

Jack Olson

Profile

Majoring in Environmental Science, studying hydro science, and minoring in GIS at the University of Iowa. Has a strong passion for the outdoors, music, politics, cooking, and working with kids.

Academic Details

2021-08 to Present – **University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**, Iowa City, IA

Major: Environmental Science: Hydro Track, Minor: GIS Studies

Experience

Camp Counselor at Cheley Colorado Camps, June 1st to August 8th of 2022

- Gave me experience in childcare, guiding boys ages 11-13 through 4 weeks of being away from family, activities including climbing, rafting, and various sports, and being able to problem solve quickly.

Hiking Counselor at Cheley Colorado Camps, May 28th to August 7th of 2023

- Gave me experience with 11-13 year old boys in the back country of rocky mountain national park going on long day hikes. Included outdoor safety and knowledge, wilderness first aid, CPR, navigating, map and compass skills, wildlife and weather knowledge in various ecosystems, and conservation skills.

Server at Hamburg Inn, September of 2022 to May of 2023

- Gave me experience in working quickly on my feet, being fair and kind to the public, handling busy and stressful situations, being able to problem solve efficiently in a hospitable manor.

Bartender/Server at Harry's Bar and Grill August 2023 to May 2024

- Gave me experience in alcohol and food service. Organization behind a bar and mixing skills.

Bartender at Baroncini's Ristorante July 2024 to Present

- Further alcohol and food service skills as well as being introduced to sommelier.

Research Mentee under Professor Ben Swanson at the University of Iowa, May 2024 to Present

- The first summer research project began with OUR funding under the guidance of Professor Swanson at the University of Iowa. The project consisted of a bank erosion study involving fluvial and groundwater knowledge and the use of tensiometers, pressure transducers, and other field devices. This research is currently continuing into the spring/summer of 2025.

Project manager under Ben Swanson, January 2025 to Present.

- Beginning a new project, managing a team under Ben Swanson. The project consists of mapping Camp Cardinal Creek, collecting cross sections, pebble counts, and determining the state of the stream.

Certifications

Wilderness first aid certification: NOLS June 2022-Present

CPR/First Aid/AED: Red cross Des Moines June 2022-Present

Skills

Ability to easily follow and carry out instructions, as well as taking constructive criticism when necessary. Quick learner who is quite comfortable with problem solving, leadership opportunities and customer service. Experienced in retail work, event planning, cooking, problem solving, minor management, child work, and working with others. Has experience working outdoors in labor intensive situations. Is skilled in outdoor survival and first aid training. Experienced in problem solving in time sensitive moments.

References

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