twindly Bridge. My wife homeschools our boys at home. We are big supporters of homeschooling.

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Tiffany Trice

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Hello, I'm Tiffany! I am a wife, and mom, we have 2 children Kensington(6) and Keldon(3)! I have my bachelors in Elementary Education with my k-6 teaching certification. Before coming into teaching I was a pastry cook and cake decorator. We have lived in Wasilla for 2 years and before that we lived in Anchorage for 9 years. As a family we enjoy getting out and playing in all that Alaska has to offer. I enjoy baking , sewing, and knitting and love to share my passions with others.

Raylene Sinnett

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Hi, I am Raylene and I found this great resource for doing all kinds of fun math-related activities. I want to help your kids and mine know that math is fun and interesting!

Jennifer Murphy

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My name is Jennifer Murphy and I was born and raised in Alaska. We are a military family and my husband and I have 3 kids, 2 of which I home school. We have been homeschooling for 6 years and have been with Twindly for 3 of those years.

Laurie Faubert

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Hello fellow Twindly parents and students. This month marks the beginning of the second semester of my first year as a homeschool parent. I am happy to have the opportunity to volunteer and share my love of learning. I am a mother of 7 and a grandmother of 4 with tons of life experience and some college. While the origins and rules of Chess may be dry or even a bit boring, the challenges of developing strategies and the joy of a well played victory are very rewarding. I have two goals.

1. If you already play Chess we can learn something new about the game together.
2. If you don't know how (or don't like) to play then I will do my best to inspire you to greatness!

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My wife and I "Completed" K through 12 homeschooling our 4 children last year! I recently retired from 30 years teaching science and math in the Mat-Su school district and continue coaching football at Palmer High School. I have taught Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Pre-Algebra, 8th grade, and 7th grade mathematics. I also have experience teaching Earth Science, Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry. I have a great desire to help homeschoolers succeed!
