

ALEXIA SPRINGER

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Place based learning through expedition travel on bicycle, canoe, foot, skis, etc.
- Incorporating sustainable practices within outdoor education including farming and foraging
- Adventure based learning about climate change and eco-friendly solutions

EDUCATION

RADFORD UNIVERSITY – RADFORD, VIRGINIA

2008 – 2012

BS in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism – Double Concentration in Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

WILDERNESS INSTITUTE – NORTH CAROLINA & SOUTH CAROLINA

May 2010 – June 2010

Off-Campus Study

Developed leadership skills and the ability to work within a group

Participated in backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, and white water rafting while developing outdoor living skills

TOURISM INSTITUTE – VIRGINIA & BAHAMAS

May 2011 – June 2011

Off-Campus Study

Engaged in catamaran excursions to learn about island tourism and trends in marine boat tourism

Participated in events and tours in the New River Valley and designed an educational hiking tour

TEACHING AND COORDINATING EXPERIENCE

ATHLETIC, WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Indoor Gym Climbing (*Fall 2012 – Spring 2015*)

Indoor Lap Climbing (*Spring 2013 – Spring 2015*)

Outdoor Rock Climbing (*Fall 2012 – Fall 2014*)

Backpacking (*Fall 2012 – Fall 2014*)

Outdoor Rock Instructor (*Spring 2013 – Spring 2015*)

Canoe Instructor (*Fall 2013 – Fall 2014*)

Backpacking Instructor (*Fall 2014*)

Bicycling (*Spring 2015*)

GENERAL EDUCATION

Advanced Field Practicum May Term (*Spring 2012, Spring 2014*)

Outdoor Trip Leadership (*Spring 2012 – Spring 2015*)

Professional Issues in Outdoor Education (*Spring 2015*)

Bike Indiana May Term (*Spring 2015*)

- Wrote and received a \$10,000 grant to cover all expenses including the cost of 10 student participants
- Co-led a 20-day cycling tour over 500 miles of Northern Indiana focused on issues of bicycle safety, Indiana agriculture, and sustainability
- Coordinated tours, work, and speakers every day of course at small CSAs, organic farms, commercial farms, education centers, grass fed farms, state parks, etc.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

August Wilderness (*Summer 2012 – Summer 2015*)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RETAIL ASSISTANT & MASSAGE THERAPIST

The Pebble Spa Company

Responsible for opening, closing and cleaning duties of spa and retail store
Assisted customers and guests shopping and receiving massage treatments
Participated in 600-hours of massage therapy training and took summer appointments

January 2016 – September 2016

Ely, Minnesota

OUTDOOR EDUCATION COORDINATOR

CO-DIRECTOR OF AUGUST WILDERNESS

Earlham College Center for Integrated Learning

Managed the climbing wall and rental center programs
Coordinated risk management plans, documentation, and reviews
Administered program budgets totally approximately \$150,000
Oversaw all aspects of August Wilderness including marketing, logistics, and staff training
Trained and supervised 20-30 student staff members
Designed and instructed Outdoor Education activity and instructor courses

May 2012 – August 2015

July 2013 – August 2015

Richmond, Indiana

SENIOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION INTERN

Earlham College - Center for Environmental Action

Managed the Solomon Climbing Wall and worked in the Outdoor Education Rental Center
Collaborated with students to plan and lead a long-weekend backpacking course to train future instructors
Completed a risk management audit and created a Risk Management Plan for the program

January 2012 – May 2012

Richmond, Indiana

SUMMER INTERN

Ohio University - Outdoor Recreation & Education

Supported program preparation and clean up for REC 324-Outdoor Leadership
Assisted leadership of two consecutive 10-day backpacking courses followed by a 10-day sea kayaking course
Used the Backcountry Classroom Textbook and evaluated student taught lessons and Leave No Trace practices

June 2011 – August 2011

Athens, Ohio

OTHER POSITIONS HELD

Richmond Gymnastics Training Center: Assistant Gymnastics Coach (2014-2015)
Radford University Academic Engagement & Community Partnerships: Peer Service Leader (2010-2012)
Morgan's Outdoor Adventures: Counter Clerk (May 2009-September 2009)

CERTIFICATIONS

ACA L1-L3 Tandem River Canoe Instructor (Fall 2014 – Current)
ACA River Canoe Trip Leader (Fall 2014 – Current)
Wilderness First Responder (June 2011 – Current)
Leave No Trace Trainer (July 2010 – Current)
CPR/First Aid (October 2008 – Current)

PRESENTATIONS

Anchor Building Basics – Midwest Outdoor Leadership Conference (February 2015)
Basic understanding and practice building simple and solid climbing anchors
Creating Stylish Courses – Midwest Outdoor Leadership Conference (February 2014)
Attention on course planning, course pacing, curriculum design, and instructor alignment