

Sam Forti

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Professional Summary

Experienced professional in outdoor education, recreation, and community services with a long-standing passion for working with people and the environment; particularly skilled in outdoor/experiential education, writing, communications, leadership, and project coordination.

Education

Denison University

2007 – 2011

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature and Creative Writing

- Minor in music performance
- Denison University Homestead Resident
 - Studied permaculture and community building in experiential education housing program
 - Managed small homestead with 11 other students and university support
 - Learned gardening techniques
 - Built an earth-ship/strawbale cob house

School for International Training, Mongolia

2010 – Spring Semester

- Study abroad program focusing on Mongolian language, history, culture, and the effects of globalization on nomadic communities
- Independent research project on camels, camel folklore, and camel herding communities.
- Immersive learning experience and homestays with Mongolian communities

Professional Experience

Community Services Coordinator, City of Bellevue

2022 – Present

- Coordinating community/recreation services at the North Bellevue Community Center (NBCC) for the City of Bellevue parks department, including daily operations, administration, and special events
- Supervising budget management, data reporting, and program implementation for King County Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy for older adult programs at NBCC
- Supervising community center staff and volunteers
- Recruiting and hiring programming and facility staff
- Directing strategies for outreach and marketing
- Writing and managing contracts
- Designing programs and procuring services for recreation and human services in Bellevue, WA
- Maintaining relationships with partner organizations such as Indian American Community Services, Chinese Information Service Center, SeaMar Senior Latino Program, IncrediFlix summer camps, Youth Tech Inc. summer camps, and more
- Sitting on the board of the 501c3 organization, North Bellevue Community Center Advisory Board, as a representative of the community center

Communications Assistant, Educational Connections

2020 – 2022

- Compiled client intake interview notes into client life histories for referrals to therapeutic services
- Provided general communications and writing services

Writer, ANEKED**Jan. – Sept 2020**

- Summarized witness testimonies from Truth Reconciliation and Reparations Commission sessions for publication by the African Network Against Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances (ANEKED) in the TRRC Digest

Field Instructor, Winterline Global Gap Year**Aug. – Nov. 2019**

- Co-led a 3-month, experiential education program in Costa Rica and Panama for gap-year students
- Facilitated educational programs and discussions on culture, history, sustainability, and the environment
- Collaborated with program contractors and local staff
- Mentored young adults on a gap year, adventure program
- Coordinated volunteer activities

Accreditation Coordinator & Mentor, New Summit Academy**2017 – 2019**

- Led the accreditation process for outdoor behavioral health programs at New Summit Academy in Atenas, Costa Rica
- Wrote comprehensive assessment of protocols and curriculum for New Summit Academy therapeutic adventure programs
- Recommended changes to program/curriculum design to align with AEE standards
- Achieved accreditation from the Association of Experiential Education
- Acted as a mentor for at risk youth in a therapeutic boarding school setting
- Led adventure and experiential education outings
- Guided multi-day adventure excursions in Costa Rica and Latin America

Field Mentor, Global Leadership Adventures**Summer 2016 & 2017**

- Led international experiential ed. programs in Thailand and Tanzania
- Taught environmental education programs on Asian elephant conservation
- Led experiential programs on ESL education and culture in Moshi, Tanzania
- Mentored high school students at study abroad programs
- Collaborated with local and international staff
- Coordinated volunteer activities

Program Coordinator/Instructor, Coyote Trails School of Nature**2011 – 2015**

- Coordinated and taught programs on outdoor education, bushcraft, wildlife tracking and naturalist studies

Relevant Training**Wildlife Tracker Certification, CyberTracker North America & South Africa, Level 2****2014 & 2016****Nature Guide Training: FAGASA 1****Sept. – Nov. 2016**

- Naturalist/safari guide training certification
- Studied flora and fauna of Greater Kruger Region
- Studied wildlife tracking, natural resource management, tourism, and hospitality

PADI SCUBA certification, Advanced Open Water