

***** OUR 2010 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF *****

John Dockendorf - As our **Director**, John (“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. 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 team builder 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, and mountaineer. He is the Chair of two School Boards, and the outdoor instructor for his children Audrey, Ella, Ava Rees, and Charlie.

Stephen Gardiner - Stephen is back for his **eighth summer as a Regional Director**; he is a graduate of Lewis and Clark College, spent 10 years as a Site Supervisor for the Northwest Outdoor Science School. He is currently getting his MAT and Teaching certification from OSU. Stephen spent two summers leading trips in Hawaii for Longacre Expeditions prior to joining us. When he is not in the field, Stephen can be found surfing the Oregon coast, whitewater rafting with friends, or working with Special Education students in Portland. He is a Wilderness First Responder and Swiftwater Rescue Technician.

Niki Gaeta – This is Niki’s **fifth year as a Regional Director**. 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 trips in remote British Columbia and in Idaho’s Sawtooth Mountains, climbed Mt. Rainier, and traveled in Costa Rica, Mexico, and Peru. She is a Wilderness First Responder, Leave No Trace Trainer, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, and organic farmer. When not at Adventure Treks, Niki can be found living in Salt Lake City working as a school counselor, practicing yoga, climbing, paddling, or hiking.

Kyndra Luce – This is Kyndra’s **fifth year** as our full-time **Program Director**. Kyndra earned her Master’s Degree in Recreation Administration and certificate for Management of Non-Profit Organizations from the University of Georgia. She also brings several years of outdoor experience including working with teens in a variety of outdoor programs. She and her husband, Bryan, hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in 2003 and they recently cycled 500 miles across North Carolina. Kyndra is a certified Wilderness First Responder, open water diver, and triathlete. Kyndra and Bryan welcomed their first child, Grayson, into the world this spring.

Dave “Dmac” McGlashan –Originally from Western North Carolina, Dmac has whitewater kayaked and climbed all over the country and world and we’re thrilled to have him join us for a his **fourth year** as a **Trip Leader and as our Educational programs director**. He received a Master’s in Recreation from the University of Tennessee and graduated from the National Outdoor Leadership School. He ran the kayaking and climbing program at Camp Arrowhead for several years before working as their Program Director. Dave has lived in Southern France and Fiji, is a certified Wilderness First Responder, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, and American Canoe Association Kayak Instructor.

Holly Robinson joined us in 2003 as an Instructor and is currently our **Marketing Director**. Holly graduated from Salem College with a degree in design. Her outdoor experience and accomplishments include: sea kayaking guide on Tybee Island, Georgia, and Rafting Guide in Montana. Holly supported a Thru Bike on the Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian Trail Thru Hike. She is a key organizer in the Pisgah Mountain Bike Stage Race. Holly spends her free time mountain biking and snow skiing with her husband, Rodney, and child, Walker.

Liz Schale - Liz returns for her **tenth summer as a support staff and our sea kayak guide in WA**. Liz has completed a Master’s Degree in Environmental Studies from Western Washington University and is a certified Wilderness EMT. 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. When she has free time, Liz enjoys exploring remote areas in Costa Rica, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, Baja, and most recently Patagonia in Chile.

***** INTRODUCING OUR 2010 FIELD INSTRUCTORS *****

Deena Aly - Deena hails from the great state of New York where she earned a degree in Biology from Vassar College and worked for Atlantis Marine World, an Aquarium on Long Island. Deena is currently a Marine Science Instructor on Catalina Island, CA, introducing students to the kelp forests of the Pacific. She has been a Trip Leader in Victoria, Australia, a sea kayak guide in Western Australia, and she has also worked as an outdoor educator on Grand Manan Island, Canada and Orcas Island, Washington. Deena is a Wilderness First Responder, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, Lifeguard and a certified NAUI diver.

Tonya Ansel - Tonya has a degree in Ecology from Minnesota State, Mankato is currently pursuing her Masters Degree in Experiential Education at Minnesota State. She has snowboarded the Swiss Alps and has taught snowboarding in Vail, CO. She has also been PADI SCUBA assistant, NAUI skin diving instructor, a wind surfing instructor and sea kayak trip leader. She has represented the USA on rugby tours in the Bahamas, and New Zealand. She is a Wilderness First Responder and a NAUI rescue diver.

Bob Bailey - Bob hails from rural Waldo, Ohio and joins A.T. for his **second year** as an instructor. Bob has been a Program Director for Inside Out, in Flat Rock, NC, for three years, and has been working with students all across the country for the past thirteen years. His most recent adventure was capturing virtual reality footage for science centers, zoos and aquariums all across the U.S. and processing it for MapQuest. When not on the trail, Bob can be found cooking, dancing, disc golfing or searching for the perfect swimming hole. Bob is a Wilderness First Responder and will begin his studies in Radiology this next fall in Asheville, NC.

Emily Baker - Originally from Colorado, Emily has spent the last four years at Whitman College studying geology and exploring the intermountain west. She loves rivers, and has led rafting trips on the Colorado, Arkansas, Clear Creek, Green, Snake, and Salmon Rivers, including a Whitman freshman orientation trip and a River Guide Leadership course. She loves whitewater in the winter as well (when it falls as snow) and is the founder of Whitman's Backcountry Ski Club. Last fall, she spent 3 months trekking in Northern India, teaching English to Tibetan refugees. She holds current Wilderness First Responder and Avalanche-1 certifications.

Hobbes Barber - Hobbes earned a degree in Zoology from Western Washington University, and is a certified Wilderness First Responder. Hobbes is a world traveler, most recently returning from Guyana where he volunteered at Iwokrama eco lodge. Hobbes spent seven years volunteering for Sardis Raptor Center, rehabilitating birds and educating people about birds of prey, eventually becoming a golden eagle trainer. In the spring and fall, Hobbes is an outdoor educator for the Appalachian Mountain Club in NH. He enjoys snowboarding, rock climbing, hiking and most anything found in nature, except ticks.

Peter Bassinger – Originally from Anchorage, Alaska, Pete has a degree in History from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and is currently working on a Masters in Teaching from the University of Alaska, Southeast. Pete is an avid skier and mountain biker. He has ridden and raced all over the US including the full 2,600 miles of the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route and the across Alaska on the Iditarod Trail. Pete has spent the last few years as a mountain bike guide, Nordic ski instructor and bicycle mechanic and is a Wilderness First Responder. He is biking from Anchorage to Portland for A.T. instructor orientation this summer!

Andy Bleckinger – Andy joins us for his **third year** as an instructor. Andy earned a degree in Environmental Studies from Southern Oregon University and spent the winter as a ski instructor in Winter Park, CO. This fall he coordinated all of the food and delicious menus for our school programs here in North Carolina. He has led biking trips in New England and traveled throughout Central America. Andy is a certified Wilderness First Responder and frog/amphibian expert.

Daniel Bleckinger – Daniel rejoins us for his **third year** after spending last summer on the mountain bike patrol in Winter Park, CO. He earned his B.S. in Biology from Portland State University and has spent time teaching outdoor science in several states. Daniel has traveled through South East Asia, Central America, and Europe, and has ridden his bike throughout Mexico and across the entire US. He is also a SCUBA Divemaster, ski instructor, and a fire performer. Daniel is trained as a Wilderness First Responder and in Outdoor Emergency Care.

Andy Bond – A former Adventure Treks student, Andy joins us for his **second year** as an instructor. He graduated from Colorado College with BA in Sociology. When he's not leading trips for A.T., Andy mountain guides on Rainier,

Denali, and the North Cascades for Rainier Mountaineering Inc. He has climbed in Nepal and has summited Denali 3 times. Andy's is a former ski patroller at Taos, New Mexico, and spent this winter in British Columbia skiing and climbing. Andy is a Nationally Registered EMT who has traveled all over North America and Mongolia taking photographs and studying avalanches.

Anna Booth - Anna is excited to be joining us for her first summer as an instructor. She brings several years experience working with teens in wilderness settings. She graduated in 2006 with a degree in outdoor leadership from John Brown University and studied abroad for a semester in Fiji. She loves to ski, climb alpine peaks in Colorado and recently rafted the Grand Canyon. She is a certified Avalanche Level 1 and Wilderness First Responder.

Sebastian Brundage – “Seabass,” as he is better known, joins us for his **fourth summer**. He graduated from Portland State University with a degree in Communication Studies, and is currently pursuing a Masters in Renewable Energy Technology from Appalachian State University. Seabass is a professional globe trotter, traveling throughout Southeast Asia, Japan, Central America, and most recently teaching English in Argentina. He has participated in extended backcountry trips with the Northwest Mountain School and is a certified Wilderness First Responder and PADI-certified Scuba Diver.

Sam Carlson - Sam was an AT student for two summers and joins us for his **fourth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. He completed his undergraduate degree in Communication Studies from the University of Puget Sound (UPS). He is currently enrolled in a Master's of Education program at Western Washington. Sam has worked as a hotel receptionist in the Chilean Andes and course manager for the International Film and Television Workshops. Sam is an avid backcountry skier; earning his Avalanche Level I & II certifications and ski touring all over the Canadian Coastal Range, Vermont and the Washington Cascades. Sam is also a Wilderness First Responder and mountain biker.

Amanda Cencak – Amanda has a degree in Parks and Recreation from Northern Arizona University and will begin a Master's Degree in Professional Counseling at Westminster this fall. She 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 AAVE. She is joining us for her **fifth summer** as a **Trip Leader**. Amanda has also worked as a senior member of the fall school group staff and full time in the A.T. office. In her spare time, she has been a rodeo queen, worked as a horse trainer, artisan baker, traveled and studied Spanish in Guatemala and Peru and worked on an educational farm where she raised baby goats.

Marcus Courtney – A former 3-year student with Adventure Treks, Marcus graduated from The University of Georgia with a degree in Political Science. He has completed a NOLS semester course in Patagonia. Marcus has been a lifelong backpacker, sailor, mountaineer, and sea- kayaker. He is a Wilderness First Responder and PADI Open Water diver.

Andy Farley – Originally from Wyoming, Andy joins us for a **second summer** from Bellingham, WA, where he is finishing his degree in Education from Western Washington University. Andy has led trips for Odyssey Wilderness, where he also developed Leave No Trace instructor curriculum. He is an avid rock climber and is passionate about sharing his love of the outdoors with others. Andy is certified in Level 1 Avalanche, is a Wilderness EMT and Leave No Trace Master Trainer.

Allegra Fisher - Originally from Vermont, Allegra joins us for her **second year** from Zuni, New Mexico. She just finished two years teaching high school science with Teach for America after graduating from Harvard University with an honors degree in Ecology. During college, she worked as a trip leader for the First-Year Outdoor Program, studied and traveled in Nepal, and was a ropes course and rock climbing instructor for Camp Walt Whitman. She is a Wilderness First Responder and PADI open-water scuba diver, and earned her Avalanche Level I certification this past winter. Allegra loves to telemark ski and mountain bike.

Dan Flynn – Dan joins us for his **sixth 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, and has been a Wilderness EMT for ten years. As a lead instructor for Wilderness Medical Associates, Dan teaches wilderness medicine to outdoor professionals. Dan also ran the Outdoor Living Skills program for the Farm & Wilderness Camps in Vermont, managed a lodge for the Green Mountain Club, and is

a Leave No Trace trainer. His current projects include climbing and skiing California's 14,000' peaks and training his Golden Retriever, Sammy, to be the best backcountry skiing dog ever.

Jimmy Forbes –After graduating from the University of Georgia with a degree in English, Jimmy spent a year guiding trips with UGA's Outdoor Programs. He is a graduate of the NOLS Pacific Northwest Outdoor Educator course, and the NOLS Instructor Course. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and Leave No Trace Trainer. In his free time, Jimmy is an avid sailor and rock climber.

Shauna Foster- A New York native, Shauna was raised in a family that spent time rock and ice climbing, rappelling, mountain biking, horseback riding, caving, kayaking, and backpacking regularly. Shauna hasn't deviated from her roots; she has been outdoor leader working for Outward Bound, the YMCA, Adventures in Reality, Columbia Greene Community College, and SUNY Potsdam. She is a graduate of SUNY Potsdam with a degree in Environmental Studies and Outdoor Education in Leadership and Adventure Education. She has also volunteered with the Student Conservation Association maintaining portions the Appalachian Trail, Yellowstone's Thorofare Region, and the Grand Canyon's diverse trail network. She is a certified Leave No Trace Trainer, Leave No Trace Master Educator, SUNDANCE Rappel Tower, Lifeguard, Rescue Level Ropes Course and Wilderness First Responder.

Chris Gibbs –Chris joins us for his **third summer** from Taichung, Taiwan where he teaches physical education at an international boarding school. He graduated from Longwood University in VA where he earned his BS in physical education with a minor in coaching and he ran their cross-country team. While in Asia, Chris has trekked twice in the Himalayas, been whitewater kayaking and scuba diving in Thailand, and completed the Ironman Triathlon in China. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and cannot wait to spend another summer with Adventure Treks!

Josh Goldbach – Josh holds a degree in Psychology from Eckerd College and also graduated from NOLS' Rocky Mountain Outdoor Educator semester. He spent the past year working as a teacher for Nature's Classroom in New England. Josh has led a fifty day trip through the Western US and Canada for Camp Thunderbird. He is an avid telemark skier, rock climber, and backpacker. Josh is a Leave No Trace Master Educator, a lifeguard, and a certified Wilderness EMT.

Liz Golembeski - Liz is very excited for her **fourth summer as a Trip Leader** 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. Liz currently lives Flat Rock, NC where she is working with children with Autism, Teaching a Social Skills class and working part-time in the Adventure Treks office. Liz is also the Program Director for Camp Blue Skies, a weeklong residential camp for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities. She is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Emmy Griffin - Emmy is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Asheville where she double majored in International Studies and Spanish. She led backpacking, climbing, rafting, sea kayaking, and even yoga trips for students and faculty through the University Outdoor Recreation Program for four years. Since her graduation, Emmy has worked for A.T.'s school programs and also put her Spanish and International Studies to use working for small development and education organizations in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Right now she is working in North Carolina as a bilingual social worker for kids with behavioral health disorders. She ran her first marathon this year, and looks forward to her **third year** as an A.T. instructor.

Elsbeth Hamilton – Elsbeth earned a degree in Environmental Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She has worked at SUWS of the Carolinas and for the Outdoor Academy, both located in the Appalachian mountains in Western North Carolina. She has led backpacking and climbing trips in the Sierra Nevadas in California for Summit Adventure, taught environmental science in the Redwoods in Santa Cruz and currently works as a field instructor for the Yosemite Institute teaching science and life skills in a wilderness setting. In her spare time Elsbeth enjoys rock-climbing, running, biking, reading, and playing the fiddle.

Jessie Hanna – Jessie graduated from the University of Georgia where she earned her B.S. in Biology and her Montessori Teacher Certification. She currently teaches 4th grade at a Montessori School in Portland. She joins us for her **sixth summer**. She has led Geology field trips for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, taught at the NWRESO Outdoor Science School in Oregon, was an educator at YMCA Camp Erdman in Hawaii, taught at the

Chattahoochee Nature Center as well as the Wahsega 4-H Center in Georgia. Jessie is a certified Wilderness First Responder and enjoys hiking and surfing.

Evan Huggins - Evan lives in San Francisco, CA where he works with a foundation that funds programs in environmental art and education. He is an ardent cyclist and teaches bicycle maintenance at a local bike cooperative each week. Evan studied English literature and art at The Colorado College, while leading backcountry trips in the Rocky Mountains and Utah's canyon country. He is a passionate outdoorsman, rock climber, snowboarder, and surfer and has traveled extensively all over the world. In 2008 Evan lived and worked in Argentina, where he planned and executed two extended climbing trips in Andean Patagonia. Evan is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Nathaniel Humphreys – Nathaniel hails from Asheville, NC and joins us for his **second year** as an instructor. He was a 5-year A.T. student, completed a research project with the C.L.I.M.B.E. program at Montreat, and thru-hiked the 270 mile Long Trail in Vermont. Nathaniel is a classical singer with six years of training, an avid reader, and a certified Wilderness First Responder. He is currently attending St. John's College in the high-altitude desert mountains of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Carolyn Jackson – A 4-year A.T. student, Carolyn spent the winter interning for NBC's TODAY Show at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, she is back in Corvallis, Oregon completing on her degree in Geography from Oregon State University. Carolyn is an avid hiker and runner, finishing two half marathons this past year. She is also a Wilderness First Responder.

Jessie Kaplan - As a student, Jessie joined us for the California Challenge and Alaska Expedition. She is excited to be back for her **fourth summer as a Trip Leader**. Jessie majored in biology at Colby College, where she also played soccer, worked in an immunology research lab, and led outdoor orientation trips for freshmen. She graduated from a NOLS course in the Rockies and spent a semester backpacking around New Zealand. Most recently, Jessie lived in a rural village in Nepal for 8 months while volunteering with Student Partnerships Worldwide. Jessie is a Wilderness First Responder.

Talley Kayser - Talley has worked as a youth outdoor educator over the past three years – most recently in Zermatt, Switzerland, where she taught high school English and led daily hiking and climbing excursions in the Alps. Her educational background includes a B.A. in English from Furman University, a minor in environmental science, and a Wilderness First Responder certification. Talley is an avid reader, an experienced traveler, and a very enthusiastic swing dancer. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Literature and the Environment at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dave Kelly - Dave lives in Salt Lake City where he works as a ski patroller with Solitude Mountain Resort. This is his **fifth year as a Trip Leader** with Adventure Treks. Dave graduated from Plymouth State University in New Hampshire with a degree in Outdoor Recreation and Literature. Since graduation Dave has lived all over the United States working with various outdoor organizations including the National Outdoor Leadership School, the Brighton, UT ski patrol and the Appalachian Mountain Club. He enjoys spending time backcountry skiing and climbing in Utah. Dave holds current certifications and licenses as a Wilderness First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, CPR, Leave No Trace Master Educator, and Avalanche III.

Kaitlin Kelly-Reif – Kaitlyn hails from Sacramento, California and holds a Bachelors of Environmental Science from UCLA. She has guided backpacking, paddling, and climbing trips for UCLA students, worked for Angeles National Forest, studied Spanish in Barcelona, and interned in the US Senate. Kaitlin is looking forward to traveling from Egypt to South Africa this fall and winter. She plans to go to graduate school in Biology, and loves spending time in the outdoors.

Adrienne Kirkwood - Adrienne Kirkwood is returning for her **sixth summer as a Trip Leader**. Adrienne currently works at Snow King Mountain in Jackson Hole, WY where she is the Director of Snow King's Volunteer Ski Patrol. During the summer she is also a guide for Jackson Hole Whitewater on the Snake River. Adrienne is a certified Outdoor Emergency Care Technician and Instructor. Adrienne graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Natural Resource Management/Parks and Recreation from the University of Kansas and has letters from three different varsity collegiate sports: rowing, track and volleyball. Adrienne can usually be found either in the mountains, skiing, snowboarding, and trekking, or floating on the rivers in and around Jackson Hole.

Derek Leuzzi - A Seattle local, Derek graduated from the University of Puget Sound where he studied International Political Economics, focusing on human rights. Derek worked for the university as the rock climbing coordinator, taught outdoor leadership courses, and has skied, climbed, and hiked throughout the Cascades. Derek has also taught and skied through the Pacific Northwest and in La Grave, France. He is currently attending Gonzaga University School of Law, working in their environmental law clinic, and acting as Vice President of the Environmental Law Caucus. Derek is a Wilderness First Responder and believes the best outdoors in the world are in his own backyard.

John Lilly – John joins us for his **second summer** from Spokane, WA where he is completing a degree in Nursing from Gonzaga. John has ski patrolled at the Yellowstone Club in Big Sky, MT, worked as a ski instructor and as a facilitator of a high ropes course for Camp Sweyolakan in Idaho. He is the volunteer coordinator for the Alpine Safety Awareness Program in Spokane and is a trip coordinator and co-director for Gonzaga University's Outdoors Program. John is a certified EMT, graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School, and Avalanche level 1 certified.

Katie Macdiarmid - Katie has a BS in Environmental Science from the University of Oregon and is currently teaching middle school science, art, and music at a bilingual school in Honduras. She has led outdoor programs on the Oregon coast and at Whiskeytown Environmental School in California, where she also designed and led a backpacking program for low-income teens. Katie has led backpacking, climbing, rafting, and rescue courses for the University of Oregon and the City of Eugene Outdoor Program. She has traveled throughout the U.S. and Central America, biked from North Carolina to Arizona, run a marathon, and generally spent as much time outside as possible. After working mostly indoors this year, Katie is excited to return this summer for her **third year** with Adventure Treks.

Cait Mates – After 3 years as an Adventure Treks student, Cait now joins us for her **third year** as an instructor. Cait has a degree in Creative Writing from Eckerd College and has spent the past two winters teaching snowboarding in Vail, Colorado. Cait has volunteered and traveled in Central America, India, and New Zealand and most recently taught English to elementary students in Peru. Cait is a certified Wilderness First Responder and enjoys hula hooping and surfing in her free time.

Chrissie Monaghan – Chrissie joined us for four summers as a student and has worked as the Marketing Director for Adventure Treks. We're excited to have her for a **fifth summer** as an instructor. She spent the last year teaching in Africa for the Traveling School. Chrissie graduated with Distinction from the University of Virginia with a degree in History. She currently serves as an assistant crew coach at the University of Virginia. While at the University of Virginia, Chrissie was a member of boats that won the NCAA Division I National Championships in 2005 and 2007. Chrissie recently completed her first Ironman Triathlon and is an avid road cyclist and runner. She is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Lu Neuse - Lu joins us from Burlington, VT, where she spent the year working with children with emotional and behavioral challenges. She is excited to return for her **third summer** as an instructor. Lu has a B.A. in Anthropology at Dartmouth College, where she was a founding member of the DREAM mentoring program and led trips for the Outing Club. She has worked as Operations Director for Camp DREAM, taught forestry at the Farm School, and recently completed her Masters in Elementary Education. She is a marathon runner, cyclist, and a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Luke Paulsen - Luke joins us from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he is currently finishing a Master's in School Counseling from the University of North Carolina. Luke has been an 8th grade special education teacher in Brooklyn, New York, and has traveled to Central and South America on several different occasions, and has completed the Wilderness Youth Leadership Course at Outward Bound in Minnesota. He is a Wilderness First Responder and a PADI-certified Scuba Diver.

Dave Pete – Joining us for his **third summer**, Dave just returned from Ecuador where he spent the spring studying Tropical Biology, Spanish and climbing mountains. He holds a degree in General Science from the University of Oregon and spent a year studying Marine Biology in Alaska. Dave has worked as a field instructor at an outdoor science school on the Oregon Coast and as a naturalist at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Minnesota. He is often found skiing and climbing in the Oregon Cascades and loves everything about Adventure Treks. He is a certified EMT and Wilderness First Responder.

Clayton Peirce – Clayton grew up on a family farm in Kansas, before leaving the flatlands behind to earn his Psychology degree from Pomona College. After working in Alaska, he taught several seasons of environmental education and was inspired to hike the entire 2,600-mile Pacific Crest Trail. Clayton has summited Kilimanjaro, Aconcagua, and Denali. He now lives with his unicycle in Portland, Oregon and pursues climbing of all types, especially alpine routes in the Cascades. Last winter he climbed in Ouray, Colorado and Indian Creek, Utah and enjoyed a 21-day rafting trip of the Grand Canyon. Clayton patiently awaits his first Himalayan climbing invitation. He is a Wilderness First Responder and returns for his **sixth year as a Trip Leader**.

Ellie Piper – Ellie joins us from Sunny Southern California, where she has been working with Naturalist at Large. She graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Cell Biology and Ecology. She spent the past winter teaching skiing and ski racing at Jackson Hole. She has driven WWII Duck Boats in Seattle, where she also went to comedy school. Ellie loves to ski, travel in the outdoors, and is a Wilderness First Responder.

Valerie Pufahl - Valerie grew up on 80 acres of Kansas farmland, earned a degree in Community Recreation & Outdoor Education and completed a semester program at the Castle Rock Institute. For the last four years, she has been teaching and working outdoors with the Portland Waldorf High School in Portland, Oregon. Valerie has also worked as a whitewater guide and as a teacher of many subjects, from Letterpress printing to primitive skills. She is an avid cyclist, kayaker, and surfer. Valerie is a certified Wilderness First Responder, a Waldorf-trained Movement Educator, and continues to work on her handstands.

Allison Qubain - Alli graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a degree in Biology and minors in Spanish and Environmental Studies. She spent a semester in Ecuador where she studied ecology and conservation, swam with sea lions in the Galapagos Islands, conducted a biological study in a small fishing village, and embraced the challenges of the Spanish language. Last summer she hiked across the Pyrenees from Spain to France with her sister. Alli is passionate about horse packing and backcountry skiing, and is a certified Wilderness-EMT.

Dana Rivkin - Originally from the Twin Cities, Dana grew up enjoying the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Northern Minnesota. Since then, she earned a degree in International Relations From American University and in Spanish language and politics from Universidad Diego Portales, in Chile. Her travels have taken her to a variety of Latin American countries, as well as Maine, Alaska, and Europe. Dana worked for Student Conservation Association as a desert restoration crew member, an outdoor educator and trail work instructor for students. Her passions for yoga, rock climbing, backpacking and exploring the beautiful Pacific Northwest landscape keep her busy. Dana is a Leave No Trace trainer, PADI certified scuba diver, and Wilderness First Responder.

Tracy Roberts – Tracy joins us for her **third summer as a trip leader** after spending the last 7 months traveling throughout Asia and Africa. Tracy graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula with a degree in Health and Human Performance and completed a NOLS semester in the Yukon Territory. Tracy has worked with teenagers as a wilderness therapy instructor for SUWS of the Carolinas, Trails Carolina, and as a Rehab Aide for 2 years at the Teen Recovery Center in Missoula. Tracy has trekked in Nepal, biked the 3,300 Lewis and Clark Trail, volunteered in Sri Lanka and Kenya, and has traveled extensively in Europe, Central America, and Asia. Tracy is a certified Wilderness EMT.

Emily Rolando – A three-year A.T. student, Emily joins us for her **second summer** as an instructor. Most recently, Emily worked for Open Sky as a field guide. Prior to this she graduated from Prescott College with a degree in Psychology and an emphasis in Wilderness Leadership and Outdoor Programming. She also spent 11 months studying, backpacking, and working in New Zealand, has thru-hiked the Long Trail and run several half-marathons. Emily is a certified Wilderness EMT.

Amber Rudeen - Amber joins us from Keystone, Colorado where she taught environmental education the past four years as the Logistics Director of the Keystone Science School. She has a degree in Environmental Science from the University of Idaho and is a certified Wilderness First Responder. She led trail crews and worked in Rocky Mountain National Park for five summers, explored Europe and canoed the Boundary Waters. In the fall she will be joining the Yosemite Institute as a Program Instructor.

Neil Rudis – Originally from Chicago, Neil holds a degree in History from Northern Illinois University where he was captain of the school's Ultimate Frisbee Team. He also spent a year at Southern Cross University, Australia where he studied Outdoor Education and Aboriginal Studies and surfed the East Coast. Neil coaches his climbing gym's

youth climbing team. He is a graduate of the NOLS outdoor educator semester and is a certified Top-Rope Site Manager, Leave No Trace Master, Wilderness First Responder, and EMT. His passion lies in surfing, climbing, and backpacking, which has taken him to almost every state in the country.

Kate Rutecki - Kate has spent the last two years living in Utah as a senior instructor for at Second Nature Wilderness Program. Kate has also been the head girls' counselor and ropes course instructor at camps in California and Maine and has led youth backpacking and hiking trips in Yosemite. As a student at James Madison University in Virginia, she worked for the adventure program as a climbing wall instructor and trip leader in the Blue Ridge Mountains. She has also facilitated team-building and ropes course activities for youth in the Bahamas and Virginia. Kate received her degree in Media Arts and Design and is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Kai Schwartz – A four-year A.T. student, Kai joins us for her **second year**. She graduated from Colorado College where she was a student trip leader. Kai lives in Santa Fe where she works as a political consultant. She has worked as a canoe instructor in both Alaska and Wisconsin. She also spent time in Ecuador working with a human rights group, and in the United States working for environmental and political advocacy groups. Kai is a certified Wilderness First Responder who enjoys hiking and snorkeling.

Liddell Shannon - Liddell joins us for her **eighth 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 has earned her Master's degree in Teaching at Western Carolina University. She worked for six summers as the Program Director at Camp Green Cove and as Assistant 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. When she has free time, Liddell enjoys international travel to places such as Costa Rica, Mexico, Scotland, New Zealand, Chile, Jamaica, and most recently Thailand and Laos. She is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Christopher “Buckwheat” Shuler –Christopher returns to Adventure Treks for his **fifth season**. In addition to being a certified snowboard and ski instructor he has worked with many outdoor educational organizations such as the Westwind Outdoor Science School, the Northwest Youth Corps and with Wingate in Utah. 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 a self-proclaimed “Master” of the “Hey cow!” game. He has cycled from North Carolina to Arizona, around the Big Island of Hawaii, and is currently teaching middle school science at a bilingual school in Western Honduras.

Corey Steben – Corey holds a degree in Political Science from Boston University and is also a graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School. Corey previously worked as for SUWS of the Carolinas as a senior field instructor and a wilderness instructor for Trails Carolina, where he has helped design and implement treatment goals for teens. He has traveled extensively in Central and South America and has backpacked and climbed across Ireland, Scotland and Wales. He spent the last seven month traveling in Asia and Africa. Corey is currently Cory is a certified Wilderness First Responder and we are excited to have him join us for a **second summer**.

Alex Stigliano – Alex began working with Adventure Treks in 2005 and is returning for his **fifth year as Trip Leader**. He is a graduate of Carson Newman College, where he put his writing skills to work creating, publishing, and distributing *The Tail Feather*, an independent student newspaper. Alex also worked as a freelance writer for the Metro Pulse in Knoxville, TN. Between writing assignments, Alex has led educational trips with the American Youth Foundation, Inside Out, and Camp High Rocks. Alex has also taught ninth grade English in Chesapeake, Virginia. Alex is an active climber, backpacker, Wilderness First Responder and all-around bon vivant. He is currently working as a sea kayak guide in the US Virgin Islands.

Carter Timbel – Carter joins us for his **second summer** as an instructor, and he was a three-year Adventure Treks student, where he attended Leadership Summit. He is a certified US Sailing Small Boat Instructor, Wilderness First Responder, and PADI Open Water Diver. Carter has volunteered as an English and Math teacher at an understaffed school in Accra, Ghana. He is an avid skier, road cyclist and fly-fisherman, and just returned from a trip to Bhutan. Carter attends Whitman College, and spent this semester in Scotland, Spain, and Morocco studying Geology.

Brandon Tyrell - Brandon joins us from the Bay Area, CA. During the Fall and Spring he is a field staff and a climbing site manager for the Boojum Institute for Experimental Education. This fall he will earn his degree from

Prescott College in Adventure Education. Brandon has completed an Outward Bound Leadership semester and a nine-month leadership training course with the University of Santa Barbara Adventure Programs as well. When not found in the outdoors Brandon works for the University of California Riverside Outdoor Excursions helping others get involved in the beautiful outdoors of Southern California. Brandon is certified in Wilderness First Responder.

Rayna Weiss – Rayna is a graduate of the University of Denver with a degree in Communications. Rayna also graduated from NOLS' Pacific Northwest Outdoor Educator course, and then spent a year as a Marketing Representative for NOLS traveling around the US by bus. She recently created a non-profit to raise money for environmental causes while cycling across South America. She was a trail crew leader for the Northwest Service Academy. She has traveled extensively in Chile, is a Leave No Trace Trainer and Wilderness First Responder. We are excited to have her join us for her **second summer**.

Janeen Williams- Janeen is excited to join us for her first summer as an instructor. She graduated from Northland College with a degree in Outdoor Education and Natural History, after which she became an intern with Outward Bound. She now works for Camp Widjiwagan teaching outdoor education. She has led trail crews in Southern California with the SCA and worked for the US Forest Service in the Boundary Waters. Janeen is a Wilderness First Responder and a Leave No Trace Trainer.