

# Nathan Williams

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## EXPERIENCE

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### **Graduate Assistant for Outdoor Recreation** June 2011 – Present

University of Georgia - Recreational Sports

- Hire, train, and supervise approximately 30 outdoor recreation trip leaders
- Prepare logistical details, schedule trip leaders, and oversee risk management for 50 to 60 outdoor trips and clinics per semester

### **Outdoor Nation Intern** January 2011 – July 2011

The Outdoor Foundation

- Developed program plan and framework for national Campus Clubs mentorship initiative
- Created and edited videos to promote outdoor recreation among youth
- Contributed web development expertise to social media-driven website migration

### **Outdoor Program Student Staff Coordinator** April 2010 – May 2011

University of Minnesota Duluth

- Recruited, trained, and supervised a staff of 50+ student outdoor recreation volunteers
- Coordinated marketing campaigns for outdoor program trips and workshops
- Developed program descriptions, advertisements, lesson plans and other materials
- Instructed climbing and oversaw safety and risk management at campus climbing wall
- Provided customer service and outdoor gear management at Rental Center

### **Instructor** May 2009 – August 2010

North Carolina Outward Bound School

- Led 4 to 21-day backcountry backpacking, climbing and whitewater canoeing courses for teenagers in the Pisgah National Forest to encourage self-growth and personal challenge
- Taught a wide array of wilderness skills, diversity, and environmental education curriculum

### **Outdoors Writer** March 2009 – May 2010

University of Minnesota Duluth Statesman

- Wrote weekly column and features for the student newspaper Outdoors Section
- Photographed outdoor activities, interviewed subjects, and produced other article content

### **Web Developer** March 2003 – May 2009

University of Wisconsin - Madison

- Developed and supported database-driven web applications, including a Residence Life conduct tracking application that provided statistics on violations and summary reports
- Provided consultation to department web authors and supervised student employees
- Collaborated with fellow Division of University Housing staff on committees and initiatives

### **Founding Co-Director** August 2006 – January 2009

Wisconsin Basecamp outdoor orientation program, University of Wisconsin - Madison

- Trained and supervised leaders, planned trips, managed risk, planned and prepared food, and maintained oversight of 5-day canoe camping and backpacking trips for incoming freshmen
- Prepared proposals to campus administration, developed and managed budgets, and led fundraising efforts for new program, which grew to 100+ student participants annually

**Sea Kayaking Instructor** May 2006 – January 2009  
Rutabaga - The Paddlesports Shop

- Taught adults of all ages and skill levels in kayak skills, including strokes, rescues, and rolling
- Assisted program director in strategic planning as part of collaborative planning process

**Web Developer** August 2002 - March 2003  
State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections

- Developed Department-wide intranet and content management system
- Performed time and cost analysis of projects with input and collaboration across Department
- Developed planning, status, and architecture documentation

## EDUCATION

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**Master of Education in College Student Affairs Administration** Anticipated: May 2013  
University of Georgia

**Bachelor of Applied Science in Recreation – Outdoor Education** Graduated May 2011  
University of Minnesota Duluth Summa cum laude

## CERTIFICATIONS

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**Wilderness First Responder** January 2007 - March 2014  
National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) Wilderness Medicine Institute/Wilderness Medical Associates

**Climbing Wall Instructor** March 2010 - March 2013  
Professional Climbing Instructors Association (PCIA)

**Basic Coastal Kayaking Instructor - Level 3** September 2006 - September 2014  
American Canoe Association (ACA)

**Sea Kayaking Award - 3-Star** July 2007  
British Canoe Union (BCU)

## AWARDS

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**Morris K. Udall Undergraduate Scholarship** August 2010 - May 2011

**Richard and Carol Flint Environmental Scholarship** August 2009 - May 2011

**Bohannon Merit Scholarship** August 2010 - May 2011

**Undergraduate Research Opportunities Award** August 2009 - December 2009

- Research question: *Does participation in freshmen trips increase student engagement?*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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**National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA)** 2011 - Present

**ACPA - College Student Educators International** 2011 - Present

**NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education** 2011 - Present

<b>Association for Experiential Education (AEE)</b>	2008 - Present
<b>Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE)</b>	2009 - Present
<b>Wilderness Education Association (WEA)</b>	2009 - 2010

#### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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<b>Outdoor Program Volunteer and Core Staff</b> , University of Minnesota Duluth	January 2009 – April 2010
<b>Climbing Staff</b> , University of Minnesota Duluth	September 2009 – January 2011
<b>Exhibit Interpreter</b> , Great Lakes Aquarium	September 2009 – January 2010
<b>Student Representative</b> to the Board, Izaak Walton League	June 2009 – May 2011
<b>Webmaster and Instructor</b> , Wisconsin Hoofers Outing Club	September 2004 – March 2007
<b>Webmaster and Stream Restoration Worker</b> , Capitol Water Trails	March 2005 – August 2008
<b>Webmaster</b> , ABC for Health	November 2002 – March 2005

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS PARTICIPATION**

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<b>National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Conference</b> Tampa Bay, FL Presenter: <i>Beyond the Buzzword: Understanding and Using Student Development Theory</i>	March 2012
<b>ACPA - College Student Educators International Conference</b> Louisville, KY Presenter: <i>Lessons from the Trail: Facilitating Reflection to Promote Student Leadership</i>	March 2012
<b>Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) Conference</b> San Antonio, TX Presenter: <i>State of the Outdoor Nation</i> (The Outdoor Foundation's youth-led outdoors movement)	November 2011
<b>Southern Association of College Student Affairs (SACSA) Conference</b> Atlanta, GA Attendee and Participant in Annual Case Study Competition (First Place)	November 2011
<b>New Professionals Workshop at Georgia College</b> Milledgeville, GA Presenter: <i>Using Creative Reflection Activities to Promote Leadership</i>	September 2011
<b>National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Conference</b> New Orleans, LA Attendee	April 2011
<b>Student Outdoor Educators Conference</b> Thunder Bay, ON Presenter: <i>So You Want to Work for Outward Bound?</i>	April 2011

<b>Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) Conference</b> Keystone, CO Attendee	November 2010
<b>Association for Experiential Education (AEE) International Conference</b> Las Vegas, NV Attendee	November 2010
<b>National Conference on Undergraduate Research</b> Missoula, MT Presenter: <i>The Effects of Freshmen Trips Participation on Student Engagement</i>	April 2010
<b>Student Outdoor Educators Conference</b> Duluth, MN Conference organizer in charge of marketing, presenter relations, and registration	April 2010
<b>Coalition for Education in the Outdoors (CEO) Conference</b> Bloomington, IN Attendee at conference devoted to environmental education practices and research methodologies	January 2010
<b>Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) Conference</b> Minneapolis, MN Presenter: <i>Urban Orienteering</i> Convener: Outdoor Orientation Program Symposium pre-conference workshop	November 2009
<b>Student Outdoor Educators Conference</b> Ashland, WI Presenter: <i>Getting Your Group Going!</i>	April 2009
<b>Association for Experiential Education (AEE) International Conference</b> Vancouver, WA Presenter: <i>What a Great Idea! Now What?: Going from Concept to Pilot to Program in a Large University Environment</i>	November 2008
<b>Association of College and University Housing Officers - International Conference</b> Dallas, TX Presenter: <i>Judicial Affairs from the Ground Up</i>	October 2008
<b>Door County Sea Kayak Symposium</b> Door County, WI Instructor and trip leader	2006 - 2008
<b>Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium</b> Grand Marais, MI Instructor and trip leader	July 2007
<b>Inland Sea Kayak Symposium</b> Washburn, WI Instructor and trip leader	July 2007