

## Regional Coordinators



### Annie Bellemare

Annie has over 10 years experience teaching in Quebec and Ontario. She graduated from the University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières with a Bachelor degree in Second Language Teaching. After her first degree, she decided to pursue studies at the master's level. Studying at the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Annie completed her Master of Arts in Curriculum Studies and Teacher Development. Her thesis was on youth identity and French-language education in Ontario. Her present role is Special Education Consultant at Conseil Scolaire Viamonde, in Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area. She remains passionate about teaching French and is very excited to work and share her passion with your children. Annie

joined Camp Tournesol in 2009, participating in all the overnight trips since then (Quebec, France, Algonquin) and having fun with campers at the day camps as a coordinator. She looks forward to her new role as Regional Coordinator this year!

### Daniel DiMatteo

Daniel is a proud franco-ontarien, having been brought up in a bilingual family. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in French Studies before travelling to Sudbury to complete his Bachelors of Education and is currently pursuing his Masters in Education with the University of Ottawa. He is currently finishing his 8<sup>th</sup> year of teaching with Conseil Scolaire Viamonde as a classroom teacher, having taught a number of grade levels from kindergarten to grade 6. Daniel is starting his 6<sup>th</sup> year with Camp Tournesol and is very excited to get started this summer.



### Amanda Cloutier

Amanda discovered her passion for learning French from a young age and is thrilled to share this love of languages in the campers at Camp Tournesol as a Regional Coordinator this summer. In the past, Amanda has been both a day and overnight camp counsellor, a site leader, an overnight trip Chef d'équipe, and Program Director. Alongside her experience with Camp Tournesol, Amanda is an Ontario Certified Teacher and teaches highschool French, helping students develop their confidence and French proficiency while keeping the classroom as fun as possible! Amanda has a Bachelor of Arts in French studies, a Bachelor of Education, and has recently completed her Master of Arts in Education with a focus on FSL. She looks forward to an another amazing summer of fun in French!



## Ambengen Vuan-Mapela

Ambengen was Lead counselor (head honcho) for our Leadership overnight weekend in 2015 and has held various roles at Camp Tournesol for 9 years. Ambengen has been an elementary teacher for the past 10 years, teaching children from grade 1 to grade 6 in a French school. As well as teaching, Ambengen enjoys theatre, music, singing, dancing and reading. She has also taught Afro Caribbean dance to young students. This will be her eighth year working with Camp Tournesol. Ambengen is delighted to be returning for another fun-filled summer with many returning and new campers as Regional Coordinator and Team Leader of the Richmond Hill campus.



## Program Director



### Alexis Asselin

Alexis joined the Tournesol family in the summer of 2017 as a veteran camp person, an outdoor educator extraordinaire, a skilled administrator and accomplished facilitator. Growing up with one foot in Franco-ontarian culture through his father's side, one foot in Quebec's French immersion system, Alexis has lived experience navigating second language education as well as practical experience tutoring French learners in a private setting. Outside of camp, Alexis enjoys connecting with nature, is a voracious reader, and is a proud "papa" to a year-old daughter.