

Thomas Morris

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Professional Summary

Talented and industrious graduate with focused approach to learning and performance. Extensive knowledge of outdoor adventuring and experience leading and teaching various age groups.

Skills

Organized
Problem Solver

Takes Initiative
Service Oriented

Talented Leader
Team Player

Work Experience

Naturalist, Environmental Nature Center

July 2022 - Current

- Teach small groups of K-7th grade students about local flora and fauna as well as other age appropriate natural science concepts.
- Create content and lesson plans based on provided weekly themes.
- Promote encouraging atmosphere for each participant and all visitors to the Nature Center.

Environmental Education Intern, West Valley Outdoor Learning Center

January 2022 - May 2022

- Taught lessons to 1st - 6th grade students about environment, physical sciences, and other natural sciences suitable to their grade level.
- Assisted with content creation and lesson planning.
- Maintained classrooms and provided care to animals and birds of prey on the property.

Head Trip Leader in Charge of Training, Gonzaga University Outdoors

May 2021 - May 2022

- Directly supervised 10 seasoned student trip leaders including training and trip preparation.
- Onboarded and trained 12 newly hired trip leaders.
- Facilitated training for entire program (30 trip leaders) biannually.
- Managed weekly trips including risk management forms, proper participant communication, and addressed trip leader questions and concerns.

Outdoor Pursuits Programmer, Marian Hall LLC-Gonzaga University

September 2021 - May 2022

- Lead outdoor adventures for students living in the Living Learning Community.
- Provided weekly programming to Marian Hall students on outdoor topics.
- Provided ongoing mentorship to 1st and 2nd year students.

Trip Leader, Avid4 Adventure

May 2021 - August 2021

& June 2022

- Instructed and guided mountain biking, rock climbing and flat-water paddling trips for children grades 1-7.
- Collaborated with fellow trip leaders to plan day trips for students.

- Organized parent communication, gear logistics, and transportation to and from trip sites.

Warehouse Associate, Counterpart Automotive, Inc.

May 2020 - August 2020

- Pulled and packed automotive parts for national wholesale and fulfilled retail orders.
- Received and distributed products throughout two warehouses.

Assistant Gear Manager, Gonzaga University Outdoors

August 2019 - May 2021

- Managed 500+ pieces of outdoor sports gear including water sports, backpacking, and rock climbing.
- Spearheaded cleaning, maintenance, and repair of University-owned gear.
- Helped plan, pull and pack appropriate gear for outdoor trips.

Plumbing Associate, The Home Depot

May 2019 - August 2019

- Provided customer service and merchandise stocking in plumbing department.
- Offered guidance and solutions for customer issues in plumbing as well as other departments.
- Used various skills and equipment for threading pipe, cutting lumber, and mixing paint.

Volunteer Experience

Athletic Mentor, Gonzaga Athletic Mentors for Excellence (G.A.M.E.) **Sept 2018 - March 2020**

- Worked with students at Shaw Middle School in Spokane, WA playing sports **Jan 2022 - May 2022** and teaching life skills, like sportsmanship and leadership.

Middle School/High School Youth Counselor, Northside Catholic Youth Ministry

January 2019 - May 2022

- Prepared and facilitated weekly meetings for middle and high school students.
- Coordinated and lead monthly community events to draw parents and students from various Spokane parishes together into one central youth group.

Trip Leader, Gonzaga University Outdoors

March 2019 - May 2022

- Planned and lead trips for students on outdoor adventures.
- Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certification and backcountry safety knowledge required.

Mission Trips with Gonzaga University's Mission Possible

Neah Bay, WA (1 week)

March 2020

- Worked with Macaw tribe assisting with Reservation projects including maintenance on homes, tribal sweat lodge, and beach clean-up.
- Community building and cultural education interacting with Tribal Elders, artisans and story tellers.

Tacoma, WA (1 week)

March 2019

- Assisted with maintenance and renovation projects at Catholic Worker House.

- Cleared and planted fields at L'Arche Farm alongside adults with intellectual disabilities.
- Distributed food and supplies to local homeless people.

Education

Gonzaga University

May 2022

Major: Environmental Studies

Minor: Sustainable Business

Certifications

Adult-Child First Aid/CPR/AED

May 2022-Current