

# Meet the Guides

**Krysta Thomas**



Krysta is passionate about her faith in Jesus and has had a diverse upbringing, being born in Connecticut and living in five states as a child in a military household before settling in North Carolina for her adult life. She graduated from East Carolina University, majoring in Speech and Hearing Sciences. Has been married to her husband, Adam, for 12 years, they have three children—Aubrey (11), Hannah (9), and Tyler (5). She has been homeschooling them for six years using the classical curriculum. A lover of crafts and creative learning, she enjoys incorporating hands-on activities to enrich education. Krysta also enjoys exploring the outdoors with their boat and camper, especially at Jordan Lake, where they cherish family camping trips year-round. She is the lead guide for the Scouts and Rangers this year while also pouring into the Pathfinders for route memory and sign language for the Trailblazers.

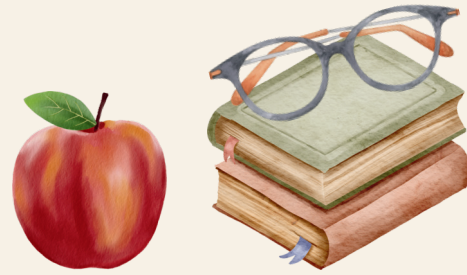
**Nani York**



Nani York was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, and attended the University of Hawaii before serving in the U.S. Army for 24 years. She was stationed in Korea after college and lived in various states throughout her military career, often being separated from her husband and children. Nani retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and now loves being a full-time mother and homeschooling her youngest son, Colten.

She is married to Jansen York and is a proud mother of three: Logan (17) and Caleb (15), who attend Grays Creek High School, and Colten (6). She also leads a women's support group dedicated to helping those impacted by trauma, including sexual assault, divorce, emotional and verbal abuse, and pregnancy loss. Now, she calls Grays Creek, North Carolina, her home.

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**Megan Parker**



Megan is a wife and a mother, who loves the Lord, and is passionate about educating and leading the younger generation. She has been married to Matt for eighteen years and has four children: Jaxson (16), Lux (13), Jordyn (11), and Jace (10). Megan has a degree in Elementary Education from UNC Charlotte and has worked with children most of her adult life. She currently holds the part-time Kids Director position at Temple Baptist Church. Megan will be leading Grammar, IEW and Math for the Pathfinders, Science for the Trailblazers.

**Angie Oswalt**



**Angie Leon:** Angie is originally from Colombia, South America, & was raised in Miami, Florida. Her career in the U.S. Army brought her to North Carolina, where she proudly served for 10.5 years. Angie holds a degree in Intelligence Studies from AMU and worked as an open-source intelligence analyst with 5 Sparrows, supporting the Fayetteville Police Department and Cumberland County Sheriff's Department in their efforts against human trafficking. Protecting children has always been her greatest priority. Angie lives on a quiet homestead with her husband Kurt of 16 years. Together, they have three awesome children: Susannah (13), Benjamin (11), and Emilia (9), all of whom have attended public schools in North Carolina. While homeschooling during middle school was always her goal, Angie acknowledges that the Lord has taken her plans in new directions. Susannah is now in her second year of homeschooling, and this upcoming year, Benjamin, a rising 6th grader, and Emilia, a rising 4th grader, will also join the homeschool journey. In this new chapter, Angie will be guiding the Scouts, Rangers, Pathfinders, and Mountaineers in Spanish, as well as teaching History and Math to the Mountaineers. She is deeply committed to her family and community, blending her passion for education, safety, and service.

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**Katherine Kinsey**



Kat is originally from the Sunshine State, but has moved across the U.S. multiple times, landing in NC in 2018. She has been homeschooling her two sons, Elijah (12) and Jeremiah (10), since the COVID pandemic. Kat is a photography enthusiast and loves sharing nature and the fine arts with her boys, college student and husband, Steve. Professionally, she holds a counseling license and is a full-time college faculty member, author, and researcher. She earned her doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction, specializing in counselor education and supervision with a cognate in early childhood education. She will be working with the Trailblazers and Mountaineers this year guiding Math and Spanish subjects.

**Kelly Dodson**



Kelly Dodson is an engineer by trade and dedicated homeschooling mom of five years. She loves life on her little farm, where she and her husband, Kyle, raise their kids—Maddie age 11, Elsie age 9, and Baker age 7—while fostering a love for learning and adventure. When she's not teaching or tending to the animals, Kelly enjoys painting with watercolors, finding beauty in the simple moments of everyday life. Kelly was born and raised right here in Fayetteville, NC. Kelly is excited to Guide the Spell to Write with many of the classes and Logic with the Mountaineers.

**Jennifer Rougeux**



Jennifer is an Ohio native who moved to North Carolina 18 years ago after marrying now retired Air Force, Air Traffic Controller Guy Rougeux. She has 2 children, Westin age 13 and Amelia age 12 whom she has homeschooled for 8 years. Before becoming a wife and homeschool mom, Jennifer studied Elementary Education and Psychology at Walsh University. She is also the President of her family-owned Commercial Janitorial Company. A self-proclaimed history nerd Jennifer is the the Guide for Pathfinders and Trailblazers History/Geography as well as Trailblazers IEW/Literature and Mountaineers Science and Literature