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Education

Multiple Subjects California Clear Teaching Credential (K-8) Supplemental Science Authorization (K-9) Humboldt State University, Arcata CA	6/05
Bachelor of Science Natural Resources Planning and Interpretation Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA	5/98

Experience

- Adventure Education Program Manager ~ November 2008 - Present
SAGA Eagle Valley Center, Juneau, AK
Manage staff and coordinate all aspects of adventure education program operations. Responsible for hiring, training and supervision of staff, budget tracking, grant fund development and monitoring, insurance and permitting requirements for guide licensure, equipment update and maintenance.
- 6th Grade Teacher ~ August 2007 – June 2008
Blue Oak Charter School, Chico, CA
Multiple Subjects Teacher, Waldorf Methods Inspired Public Charter School.
- Adventures Director ~ June 2005 – 2007
Mendocino Adventure Ropes Course, Leggett, CA
Directed Mendocino County Office of Education adventure education programs. Programs to include: Whitewater rafting, backpacking, and challenge course programs. Responsible for scheduling and training staff, developing curriculum, maintenance of course and equipment, course delivery, budgeting, grant writing and reporting.

- Multiple Subject Teacher ~ August 2006 – June 2007
Whale Gulch School, Whitethorn, CA
 Multiple Subjects Teacher, Physical Education (K-12) and Science (Elementary).
- Rock Climbing, Knot Tying, and Map and Compass Instructor ~ Fall 2004–Spring 2005
Humboldt State University- Center Activities, Arcata, CA
 Taught enrichment education programs in basic rock climbing, knot tying, and map and compass reading for Humboldt State University students and community members.
- Environmental Educator and Health Clerk ~ February 2003–November 2003
Whiskeytown Environmental School-Shasta County Office of Education, Shasta, CA
 Taught 5th - 6th grade state science standards and curriculum through one-week environmental education and experiential education programs. Staffed health center, treated minor injuries and prepared reports accordingly.
- Summer Camp Counselor and Wilderness Guide ~ June–August 2003
Camp Unalajee: A Place of Friends, Trinity National Wilderness Area, Callahan, CA
 Responsible for health and welfare of summer campers. Summer camp participants representative of east bay area scholarship campers and general enrollment campers ages 9-18. Activities led include, but are not limited to, arts and crafts, archery, ropes course, rock wall, cooking, and wilderness travel.
- Outdoor Education Instructor / Course Director ~ April 2001- December 2002
Boojum Institute for Experiential Education, Idyllwild, CA
 Directed and instructed wilderness expeditions and residential programs in environmental education, rock climbing, flat-water kayaking, and challenge course for students ages 10-Adult. Developed and implemented curriculum based on course areas: Joshua Tree NP, Colorado River National Recreation Area, Yosemite NP, and San Jacinto NM.
- Interpretive Trail and Raft Guide ~ April – September 2002
Chilkat Guides Ltd., Haines, AK
 Led walking and rafting tours of the Chilkoot Trail in Klondike Gold Rush NHP. Interpreted gold rush history, natural history, and coastal rainforest ecosystems. Provided for the safety and enjoyment of clients.
- Wilderness Park Aide ~ May – December 2001
California State Parks – Mt. San Jacinto State Park, Idyllwild, CA
 Backcountry Patrol, trail and facilities maintenance, weather log update, natural resource interpretation, search and rescue team member.
- Outdoor Education Instructor ~ October – December 2001
Pathfinder Ranch Outdoor Science School, Mountain Center, CA
 Taught 5th-6th grade outdoor science curriculum in the chaparral hills of the San Jacinto NM. Classes taught included, geology, forest ecology, entomology, challenge course, survival skills, arts and crafts, rock-climbing, canoeing, and archery.

- Sports Coordinator ~ December 2000 – March 2001
Idyllwild Town Hall Recreation Program, Idyllwild, CA
Supervised and managed youth and adult basketball programs. Responsible for staffing, scheduling, and gym supervision.
- Wilderness Instructor ~ May 1999 – September 2000
North Carolina Outward Bound School, Asheville, NC
Instructed 14 to 28 day expedition travel and experiential education wilderness courses. Areas of instruction included, whitewater canoeing, multi-pitch rock climbing, backpacking, leave no trace wilderness ethics, rappelling, service learning, self-reliance, and map and compass travel. Responsible for the evaluation of course objectives and effectiveness of educational experiences.
- Science Instructor ~ January – May 1999
Desert Sun Science Center – Astrocamp, Idyllwild, CA
Instructed hands-on educational programs for students' 4th-11th grade. Subjects taught included astronomy, atmosphere and gases, solar energy, physics, ecology, geology, group games, climbing wall, ropes course, rocket science, and environmental studies.
- Challenge Course Facilitator ~ April 1996 – May 1998 ~ Challenge Course Manager 2004-2005
Freshwater Creek Adventure Challenge Course, Freshwater, CA
Coordinated teambuilding workshops and challenge courses for populations including, but not limited to, student councils, schools, teachers, university students, gang prevention, juvenile hall, foster children, and social service contracts. Responsible for leading groups towards developing effective communication, constructive evaluative feedback, and solution orientated problem-solving techniques. Maintained equipment and trained staff.
- Summer Day Camp Director ~ June – August 1997
City of Blue Lake Recreation Department, Blue Lake, CA
Planned and implemented summer day camp program for 50+ children. Assisted in the hiring, management, and scheduling and training of staff. Taught art, crafts, team sports, roller-skating, creative drama, and coordinated special events.

Certificates Held

California CDL/B Drivers License

Wilderness First Responder (WFR) – Exp. 8/12/10

CPR – Exp. 8/12/10

Whitewater Guide School – Certificate of Completion 6/24/05

Swiftwater Rescue Technician – Rescue 3 International Certifications (98, 02)