

# KRISTEN K. OLSON

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## EDUCATION

**The University of Oregon** - Eugene, Oregon. Graduated June 2010.

- Bachelor of Arts, Biological Anthropology
- African Studies Minor

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Oregon Zoo Summer Camp Specialist:** Portland, OR, Summers 2008-2009, and present position.

- Developed educational curriculum for the second and fourth grade camp programs based on the Oregon Zoo's exhibits and age appropriate themes.
- Led and mentored counselors by demonstrating what is expected, both with child management skills and educational material.
- In charge of implementing curriculum with 40 camp children a day. Taught in a classroom setting as well as throughout the zoo, discussing the day's theme in relation with the zoo exhibits.
- Responsible for communicating with the children's parents about the events of the day.

**Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute – Research Assistant:** Panama, Winter/Spring 2011.

- Tracking radio collared Black Handed Spider Monkeys (*Ateles geoffroyi*) on Barro Colorado Island.
- Collecting urine and fecal samples from study subjects for energetic and hormonal analyses.
- Behavioral, foraging, and ranging data obtained by following the monkeys through the forest.

**Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute – Lab Assistant:** Panama, Winter/Spring 2011.

- Feeding and monitoring Giant Damselfly Larvae (*Megaloprepus caerulatus*).
- Dissecting emerged damselflies and recording weight of body parts.

**Oregon Zoo Animal Care Intern - Primates:** Portland, OR, Fall 2010.

- Full-time Internship responsibilities included: creating enrichment for the Oregon Zoo's primates, preparing and feeding the daily diets and medications, and cleaning enclosures.

**Oregon Zoo ZooSnooze Program:** Portland, OR, Fall 2010.

- Guided elementary aged school groups and their parents around the zoo at night and taught them about the zoo's animal care, research, and exhibit design.

**Oregon Zoo Assistant Camp Coordinator - Budget and Supply:** Portland, OR, Summer 2010.

- Procured craft supplies and snacks for the entire summer camp program.
- Recorded and helped manage budget for supplies and snacks used in the summer program.
- Assisted and supported 42 camp staff to ensure a positive work environment.
- Assessed and documented curriculum for second and third-grade camp groups.

**Razorsharp Film Company - Research Assistant:** Cape Town, South Africa, Fall 2008.

- Conducted research through Internet and telephone to gather information for different documentaries under development.
- Created a database of farms and crops of South Africa to use in future reference for filming and photo locations.
- Assisted on a photo shoot.

**Animal Diversity Website Contributor:** Eugene, OR, Winter 2008.

- Coursework published on this online animal database.
- Researched the marsupial *Planigale ingrami*.

**Oregon Zoo Summer Camp Counselor:** Portland, OR, Summer 2006 and 2007.

- Educated children about animals, their habitats, and how they can help sustain the earth's natural resources.
- Along with two counselors implemented curriculum designed by the camp specialist.

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**Champions Are Readers:** Eugene, OR, Winter 2008, 2009, 2010.

- Went to a local elementary school and helped third and fourth graders learn to read.

**School Garden Project:** Eugene, OR, Winter 2010.

- Helped prepare gardens at local elementary schools for the children to learn to grow plants and garden in urban settings.

**Oregon Zoo:** Dedicated over 1000 hours over 5 years: Portland, OR, Summer 2002-2006.

- Oregon Zoo Elephant Intern: volunteered every Sunday for one year with the Oregon Zoo's elephant keepers, assisting with diet preparation, cleaning, and enrichment.
- Oregon Zoo Education Animal Intern: Prepared diets, cleaned enclosures, and worked to socialize various education animals.
- Produced a five-minute persuasive video informing the Oregon Zoo of the importance of saving their Insect Zoo, resulting in its reopening.

**Sandy River Outdoor School Student Leader:** Sandy, OR, Spring 2004-2006.

- Outdoor education program for Oregon Public School sixth graders.
- During five individual weeklong sessions, led students through forest, teaching about native wildlife.

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

Photography, golf, snowboarding, scuba diving, running, art, filmmaking, hiking, camping.

**Computer:** Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, iPhoto, iMovie.

**Language:** Basic Spanish: completed two years of college Spanish.

**Certifications:** CPR and First Aid, Oregon Food Handler's Certificate, PADI Open Water Scuba Diving Certification.