**Laura Aprill**

**Education**

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Majors: Botany and Environmental Studies, Certificate: Digital Studies

* Graduate: December 2016
* 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

**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

**Four Lakes Dining Hall, University Housing**—Team Member (August 2013-April 2015)

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

**Additional Skills**

Intermediate Spanish (2009-2013)

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, ArcGIS, Microsoft Office Suite, Mapbox Studio and CartoCSS, Responsive Web Design (HTML/CSS)

**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)