

Team

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It is not just the fresh air, scenery, and history that make the Lodge a destination. Meet the team that adds fun, joy, and adventure to the mix – and find out more about [our core values](#) and [benefits](#) provided to KML team members.

We are constantly recruiting to find people that have the [Lodge Team core values](#). Learn more about [opportunities to join the Lodge Team](#).

Staff

Ashley Ahonen

Hank Baron

Debbie Cadwell

Will Canter

Chris Guibert

Hello Adventurers! Chris Guibert here – your in-house mountain bike fanatic. I have a strong passion for all things outdoors. As the Lead of Outdoor Activities at the Mountain Lodge I want make sure you and your family have a great experience while staying and playing. I have a strong knowledge of the Copper Harbor Trail System and the local area so please feel free to ask me any questions about the trails, regional activities and local secrets.

I purchased my first mountain bike in 1988 while studying at the University of Arizona and like a kid in a candy store, mountain biking became the focus of my life. I worked in bike shops and then started a guide service, Arizona Off-Road Adventures, that

offered day and week-long tours around the state of Arizona. The pinnacle of my guiding career was to lead a seventy five day tour down the Continental Divide Mountain Biking Route in 1998. In 2002 I received a degree in Professional Photography from Colorado Mountain College. Since then I have worked as a freelance photographer across the country. My work can be viewed at chrisguibert.com.



Monica Howard

Hi my name is Monica Howard. I started as an Intern at the Lodge during summer 2021, and have since become full-time at the resort. I am a recent graduate of the Everglades University, with a Bachelor's in Hospitality Management. I have worked mostly in the food industry and I am hoping to become an Events Coordinator someday. During my free time, I am a Twitch Streamer and enjoy playing video games and I also enjoy hiking out here too. I am a huge Disney Nerd as well. I do enjoy working at the Lodge and love to learn.



Paul Ketola

Calin Leech

Calin Leech is the lead liaison for the merchandising for the Lodge Life Shop. She is responsible for assuring the values and vision of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge are upheld through the products and brands promoted. She received her education in English and Art with a Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan University. Calin has a shared background in tourism and customer service industries. She was born in Texas, and raised in West Michigan. After college, she moved further north eventually making her way into the U.P. for a few years. She quickly fell in love with its natural beauty. While in the U.P.

she worked closely with small businesses, such as managing a cafe in Marquette. She continues her relationship with the U.P. community despite having relocated below the bridge again.



Martin Mueller

My name is Martin Mueller. I study mechanical engineering at Michigan Technological University (Go Huskies!) for my bachelor degree. I am a member of the Huskies Pep Band (play alto saxophone as one of the many instruments), the Book Club (American Gods is one of my favorite books), and the Alley Workshop (a workspace for students to create). I enjoy running races, cross stitching, playing and listening to music (seven instruments I can play), and reading mystery stories. During my time working at the lodge, I clean dishes, expedite, make coffee (barista), do house keeping (recent), and maintain the golf course (recent).



Naya Mueller

Widad Mueller

Hi! My name is Widad. I am a chef, artisan, and watercolor artist. My interests are reflected in the food, gelato, and paintings that I create. I love to pairing flavors of food that are vibrant, yet provide a balanced feel in one's mouth. I spend time in the Keweenaw, Kalamazoo, and Austin. I am married to John; we have two children, Martin and Naya. [[Learn more about the Chef](#)]



Amy Oestreich

Greetings friends of the wilderness! My name is Amy and I work in the Outdoor Activities Center. At an early age I felt a deep

and nurturing connection to nature, and wanted to explore and share this with others. This led me to receiving my Bachelors of Science in Recreation and Tourism, with a minor in Environmental Studies, from the University of Florida in 1998.

Fast forward through a career of being an interpretive Park Ranger and then a Wilderness Firefighter in various beautiful locations; I found myself drawn to new adventures in the Keweenaw Peninsula. Planting roots, I discovered that being a property manager and owner of vacation rentals has facilitated my desire and ability to be adventurous; and then share my local knowledge with fellow outdoor enthusiasts. At the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, I am now able to engage my love for the wilderness into interpretive guiding and assisting visitors with enjoying all the recreational opportunities, this place I call home, has to offer.



Jenn Reed

Hi! I'm Jennette, I was born and raised in Washington state and have lived in the Keweenaw since 2016 with my husband, dogs, chickens, and fish. At the KML I work on special projects, with a focus on fostering our sustainability practices around the lodge property and at the top of the Keweenaw.

When I am not at the lodge I am busy working as a vegetable farmer at Minnie Farms in Lake Linden, which I own and operate with my husband, Dustin Reed, who is a full-time farmer. I also plan and coordinate community events, like the freestyle snowboard event "Jibba Jabba" that attracted a crowd of 7000+ spectators to downtown Houghton. When I am not working I am most likely on my snowboard, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, biking or exploring the outdoors in some other way.

I am excited to be a member of the KML team, and look forward to

each day to see what we will be able to accomplish together!

General Management

John Mueller

Chief Lead (a.k.a Gap Filler)

founder, investor, golfer, runner, professor, entrepreneurship

John is the chief lead at the Lodge, and is heavily involved with the staff as it relates to operations and strategy of the resort.

Previously, John was a professor at [St. Edwards University](#), focusing on innovation and entrepreneurship (entrepreneurial finance). Before his time at St. Edward's, he was a faculty member at [Fresno State](#) and [Western Michigan University](#). He finished his PhD in Entrepreneurship at the [University of Louisville](#). He is a native of Austin, Texas, and has lived in many cool places around the world.

John has started several companies, and worked as an employee in others. Along with his duties at the Lodge, he works with his son, Martin Mueller, on [Pick'n Run](#) and his wife, Widad Mueller, on [Rollin' Gelato](#). He is the founder of [Keweenaw Resort, LLC](#), which owns the Lodge.



Organizational Chart

More info about the organization's structure at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge can be found on TheOrg.com.

Advisors

Bill Alband

Bill Alband was the golf course superintendent at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge for more than 25 years, from 1997 to 2021. During that time he was responsible for keeping the golf course in pristine shape for golfers. Since 2021, Bill has been an advisor to the Lodge. His knowledge of the golf course runs deep, as he has a long history with the golf course at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.



Craig Moore

Bruce Williams

Owner, [Keweenaw Resort, LLC](#)

Keweenaw Resort, LLC was setup in August 2018 for the purchase of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, when it was bought off auction from the Keweenaw County (September 5, 2018). The company is owned by [John Mueller](#).

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