

BENJAMIN PAQUETTE

New York State Parks Safety Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Current goal in securing permanent employment in NYS Parks utilizing my extensive experience in Media and digital design concepts. I am passionate about increasing the efficiency and efficacy of our bureaus programs, our visitors safety at New York State Parks, and my own breadth of knowledge.

Highly creative and challenge seeking multimedia content creator that enjoys a wide variety of work. I have experience in developing training materials from video projects to posters.

This can be utilized for promotional content, training, and accessibility purposes. I pride myself on my collaborative, interpersonal skills, and creative vision. My main interests are in the digital arts, education, safety, and nature.

EDUCATION

Canisius University Buffalo, New York

Digital Media Arts Major (B.S.)

- **Coursework:** 2D/3D Graphics; Video Production; Web Design & Development; Digital Media Law; Introduction to Philosophy; World Religious Studies; Social Media Production; Music Technology; Digital Design Concepts; Typography; Computer Science
- **Athletics:** NCAA Division I Swimming

Finger Lakes Community College Canandaigua, New York

Additional Education/Credits

- **Coursework:** FYE in Conservation; Law: Protection/Use - Water & Land; Law: Mgmt Air, Waste, Hazmat; Intro to Wildlife and Fish

EXPERIENCE

Safety Coordinator

*NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation - Safety Bureau
October 2023 - Current*

- Assisting coordinating and developing new trainings including implementing new methods of tracking training records/certificates
- Assisting RSM in budgeting, purchasing, and record keeping
- Creating safety signage within state guidelines
- Developing and building upon various trainings and ensuring all materials are in line with current industry trends & NYS regulations
- Instructor: Conflict Management, UTV Training, Risk Tree Assessment, and more
- Utilizing post-training survey tools to implement student feedback in future courses
- Quickly editing field footage on tight deadlines & promoting accessibility for all staff through features such as closed captioning
- Editing video, audio, and graphics to utilize within projects
- Collaborating with other regional offices to present agency training materials and media content
- Coordinating the implementation and design of online safety training records tool
- Computer, video, audio, and studio equipment familiarity
- Generating Training/Certification Cards for Specific Trainings
- Designing Equipment Icons for certification cards, powerpoint trainings, video trainings and recruitment posters
- Creating Logos; Created Statewide Rope Access Logo, Sawyer Logo, Pedal For Parks Logo (2024 & 2025)
- Professional Digital Photography including professional headshots
- Web Design & User Experience (UX) for Intranet/Websites
- Supporting Regional Safety Managers and Safety Staff
- Troubleshooting Computer and other Hardware issues
- Guides (video and written) for Software Issues and Solutions
- Network Account Manager (Tickets, Troubleshooting, IT)
- NSC Defensive Driving Instructor
- Participation in organized Employee Assistance Program (EAP) activities

Water Safety Coordinator

*NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation - Niagara Region
April 2022 - October 2023 (Summer Seasonal)*

- Recruiting, Testing, Training and Overseeing over 50 Lifeguards
- Leading and organizing trainings & Performing Facility Inspections
- Managing Water Safety Budget & Equipment
- Collecting information and organizing data, creating databases
- Developing Water Safety program and creating methods of proactive standardization for better efficiency, utilizing graphic design, and video production concepts.

Assistant Chief Lifeguard

*Kring Point State Park, Redwood, NY - June 2019-August 2019
Wellesley Island State Park, Fairview, NY - June 2018 - August 2018*

PRIMARY SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Adobe Illustrator - logos, video assets, icons, typography
- Adobe Premiere Pro - video editing, video trainings, sound design
- Adobe Photoshop - photo editing, other graphic design use, posters
- Adobe Acrobat - advanced forms, autopopulation, programming
- Adobe After Effects - animation, motion graphics, VFX
- 3D Modeling - Autodesk Maya, Blender, Unity, AutoCAD
- Web & UI Design: Sharepoint UI design, CSS & HTML

OTHER SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- NSC Defensive Driving Instructor
- Conflict Management Instructor
- Certified CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor
- Aerial Lift Training
- Risk Tree Training
- Fire Safety Training
- Forklift Training
- Skid Steer Training
- Chipper Training



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