



# Introducing... Mrs. Lenfestey

## Why do you work at Days Creek?

I am starting my 5th year of teaching. Three of those years were done in California, where I was raised. At the end of my third year, my husband (then fiancée), and I knew that we just didn't fit. It wasn't a healthy environment for either of us. So I started to look into Agricultural teaching jobs in the states where we knew family. I looked on the OATA AGED jobs page, and with 100% honesty, thought Days Creek sounded cute. After further research, and a phone call from Mr. Woods, I knew it was the place for us. After a road trip and an in person tour, my husband Jacob and I packed up and moved to Days Creek. I know it was one of the best choices I have ever made. I am home.

## Where did you go to college? What was your major? Why did you choose that major? What are your certifications?

I attended California State University, Fresno and majored in Agricultural Education with an option in communications and an emphasis in advertising. I originally chose this major because I had a job in equipment sales, and wanted to continue in that industry. However, after some self reflection, I knew if I was truly honest with myself, AG teaching was where I belonged physical challenges or not. Once I was done with my bachelors degree, I attended graduate school for a teaching credential. I earned my Agriculture Science endorsement, my Career and Technical Education (CTE) endorsement and my ELL or English Language Learners endorsement.

## What is the funniest thing that happened while teaching Distance Learning?

The funniest thing I had happen during distance learning, was when I told students "Go outside and find a tree, any tree" bring back a branch and show it to me. Then we proceeded to learn grafting via web cam, from my living room. That is something I never thought would be a reality.

## What is your greatest advice to Students? Parents?

Ask questions - if you don't ask, we do not know to help. These challenges we overcome now, will look so small some day in comparison.

## What is your hidden talent?

I raise Bantam Serama chickens. I am on a competitive flyball team with my three dogs and have traveled all over the United States competing. Flyball is a dog relay team sport. I have also helped students raise and train 8 puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind. 5 were successful and are now guides and 3 were career changed for medical reasons.

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