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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Majors: Botany and Environmental Studies, Certificate: Digital Studies

- GPA: 3.878/4.0

EXPERIENCE

How Kids and Birds Can Save the World—Environmental Studies Capstone (September 2016-present)

- Weekly trips to Sherman Middle School to participate in Nature Club with our middle school co-explorers at Warner Park
- Birding field trips to identify 50 Wisconsin birds tied in with class discussions on environmental education

Botany Senior Thesis—Research (January 2016-present)

- Isolate and identify phytoliths from Hawaiian plant and soil samples in order to determine past plant habitation

Badger Volunteer—Lake View Elementary Outdoor Classroom Volunteer (February 2016-May 2016)

- Engaged 20-30 children in environmentally-related activities in Gym, Art, and Music classes
- Working one-on-one with students to complete tasks

Wisconsin State Herbarium—Employee (April 2015-present)

- Digitization (photographing and scanning), data entry, stamping, barcoding, and mounting of plant specimens
- Filing/organizing collections to make the herbarium more accessible to the public

Fandom Club—Co-President and Co-founder (Spring 2015-present)

- Organize and lead meetings, gathering, and TV/movie screenings
- Promote the club every semester at a booth at the Org Fair and maintain the group's Facebook page

Botany Club—President (Spring 2014-present), Member (Fall 2014-present)

- Organize and lead meetings, including guest speakers and plant-related activities and workshops
- Promote the club at the Org Fair, create posters to advertise meetings, and update Facebook page

Green Bay Botanical Gardens—Garden Intern (May 2015-August 2015)

- Planted and maintained new and existing annual and perennial flower beds, containers, and woody plant material; including weeding, watering, fertilizing, and pruning
- Assisted with the turf maintenance of the garden, including mowing
- Cared for nursery stock and containerized bedding plants while in holding for installation
- Supervised 10-15 volunteers; giving direction and guidance in the implementation of daily work schedules

Four Lakes Dining Hall, University Housing—Team Member (August 2014-April 2015)

- Worked at various stations serving food and opening/closing
- Cooperated with other team members to serve, clean, and problem solve

Tropical Ecosystems: Andes, Amazon, Pacific Coast Study Abroad Program, Ecuador (May-June 2014)

- Participated in field activities in a wide variety of ecosystems and weather conditions
- Introduced to GPS and GIS in order to map species in study area
- Conducted an independent research project in the coastal dry forest on tree spinescence

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Intermediate Spanish (2009-2013)

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, ArcGIS, Microsoft Office Suite

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteer at UW Madison Arboretum (Fall 2015)

Community Environmental Scholars Program (Fall 2015-present)

Volunteer at Wisconsin State Herbarium (February 2015-April 2015)

Badger Photo Club Member (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation Volunteer (October 2014 to December 2014)

Dean's List (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)