



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.

Michael Backus

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Michael is a certified computer teacher at Teeland Middle School. He has taught a wide variety of technology related subjects for nearly a decade. His favorite subjects to teach are robotics, 3D printing, and programming.

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.

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. 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.

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.

Kimberly Bergey

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I have lived in Alaska most my life. I am a Certified Fitness Trainer and have been training kids and adults for over 25 years. Along with working at Twindly Bridge I run a Personal Training Business. I have assisted in coaching middle school wrestlers for seven years. My preseasons have helped lead to success at State by kids gaining strength, endurance and flexibility. I am passionate about encourage kids to live a stronger and healthier life! All kids have a value and thrive when they feel stronger and healthier. I look forward to working with students at Twindly Bridge each year!

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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 home schooled 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.

Elizabeth Mills

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

Brandy Crum

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Brandy has been homeschooling for 7 years, currently teaching grades 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th. She has a bachelors degree in business management and worked over 20 years in the telecommunications industry before becoming a full time stay at home mom. Brandy enjoys doing volunteer work in the community and baking for her family and friends. She's looking forward to teaching students various cooking and baking skills through fun and engaging projects.

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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I am a USA certified lvi 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.

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 31st 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.

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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.

Devon Olson

Devon is a Twindly alumni. His hobbies include robotics & 3D design. He has helped teach classes & coach the competitive robotics teams at Twindly for several years.

Richard Larochele

Richard is a certified teacher.

Eric Rains

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Eric is a certified teacher at Twindly Bridge Charter School.

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.

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.

Joe Gardner

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Mr. Gardner is a certified teacher.

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Guin Hill

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Ms. Guin loves teaching Waldorf, child-centered methods. She currently teaches kindergarten and handwork at Birchtree Charter School. Originally from Arizona, she spent her younger years playing a variety of sports and was very active in her 4-H club raising a variety of critters from guinea pigs to ponies. She majored in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Spanish and multi-age education at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. Ms. Guin has taught for fourteen years in the valley to all grades ranging from kindergarten-seventh grade with most of her experience in K-2. She earned her Waldorf teaching certificate at Rudolf Steiner College and opened Birchtree School, teaching a 2nd to 5th grade loop. When she is not teaching, she enjoys spending her time in nature: hiking, running, skiing or other outdoor adventures with her three-year old, Bjorn, husband, Hans, and mini Australian shepherd, Stig. In the summer, her family commercial fishes near Cordova and in Prince William Sound.

Stephen Mc Conarty

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Master Stephen has trained in Taekwondo for 17 years, and has been teaching for 8 years. He is a 5th degree black belt. He is a certified coach and referee. He has coached 8 students to the National Team.

Chris Olsen

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My name is Chris Olsen. I am currently pursuing a BS in Elementary Education K-8 from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Throughout my college classes I have been fortunate to participate in a number of leadership and educational programs. I have experience in multi-age classroom settings and have gained great insight from observing and working alongside professional educators as part of my education. As an aspiring teacher I believe it's important to be a life long learner and continuously foster the development and improvement of every student. If you have any concerns or questions please be sure to visit the class room or send me an e-mail.

Taylor Olson

Taylor is a Twindly alumni & is currently attending UAA & studying Graphic Design. She enjoys journaling, crafts, & all things art related. She has helped teach classes & coach the competitive robotics teams at Twindly for several years.

Rachelle Seiber

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I am a fellow homeschool mama in our 11th year of homeschooling our five little learners. I have a bachelors degree in elementary education and experience in kindergarten and upper elementary school classrooms. I discovered a passion for photography when my kids were young and it blossomed into a photography studio rather quickly. My photography studio is in its fourth year. You can see my work at Cherish The Moments. I began teaching adults the basics of photography years ago and have been teaching a monthly photography workshop. There is more information about workshops available on my Facebook business page, Learn to Shoot Alaska – Photography Workshops. I love seeing people discover the keys to great photography. I am looking forward to sharing this experience with your little learners too. It's been said that photography is a love affair with life and I really believe that is the case. It is an amazing way to share the things you love with others.
