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E D U C A T I O N

Bachelor of Science – **Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism** **May 2002**
Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado
Associate of General Studies – **Outdoor Recreation Leadership** **May 1998**
Colorado Mountain College Leadville, Colorado

E X P E R I E N C E

OWNER · OPERATOR **April 2007 – Present**
Sea Kayak Shop LLC Anacortes, Washington
Focused on delivering qualified paddling instruction and subcontracted professional for Anacortes Parks and Recreation, Anacortes School District, Fort Lewis Air Force Base, Skagit Valley College, South Whidbey Parks and Recreation and Wilderness Inquiry.

SENIOR INSTRUCTOR **June 1999 – Present**
National Outdoor Leadership School Lander, Wyoming
Responsible for delivering the curriculum and managing student and instructor teams on multi-day extended expeditions of twenty-five days and more in the Pacific Northwest, British Columbia, Baja California, Southwest, and Central Rockies. Have worked the following course types: outdoor educator course, hiking, mountaineering and rock climbing. Current focus is sea kayaking and sea kayak instructor development.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR · LEAD INSTRUCTOR · GUIDE **May 2004 – 2007**
Island Outfitters Anacortes, Washington
Developed and instructed all aspects of a recognized sea kayak instructional program that integrates the American Canoe Association curriculum and British Canoe Union training; developing beginner to advanced paddlers, leaders, and enthusiast of all ages.

LEAD INSTRUCTOR · PROGRAM CONSULTANT **July 2001 – August 2006**
Princeton Day School Princeton, New Jersey
Program/risk management consulting and lead instructor for the hiking and climbing programs.

ADJUNCT FACULTY **June 1998 – May 2000**
Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado
Instructed and facilitated courses for the Outdoor Adventure Programs including alpine mountaineering, rock climbing, hiking, high/low challenge ropes course and teaching assistant for undergraduate recreation course.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN **August 1988 – August 1992**
United States Army
Served as an 11C Infantry soldier with the 101st Airborne Division and 3rd Infantry Division, Specialist/Grade E-4. Received an Army Good Conduct Award and an Army Achievement Award while training in Panama.

Q U A L I F I C A T I O N S & A C C O M P L I S H M E N T S

- **Coastal Sea Kayak Instructor Trainer Candidate** – American Canoe Association **December 2006 – Present**
- **Coastal Sea Kayak Open Water Instructor**– American Canoe Association **March 2005 - Present**
- **Level 2 Kayak Coach and UKCC Level 3 Sea Coach Trainee**– British Canoe Union **March 2005 - Present**
- **3 Star Open Canoe Award, 4 Star Sea Award, 5 Star Sea Trainee**– British Canoe Union **November 2005 - Present**
- **Wilderness First Responder** – Wilderness Medicine Institute **April 1999 - Present**
- **Leave No Trace Master Educator** – Leave No Trace Center For Outdoor Ethics **June 1999 - Present**
- **Canoe/Kayak Safety Award**– British Canoe Union **March 2005 – Present**
- **Solo Sea Kayak Circumnavigation of Vancouver Island, British Columbia** **April 2006**
- **VHF Marine Radio Operator Certificate** – Industry Canada **November 2006**
- **Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician** – Wilderness Medicine Institute **August 2005**

S Y M P O S I U M S & C O M M I T T E E S

- **American Canoe Association** – Coastal Kayak Committee Affiliate Member **2005- Present**
- **West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium** – Guest Instructor/Coach & Eddyline Kayak Representative **2005, 2006, 2008**
- **Lower Columbia Round Up Symposium** – Guest Instructor/Coach **2007, 2008**
- **Washington Water Trails Association** – Guest Presenter **2006, 2008**
- **Sea Kayak Georgia** – BCU Week Attendee October **2005, 2007**
- **Puget Sound Sea Kayak Symposium** – Guest Instructor/Coach **2006**

References and Logbook Available Upon Request