



Danielle Reecht

Recreation Superintendent O'Fallon Parks & Recreation

Danielle started with the City of O'Fallon as a Kids' Korner Attendant and Camp Counselor. Since then, she has worked through the ranks serving the City as a Youth Activities Specialist, Program Manager, and now Recreation Superintendent.

In this new role, Danielle continues to enhance the department. Thanks to her love of recreation and her commitment to staff, she is always looking for innovative ways to provide programming to residents, enhance department systems and processes, and recognize staff achievements.

-Kristin Funderburk, Stevie Weeks, and
Dalton Patton
O'Fallon Parks and Recreation



ABOUT DANIELLE

Hometown: O'Fallon

Current Position and Duties?

My current role is Recreation Superintendent for the City of O'Fallon. I have been in this role for about eight months now. Some of my duties include overseeing the annual budget process, managing day to day operations of the Renaud Center, project management, and overseeing employee issues.

How long have you been working in parks and recreation?

16 years. I have worked in parks and recreation since 2007. I started working as a part-time employee in the day care and camp areas. I continued to work for the City of O'Fallon on breaks in college and also worked at the local parks and recreation department where I went to college. In 2012, I received my first full time position and that's really where my passion for the field developed.

What are your interests or hobbies?

I love to be outside, whether it's taking my kids on a walk, or exploring a new park. I'm a very creative person so I'm always finding new projects to do around the house. I'm known in the office for always wanting to organize and clean :). I also love photography, I've had cameras since I was a kid and often take photos for friends and family in my spare time.

How did you end up working in parks and recreation?

I happened to fall into it. I had a friend in high school that told me about this cool recreation center that she worked for and I applied for a job. I honestly didn't know that 16 years ago that decision would lead me to where I am today. In college I was an exercise science major and did my internship in campus recreation. I had been working on and off on breaks for the City of O'Fallon at that point for five years and when I reached that internship, I really began to realize how passionate I was about this field.

What do you love about working in parks and recreation?

I love that each day is new and I'm always experiencing fun opportunities. But what really excites me is my ability to make someones day. Whether it's helping a resident or member find a class that they are interested, or seeing a child score their first soccer goal. We truly get to impact individuals lives on a daily basis and I love that.

What advice do you have for future parks and recreation professionals?

Always have a mindset to continue to learn and grow. Seek the opportunities, embrace the learning, find connections and opportunities to network and make it a goal to grow each day as a professional.