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Education

University of Colorado at Boulder

August 2005-May 2008

- ♦ B.A. in Communications.
- ♦ Emphasis in marketing, technology, and interpersonal communication.

Relevant Experience

Canadian Mountain Holidays, Bobbie Burns Lodge; Heli-Ski Guide

Nov 2019-Present

- ♦ Guide groups of 10-12 skiers in the 212 program, and 4 in the private 407 program through ski runs in the Purcell and Selkirk Mountains.
- ♦ Record snowpack observations throughout the day, and contribute to AM and PM guide meetings.
- ♦ Work as snow safety guide digging profiles and conducting heli-bombing missions in continental and transitional snowpacks.
- ♦ Communicate efficiently with other guides both in the field and in meetings.

Parks Canada, Rogers Pass, BC; Avalanche Technician

Nov 2017-Present

- ♦ Act as member of the field team taking daily trips into the mountains to assess snow stability, make standard weather observations, and observe recent avalanche activity.
- ♦ Participate in mountain rescue operations and on-going training as part of the visitor safety team.
- ♦ Convey snowpack information and snowpit data in highly structured, organized manner to Forecasters, along with daily InfoEx submissions, morning safety/weather briefings, and on-going radio communications.
- ♦ Assist with avalanche control on the Trans-Canada Highway, observe/classify/record artillery and naturally triggered avalanche activity.

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Golden, BC; Via Ferrata Guide/Mtn Safety

June 2017-Present

- ♦ Responsible for leading groups of eight through technical Via Ferrata course.
- ♦ Continual rope rescue training including HETS, dual rope rescue, mechanical advantage/pulley systems, and short rope techniques.
- ♦ Participate in re-occurring training for gondola/chairlift evacuation.
- ♦ Respond to injuries and evacuations as part of the mountain safety team.

Alaska Heliskiing, Haines, AK; Lead Guide/Base Operations

February 2011-May 2017

- ♦ Perform continuous risk assessment and hazard evaluation in dangerous mountain environments, while guiding clients through complex glaciated terrain.
- ♦ Act as field manager coordinating other guides in the field, while also managing helicopter efficiency and general operations.
- ♦ Act as weather forecaster in both morning and evening meetings for our operations area.
- ♦ Assist with dispatch and radio communications.
- ♦ Extensively document observations, snowpit data, and ski tests in order to directly assist snow safety director with daily assessment.
- ♦ Assist with helicopter maintenance, safety, and general operations.

Alaska Guide School, Haines AK; Avalanche/Guide School Instructor

February 2014-May 2017

- ◆ Assist in teaching avalanche training tailored towards aspiring mechanized ski guides.
- ◆ Provide “in-the-field” training in the daily operations of a heli-skiing operation.
- ◆ Assist in teaching crevasse rescue, high-angle rescue/evacuation, standard protocol, and wilderness medicine aspects of the course.

American Avalanche Institute, MT; Avalanche Educator

November 2014-February 2017

- ◆ Teach Level I & II Avalanche courses, including classroom and field sessions.
- ◆ Participate in guide protocol & rescue training.

High Noon Entertainment, Buena Vista, CO; Safety Officer

July 2013-October 2013

- ◆ Responsible for the health & safety of all members of the cast/crew of popular TV show *Prospectors*, high in the Collegiate Peaks outside of Buena Vista, CO.
- ◆ Act as first point of rescue & medical/first aid support, assist with navigation & radio communication, and general show production.

Crested Butte Mountain Guides, CO; Avalanche Instructor

November 2011-February 2012

- ◆ Assist in teaching Level I avalanche courses.
- ◆ Participate in guide protocol & rescue training.

Additional Skills & Certifications

- ◆ Avalanche Level 1 & 2 – Vail Mountain Guides
- ◆ Avalanche Level 2 for heli-guides – Alaska Avalanche Specialists
- ◆ Avalanche Level 3 – American Avalanche Institute
- ◆ Operations Level 2 – Canadian Avalanche Association
- ◆ AvSAR – Canadian Avalanche Association
- ◆ Alaska Guide School - Mechanized
- ◆ Multiple season experience in Continental, Intermountain, and Maritime snowpacks.
- ◆ Wilderness First Responder/OFA 3, CPR, High-Angle Rescue & Evacuation, Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue
- ◆ ICS-100, ICS-200
- ◆ Member/Information Officer - Golden and District Search and Rescue
- ◆ Professional Member American Avalanche Association
- ◆ ACMG Ski Guide