

KIRT HODGES

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SUMMARY STATEMENT

Outdoor professional specializing in teaching, guiding, curriculum design, and program coordination. Excelled at rock climbing instruction and leadership of wilderness expeditions, both with groups of children and adults.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, English – Creative Writing (Minor: Environmental Studies)

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY - Graduated 2003

Courses in ecology, orienteering, forestry, and Spanish

Mountaineering I & II, South Puget Sound Community College, Olympia, WA - 2005

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Explorer West Middle School, Seattle, WA – Outdoor Education Coordinator, Summer Program Director, 2008 – present

- Directed outdoor trips for approximately 90 middle-school-age youth, including 2 multi-night camping trips and 4 winter day programs per school year for all students.
- Coordinated many programs, including backpacking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, alpine ski/board, outdoor photography, and camping fundamentals.
- Hired and managed all field instructors; trained and managed faculty trip leaders; led trips as head instructor.
- Developed 4 new programs over 2 years.

Rite of Passage Journeys, Bothell, WA – Program Coordinator, Mentor, 2008- present

- Worked in the field and in supporting roles with Coming of Age for Boys, a 3-week wilderness rite of passage program which challenges 12 – 14 year old boys to develop into solid young men within a supportive community of male mentors and peers.
- Participated in Leaders' Forum, an on-going group of summer program coordinators who meet and work in the off-season to hone program logistics and self-advocate with administration and the board
- Participated in "Heart of Journeys," a series of work/study-group sessions to deepen the work and mission of the organization
- Participant in Adult Vision Quest, a 10-day wilderness program involving a 3-day solo water fast.

Vertical World, Seattle, WA – Programs Director, Climbing Instructor, 2006 – 2009

- Designed and implemented climbing programs for a diverse array of schools, non-profit groups, camps, and individual clients.
 - ◎ Clients included: the Mountaineers, Outdoors For All, YMCA, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Childrens' Home
- Created and taught curriculum to both children and adults, in private lessons, small workshops, large groups, and camps.
- Regularly guided outdoor climbing trips with groups of children and adults
- Oversaw operations in the Magnolia branch as a part of the management team, overseeing about 30 accounts and hiring employees.

Perennial Environmental Design, Seattle, WA – Co-Owner, 2005-2006

- Founded a business partnership in native plant landscaping and permaculture design, performing client consultations and fieldwork, as well as directing all company marketing.

Earth Corps, Seattle, WA – Crew Leader, 2005

- Successfully completed two 3-month contract terms supervising groups of young volunteers and employees at invasive plant removal, erosion control, trail construction, stream work, and planting.