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Outdoors Curriculum Vitae

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Hiking and Backpacking

I have been hiking and backpacking in earnest for over 10 years. My backpacking experience includes teaching beginner backpacking courses, ultra-light techniques, single-burner baking, and expedition style trips. Geographic areas of experience include the Adirondaks, Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, northern Colorado including Rocky Mountain National Park, the Wind River and Teton ranges of Wyoming, as well as southern Patagonia and Peru.

Rock Climbing

I took up rock climbing indoors at a young age, and began climbing outside in 2000. I am a competent traditional lead climber, having climbed up to 5.10a. Other skills include aid climbing, self-rescue, and top-rope site management. Venues include Seneca Rocks, Shawangunks, various western Pennsylvania and Maryland crags, Red Rocks, Joshua Tree, Lumpy Ridge, various northern Colorado crags, as well as crags near Beijing, China.

Ice Climbing

I started swinging tools in 2003 at Frankenstein, New Hampshire. I have since led and top-roped a wide variety of ice routes including Pharaoh Mountain (WI2+) in the Adirondaks, All Mixed Up (WI4) in Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as many short routes in RMNP and Ouray.

Mountaineering and Alpine Climbing

My mountaineering experience ranges from winter peak bagging in the frigid Adirondaks to high-altitude glaciated peaks in Peru. Alpine climbing experience includes the North Face of Longs Peak, Better than Love on Hallet Peak, the South Face of Notchtop, the Upper and Lower Exum Ridges on the Grand Teton, the North Ridge of the Grand Teton, and the Serendipity Arete on Mt. Owen. Mountaineering experience includes attempts on the Kautz Glacier on Mt. Rainier, Cerro Tronador, and Artesonraju, as well as successful summits of Shuksan, Vallunaraju via the North Ridge, and the South Face of Shaqsha.

Kayaking

My whitewater kayaking experience includes runs up to Class IV in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. On flatwater, I have done many day trips in western Pennsylvania, a self-led multi-day tour in the San Juan Islands, and a NOLS expedition in Patagonia. I have a reliable roll and am knowledgeable of a variety of self and assisted rescue techniques.

Sailing

I have been sailing on and off for nearly ten years. I learned to sail in a Force 5, similar to a Laser with additional rigging. Most recently, my wife and I have sailed our Coronado 15 on mountain lakes in Colorado.

Running

I began running as a sophomore in high school on the cross country team. I have since gone on to complete the Frederick Marathon in 2005 in Frederick, Maryland. I enjoy trail running.

Expeditions

I have completed one major expedition, a seven month trip to South America. The first portion of the trip was a NOLS semester in Patagonia, where we spend 72 days in the field. We paddled approximately 162mn over 28 days through the fjords west of Puerto Natales while dealing with severe weather and group health issues. After kayaking, we spent a month backpacking 88km through the wilderness west of Parque Nacional Los Torres. The trip culminated with a ten day student-led backpacking trip in small groups of 4-6 students. From this trip I gleaned significant wilderness expedition skills, including hygiene, cooking, safety and judgment, leadership, as well as technical kayaking skills.

After completing the NOLS semester, I traveled solo from southern Patagonia to central Bolivia, where I planned and completed a twelve-day trek with two other Americans, a local mule driver, and two mules. After leaving Bolivia, I spent 2 ½ months in the Cordillera Blanca of Peru. During my time in Huaraz, I made multiple excursions into the mountains, climbing three times above 5500m in AD/AD+ terrain.