



ADVENTURE TREKS 2008 INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

We believe we select the best and most qualified instructors of any outdoor program. We are pleased that 72% of our instructors this summer have worked with Adventure Treks previously. The average age of this year's instructors is 27. Typically, each instructor has at least four years of experience working with young people in the outdoors. Virtually every instructor is a college graduate and 43% of our instructors are working towards or hold advanced degrees. 30% of our instructors are teachers by profession; all are teachers by avocation! Every instructor has extensive wilderness first aid training.

John Dockendorf - John, or "Dock", is our **Director**. As the Director of our Adventure Programs, Dock will join short sections of every Adventure and he will get to know virtually every student. Dock has been leading trips for young people since 1978 **and founded Adventure Treks in 1993**. He has an undergraduate degree in Recreation Management from the University of Vermont and a Master's Degree in Management from the Cornell School of Hotel Administration. Dock has worked as a corporate teambuilder and consultant with dozens of companies and organizations. He is a Wilderness First Responder, a whitewater paddler, former extreme and freestyle skier, marathon runner, mountain biker, mountaineer, and now daddy and outdoor leader to Audrey, Ella, Ava Rees, and Charlie!

Rob Clemens - Rob is the **Associate Director** and has led 19 adventures in the last **thirteen years** with Adventure Treks. He has climbed, mountain biked, and kayaked all over North America as well as in Thailand, Costa Rica, and Ecuador. He has a degree in Psychology from Davidson College and is currently completing his Executive MBA at UNC Chapel Hill. Rob is a Wilderness First Responder. He is our trip logistics coordinator; he coordinates staff training; and he is an Adventure Treks icon.

Niki Gaeta - As our **Educational Program Director**, Niki coordinates our spring and fall school group programs and is our staffing coordinator. She will also be leading trips for her **third summer**. She has a degree in Communication Studies from Clemson University and has completed a 50-day Outward Bound Instructor Course in Oregon. Niki has led sea kayaking trips in remote British Columbia, and skiing and backpacking trips while mentoring high school students in Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains. She is a Wilderness First Responder, Leave No Trace Trainer, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, and organic farmer. When not working on her yoga teacher certification, Niki can be found climbing, paddling, or hiking.

Kyndra Luce - Kyndra earned her Master's of Education in Recreation Administration and certificate for Management of Non-Profit Organizations from the University of Georgia where she ran the GORP program. This is her **third year** as our full time **Program Director**. Kyndra has eight years of experience working with teens in a variety of outdoor programs and is a certified Wilderness First Responder. She also hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in 2003 with her husband, Bryan. Kyndra can be found road biking all over Western North Carolina, rock climbing, running with her dog, and training for yet another triathlon. .

Jane Brison - Jane has just completed a Master's degree in Therapeutic Recreation at Clemson University. We are proud to welcome Jane as our new **Logistics and Permitting Director**. She will be leading trips for her **third summer**. After earning her Bachelor's degree from the University of Maine, Jane hiked the entire 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail. She worked for Vision Quest for four years leading and designing programs across the United States. She has worked in Alaska taking people with disabilities outdoors. Jane has been a "gear tester" for *Backpacker Magazine*; she is a Wilderness First Responder, and she is getting married in September! Jane and her fiancé Philip enjoy backpacking and daily trail runs with their dogs.

***** THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR 2008 FIELD INSTRUCTORS *****

Sebastian "Seabass" Brundage - After working this past fall with our school groups in North Carolina, Sebastian is back for his **second summer** with Adventure Treks. He graduated from Portland State University with a degree in Communication Studies. Sebastian spent this past winter trekking, rafting and touring in Thailand, Laos and Japan. In recent years he has independently traveled throughout the United States, Europe and Canada including backpacking in Washington State with the Northwest Mountain School. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and a PADI-certified Scuba Diver.

Sam Carlson - Sam was an AT student for two summers and joins us for his **second summer** as an instructor. He recently completed his undergraduate degree in Communication Studies from the University of Puget Sound (UPS). In college, Sam was an active member of UPS' outdoor program: leading trips, attending experiential education conferences and organizing the school's student outdoors film festival. Outside of school, Sam has worked as a hotel receptionist in the Chilean Andes and course manager for the International Film and Television Workshops. Having developed his passion for the outdoors in Vermont, Sam is an avid backcountry skier; earning his Avalanche Level I & II

certifications and ski touring all over the Canadian Coastal Range and the Washington Cascades. Sam is also a Wilderness First Responder and avid mountain biker.

Amanda Cencak – Amanda is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and has earned her Wilderness First Responder, Outdoor Leadership I & II, and Water Safety Instructor certifications. Amanda has led backpacking and horse packing trips with several summer camps, college programs, and America's Adventures. She is joining us for her **third summer**, after also working as a senior member of the fall school group staff. In her spare time, she has been a rodeo queen, worked as an artisan baker, traveled and studied Spanish in Guatemala, and helps out at the Adventure Treks' "home base" in North Carolina.

Franc Clapp – Franc joins us from Florida, where he is a high school Science teacher. He is currently working on a Master's Degree in Biology from Florida State University. Franc brings extensive leadership experience after serving two years in the Coast Guard as a chemistry lab technician and able seaman. He was also a biology lab instructor at FSU and is an avid rock climber, mountain biker, scuba diver and is a certified Wilderness First Responder. We are excited for Franc to join us for his first summer.

Margaret Clark – Margaret brings a wealth of experiential education experiences from Pok-O-MacCready Outdoor Education Center and Echo Hill Outdoor School. Her other experiences include extensive travels in the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, Europe, and, this past fall, a hike to Matchu Picchu in Peru. She is a graduate of Clark University and North Carolina Outward Bound's Outdoor Leadership Course. Margaret is a certified Wilderness Responder and dedicated volunteer. She spent her spring breaks for six years volunteering in a hospital in Haiti. She is joining us for her **third summer**.

Erin Claudio – Erin is the Outdoor Program Coordinator and a Health and Leisure teacher for Northeastern Illinois University, and joins us for his first summer at Adventure Treks. Originally from downtown Chicago, he earned his Master's in Recreation Administration from Aurora University and has led trips in Washington's North Cascades and San Juan Islands for Open Roads. He has traveled over 30 miles in Panama's native Cayucos (dugout canoe/sailboats), refurbished schools in Costa Rica, taught science at an outdoor school in San Bernardino National Forest, and worked as a climbing guide and at several camps throughout the US. Erin is a certified Wilderness First Responder and brings a wealth of knowledge in leading outdoor trips.

Stuart Clemens - Stuart graduated from Davidson College with a degree in Asian Studies. Stuart's Asian travels include China, Laos, and Vietnam. He is currently teaching at a boarding school in Michigan before beginning a Master's of Education in the fall. He has also backpacked extensively in the Southwest including a trip in the Grand Canyon. He spent four summers as a counselor at Camp Mondamin where he directed the sailing program and helped with the mountaineering program. Stuart also spent two years working with Adventure Treks school programs and is back for his **fifth summer**. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Annie Dawson – Annie joins us for her first summer from Juneau, Alaska where she just earned her Outdoor Skills and Leadership Certificate from the University of Alaska Southeast. She graduated from Valparaiso University with a BA in Sociology. She has also earned a MS in Student Affairs from Colorado State University. Annie has advised college students for several years as a Residence Life Director and Community Life Advisor at Elon College. She is passionate about learning people's life stories and helping them connect to the natural world. Annie is certified as a Wilderness First Responder, Swift-water Rescue Technician, and in Avalanche Level 1 Rescue.

Tessa Dawson – Tessa's first trip with Adventure Treks was twelve years ago as a 12-year-old student. Since then, she has been on three other Adventure Treks Adventures as a student, led trips for Camp Green Cove, led educational trips with High Rock's LEAP program and taught skiing at Mammoth Mountain, CA. Tessa is a graduate of Colorado College where she had the opportunity to study in Kenya and lead a trip to Mission Wolf, a wolf sanctuary in Colorado. She is a Wilderness First Responder. She is joining us for her **fourth summer** as an instructor, after teaching outdoor education programs for Outward Bound in Australia this past fall. Her four summers with A.T. paved the way for her three siblings to also join us as students.

Arthur Debowski – Arthur joins us for his first summer from Spokane, WA where he attends the Gonzaga University School of Law. Arthur holds a BA in History and Political Science from Rutgers University, where he also taught rock climbing courses for the outdoor recreation program. Arthur has worked as a climbing ranger in Yosemite National Park and as a cross country ski patroller in Truckee, CA. Arthur is a certified Wilderness First Responder, and, when not studying for law school, he can be found climbing and skiing all over the Pacific Northwest.

Aaron Derwingson – Aaron brings a unique perspective to our instructor team for his **fourth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. He has worked with Adventure Treks since 2000 as a raft guide for River Dancers, our California rafting outfitter. Aaron has also been a guide on Mt. Shasta and several Alaskan rivers. Aaron earned his degree from the University of Colorado, completed a sustainable design program at the Ecosa Institute in Arizona, and is currently completing a Master's Program in Green Architecture at the University of Oregon. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, and ESL teacher.

Amy Fleisher – Amy's love for the outdoors began with her three years as an Adventure Treks student. She has worked with our school group programs and now joins us for her first summer as an instructor. Amy recently graduated from Sarah Lawrence College with a concentration in writing and visual arts. She has traveled extensively throughout Scotland and the United Kingdom, worked on a hut crew for the Appalachian Mountain Club, and is a certified Wilderness First Responder. Amy is a phenomenal artist, with a specialty in book binding.

Dan Flynn – Dan joins us for a **fourth summer** as a **Trip Leader** from the slopes of Mammoth Mountain, CA where he is a senior member of the ski patrol. He graduated from Vassar College with a degree in Sociology, completed a NOLS semester in the Rockies, earned a Wilderness EMT certification, and is a wilderness medicine instructor through The Wilderness Medicine Institute. Dan ran the Outdoor Living Skills program for the Farm & Wilderness Camps in the Adirondacks for two summers. He also managed a lodge for the Green Mountain Club and is a Leave No Trace trainer.

Julia Geier – Julia joins us from Jackson Hole, Wyoming for her **third summer**. Julia is a ski instructor and has also taught on the slopes of Alta, Utah. Julia is a graduate of the University of Vermont and the School for International Training in Kenya. Before graduating, she was an active mentor for the DREAM program. Julia planned, raised funds, and led a two-week adventure trip in the Pacific Northwest for underprivileged students from Vermont. She has also lived and worked in Ecuador. To top it off, Julia is a trained Sushi chef and Wilderness First Responder.

Chris Gibbs - Chris joins us for his **second summer** from Virginia where he just finished his first year as a high school teacher and track coach. He earned a B.S. in Physical Education from Longwood University where he ran varsity track and cross country. For the past four years, Chris has coached Fuqua School's cross-country and outdoor track programs. He was a camp counselor for two summers at North Star Camp, specializing in wilderness travel and rock climbing. Chris is an Eagle Scout and a certified Wilderness First Responder. An avid runner, Chris also enjoys hiking, rock climbing, and sharing stories around a campfire!

Rebekah Giard – Rebekah earned her degree from North Carolina State University and recently served as the Associate Director of Pali Mountain Institute, an experiential science education program. She joins us for her **fourth summer**. She has taught rock climbing and environmental education in North Carolina as well as California. She decided to pursue outdoor education after a memorable Outward Bound course in college. Rebekah is a certified Wilderness First Responder and NAUI Nitrox Scuba Diver. She will be pursuing a master's degree this fall.

Liz Golembeski - Liz is very excited for her **second summer** with Adventure Treks. Liz previously worked at Summit Achievement, a wilderness therapy program in Stowe, ME. She is a graduate of Greenfield Community College's Outdoor Leadership Program and also has a degree in Mass Communications from Boston University. This winter, Liz has been working as a tutor for several families with children learning to live with autism. She is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Nick Gooding – A former A.T. student, Nick joins us for his first summer as an instructor. He is currently studying Philosophy at McGill University. Nick is a graduate of the NOLS "Year in Patagonia" course, where he spent seven months sea kayaking, mountaineering, ice climbing, rock climbing and living in the backcountry of Chile. He was a backcountry trail crew leader for the Vermont's Green Mountain Club and volunteered at an AIDS orphanage in Kenya. Nick is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Karen Grosskreutz - Karen will be joining us for a **sixth summer**. A graduate of Warren Wilson College, Karen has worked as a kayak instructor at Camp Green Cove, led community service trips in Peru, led environmental education programs for Naturalists at Large, and worked as a sea kayak guide in the US Virgin Islands. Karen has also thru-hiked the entire 2,200 miles of the Appalachian Trail and raised money for cancer research in the process. Karen is a certified Dive Master and Wilderness First Responder. She has also traveled through India studying perma-culture and throughout Asia. She is currently a writer living in Portland, OR.

Tim Jansen – Tim joins us for his first summer from Baltimore, MD where he just completed an internship with Outward Bound. Tim has an undergraduate degree in Biology from St. Mary's College and a M.S. in Biotechnology from John's Hopkins University. He was recently a senior lab technician in the Department of Neurology at John's Hopkins Hospital, a head racing team sailing coach in Annapolis, MD and graduated from the National Outdoor Leadership School in Alaska. Tim is a certified Wilderness First Responder and can be found mountain biking or trail running with his new puppy.

MK Jennings – MK joins us from Arlington, VA where she is a high school Math teacher and softball coach. MK earned her Master's of Education from the University of Virginia, where she also supervised UVA's Intramural and Recreation Program. She was awarded the Girl Scouts' Gold Award and is an active volunteer in her community. MK brings a deep passion for teaching and working with kids, and is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Jessie Kaplan - Jessie participated in two Adventure Treks trips as student, and is now excited to be back for her **second summer** as an instructor. Jessie graduated with a B.A. from Colby College where she majored in biology. At Colby, she played varsity soccer, worked in a biology research lab, mentored kids at a local elementary school, and volunteered at the hospital. Her outdoor experience includes graduating

from a NOLS course in the Rockies, leading outdoor orientation trips for Colby freshmen, and spending a semester in New Zealand. She is a certified Wilderness EMT and works at a medical laboratory in Atlanta, GA.

Dave Kelly – Dave is a graduate of Plymouth State University where he won the Outstanding Senior Man Award. Dave joins us for a **fourth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. These days, he can be found ski patrolling at Moonlight Basin in Montana. He has worked in Utah with Second Nature, a wilderness therapy program, and has also led programs for the Hunter School in New Hampshire, Alaska Crossings in southeastern Alaska, and Camp Cayuga in Pennsylvania. Dave is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Adrienne Kirkwood – Adrienne is currently a ski patroller, snowboard instructor, raft guide, volleyball coach and snowmobile guide in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. She looks forward to joining us for her **fifth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. Adrienne graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Natural Resource Management and varsity letters in crew, track, and volleyball. She is a certified CPR Instructor, Lifeguard, Wilderness EMT, and National Ski Patrol Outdoor Emergency Care / Alpine Patroller.

Seth Laffin – Seth returns for his **sixth summer** and has earned three master's degrees. Seth holds Master's Degrees in History, International Affairs, and Education. Seth currently teaches World History at an International School in Taiwan. When not teaching, Seth is in the woods or traveling around the world. His travels include biking across New Zealand, trekking in India and Nepal, mountaineering in Argentina and Chile, and summiting Denali in Alaska. Seth spent seven years at Camp Mondamin, where he ran their famous whitewater canoeing program. Seth is a trained Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician and proficient hiker, marathon runner, and mountain biker.

Rob Laing – Rob is joining us for his **sixth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. He began leading groups in the backcountry while earning his Eagle Scout, then earned his undergraduate degree from Lehigh University, and is currently completing his Master's Degree in Public Health from Portland State College. Rob spent three winters running the Kid's Ranch for Jackson Hole Mountain Resort while also teaching telemark skiing. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and can be found skiing the Cascade volcanoes all year round.

Tom Lamanna – Tom was an Adventure Treks student for two summers and returns to us for a **fifth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. He graduated from Colorado College and a NOLS Rockies semester. Tom was active as a camp counselor, coach, and lead instructor for Colorado College's climbing and mountain biking programs. He has also managed to squeeze in trips to Belize and Chile. He winters in Big Sky Montana, where he is a ski instructor. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and EMT.

Katie MacDiarmid – Katie joins us for her **second year** after working this past fall with our school group programs. Katie has taught outdoor leadership classes with the University of Oregon and spent this past winter traveling in Latin America. She has a BS in Environmental Education and Outdoor Leadership from the University of Oregon, and is a certified Wilderness First Responder. She has taught environmental science through her volunteer work with Americorps and as a crew leader at Youth Corps. She biked from North Carolina to Arizona after working fall school groups, and is also an excellent backpacker, rock climber, and group games player!

Dave McGlashan – Dave (or "DMac" as he is better known) joined us in 2006 for our fall school groups programs, and we're thrilled to have him join us for his **second year**. Originally from Western North Carolina, he has whitewater kayaked all over the country and world. He received a Master's in Recreation from the University of Tennessee and graduated from the National Outdoor Leadership School. He ran the kayaking program at Camp Arrowhead for several years before working as their Program Director. Dave just returned from a year in Southern France, is a certified Wilderness First Responder, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, and ACA Kayak Instructor.

Chrissie Monaghan – Chrissie joined us for four summers as a student, and we're excited to have her for a **third summer** as an instructor. Chrissie graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in History and now is the assistant crew coach at Michigan State University. She was the 2007 NCAA Crew Champion, member of the ACC Crew of the Year, and bronze medalist at the 2005 World Indoor Rowing Championships. She is also a certified Wilderness First Responder and is halfway through a Master's Degree in Kinesiology.

Clayton Peirce – Clayton grew up on a family farm in Kansas, has hiked the entire 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail, and summited both Mt. Kilimanjaro and Denali. He has taught natural history, environmental education, skiing, and chess in one form or another for the past eight years. Clayton earned his degree from Pomona College and followed it with several rock climbing, alpine mountaineering, and rescue courses. He is a Wilderness First Responder, and returns for his **fourth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. Clayton spent the winter of 2006 studying permaculture while traveling in India.

Dave Pete – Dave joins us from Eugene, Oregon where he just completed his degree in Environmental Science from the University of Oregon. He spent the last year studying Marine Biology in Alaska. For the past 3 years, Dave has worked as a field instructor at the Outdoor Science School on the Oregon Coast and as a naturalist at the Wolf Ridge Natural Learning Center in Minnesota. Dave is passionate about science, ecology and playing fantastic games. He is a certified Wilderness EMT and Wilderness First Responder.

Sara Ray - Sara joins us for her first summer from New York City where she is the Client Relations Coordinator for five magazine publications. Sara has been a ski instructor at Steven's Pass in Washington, lived in Central America working with "Teachers for a Better Belize," created

special events at Disney World, and organized athletic events in Seattle, WA. She has also been a camp counselor for Camp Adventure in Germany and Japan. Sara is an avid volunteer with "Girls on the Run" and is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Eric Sanderson – Eric joins us for his **second year**, after working this past fall with our school group programs. Eric has a degree in Outdoor Education from Georgia State College, where he was facilitator for the Outdoor Education Center. Eric was the Program Coordinator for Ultimate Zone and has been a wilderness instructor for Adventures Cross Country. Eric currently leads therapeutic wilderness trips with Blackwater Outdoor Experiences. He is certified as a Wilderness First Responder, Leave No Trace Educator, Open Water Diver, and Swiftwater Rescuer.

Phil Sarnoff – After being away from A.T. for the past 2 years, Phil returns for his **fourth summer**. Phil graduated from Plattsburgh State University with a B.A. in Political Science and has a Master's Degree in Outdoor Education from Aurora University. Phil has been running the Outdoor Recreation program at the University of North Dakota before beginning Utah State University's PhD program this fall. He spent two years in Kazakhstan with the Peace Corps teaching Environmental Education and English and creating an on-going summer camp program. Phil is a certified Wilderness First Responder and a climber, backpacker, and kayaker.

Liz Schale - Liz is returning for her **ninth summer** as a **Regional Director**. She graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in Geography and has been teaching astronomy, marine biology, and environmental science as an outdoor educator for the Desert Sun Science Center, Catalina Island Marine Institute, and Clearwater Organization on the Mystic Whaler, a tall ship. Liz currently lives in Bellingham, WA where she is completing a Master's degree in Environmental Studies. When she has free time, Liz enjoys exploring remote areas in Costa Rica, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and Baja, watching birds and running marathons. Liz is a certified Wilderness EMT.

Chris Scheller – Chris joined Adventure Treks for two years as a student and is back for his **third summer** as an instructor. He graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Environmental Studies and is a graduate of NOLS Semester in the Rockies. Chris caught the mountaineering bug on the slopes of Mt. Shasta during his second trip with Adventure Treks and went on to hone his skills during a 94-day NOLS course. Chris also earned his Wilderness EMT certification, is an avid caver, and plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

Liddell Shannon - Liddell joins us for her **sixth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. She earned a degree in Natural Resources from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She is currently a middle school teacher in Cherokee, NC and is working towards her Master's degree in Education at Western Carolina University. She worked for six summers as the Program Director at Camp Green Cove and as Assistant Director and Summer Camp Program Director at the Green River Preserve. She was an environmental and outdoor instructor for Camp High Rocks and Inside Out and was a sea kayak guide in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She also spent two months trekking in New Zealand. She is a certified Wilderness EMT.

Rebecca Sheff – Becca joins us for her first summer as an instructor after two years as an A.T. student. With a degree in Political Science from Macalester College, Rebecca has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, South America, and the Middle East. Rebecca used the skills she gained as an A.T. student and from a NOLS semester to lead canoeing and backpacking trips for Macalester College's Outing Club. She has spent the past six months working in Senegal. She is a certified Wilderness First Responder, Leave No Trace Trainer and is fluent in French.

Christopher "Buckwheat" Shuler – Christopher returns to Adventure Treks for his **third year**. He spent the last three years teaching at the Westwind Outdoor Science School and working with the Northwest Youth Corps in Oregon. Christopher studied at the Wild Rockies Field Institute and earned his degree in Environmental Science from the University of Oregon. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder, a talented musician, and self-proclaimed "Master" of the "Hey cow!" game. He also just returned from traveling all winter in Latin America, after biking from North Carolina to Arizona at the end of fall school group season.

Bill Stadwiser – Bill earned a double-major in History and Education from the University of Iowa. He was also awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Germany. He was a teacher at the Field School in Washington, D.C. Bill has worked with teens as a track coach, in a wilderness therapy program, volunteering at a Muscular Dystrophy camp, and with a Big Brother-Big Sister program. Bill is here for his **third summer** as an instructor. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and currently lives in Bozeman, MT as an editor for an outdoor magazine.

Lee Stevens – Lee joins us for his first summer from Nashville, TN, where he is working on his PhD in Psychology at Tennessee State University. He also holds an MS in Counseling from the University at Albany. Lee currently teaches Psychology at Tennessee State University. He was previously an instructor at the Desert Sun Science Center, a naturalist at the Ferry Beach Ecology School in Maine, and a comedian in Albany, NY. Lee is a certified Wilderness First Responder and brings an enormous amount of experience and passion for working with young people.

Bridget Tanner – Bridget is a graduate of Colorado College and the School for International Training in Ecuador. Bridget returns for her **fourth summer**. She is currently the Director of Bridger Bowl's Adaptive Ski Program in Bozeman, MT and has also worked as an Adaptive Ski Instructor in Park City, Utah. Bridget worked with teens through Outback Therapeutic Expeditions and taught a variety of skills at Camp Sturtevant. She spent a winter traveling through the Andes, working on organic farms and learning Spanish. She is also a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Scott Thomas – Scott earned his B.S. from Western Carolina University in Parks and Recreation Management. He has completed a southbound thru hike of the entire 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail and is now volunteering his time to maintain six miles of the trail in North Carolina. He is our resident gear expert, having spent six years as a sales associate and clinic presenter at REI. Scott worked with the Nantahala Outdoor Center for three years as their lead mountain bike and challenge course instructor. He is an avid whitewater enthusiast, a certified Wilderness First Responder and Leave No Trace Trainer. He will be joining us for his **second summer**.

Chris Willauer - Chris spent two years in the Republic of Kiribati working for the Peace Corps. He returned to earn his Master's of Educational Technology from Wright State University. He is currently a technology and digital film teacher at Air Academy in Colorado Springs. His interest in the outdoors led him to graduate from both the North Carolina and Colorado Outward Bound schools. Chris joins us for his **ninth summer** as a **Regional Director**. Chris is a Wilderness First Responder, strong backpacker, skier, scuba diver, mountain biker, wrestler, and yoga instructor. Chris has done an excellent job creating the Adventure Treks DVD the past six years and will be shooting more footage this summer.

CC Williams – CC just received his master's degree from Frostburg State University in Maryland, and we are pleased to have him join us for his first summer. CC has worked with the American Canoe Association as Logistics Coordinator, as a ski instructor, has taught recreation courses at Frostburg Univ., and is a Trip Leader for Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI). He is certified in Swiftwater Rescue, High Ropes Rescue, as a Wilderness First Responder, ACA Whitewater Kayaking Instructor and Lifeguard.

Christine Wrubleski – Christine holds a degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Richmond, where she was also the captain of the women's varsity soccer team. Christine spent last summer studying glaciers and climate change in Patagonia in Chile, and was also working on a plan to make the University of Richmond carbon neutral. Christine is a dedicated volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and as a soccer coach. She has traveled extensively in Costa Rica, South America, Canada, and 8 countries in Europe. Christine is a certified Wilderness First Responder and we are excited to have her join us for her first summer.