

Jamie Black MA.

Academic Resume + Adventure Log

PERSONAL DETAILS

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Environmental Education and Communication

Learning from Technology in Nature-Based Play

Group Dynamic Management

Nature-Based Leadership

Self-Discovery using Video-ethnography

Proficient at Coaching Outdoor Skills in (in order of most experience to least):
Canoeing, Rock Rappelling, Caving, Wilderness Survival, Rock Climbing, Sailing, Cross-Country Skiing, Kayaking, Orienteering.

** Refer to Adventure Log for more details*

Accomplished at integrating the Arts into Nature-Based Play:
Storytelling, Character Development, Stilting, Fire-Spinning, Map Making.

CAREER STATEMENT

An experienced adventure educator, self-motivated and determined to foster a deeper connection to nature, community and the earth. Experienced and well versed in program development, implementation and evaluation. Resourceful and adept at operating independently and within a group setting. Specializing in training teachers and guiding, mentoring and coaching children and youth in nature-based programs. Building community capacity for higher level creativity and innovation, regenerating resilience the way nature intended.

Now seeking to further deepen my influence and engagement with higher-level education, teaching teachers, while continuing to study the elements that engage children.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Royal Roads University *2013 – 2017*
Masters of Arts Degree

Douglas College *2002 – 2004*
Diploma in Sport Science and Coaching

Vancouver Island University *2000 – 2002*
Diploma in Recreation and Sport Management

ACADEMIC AWARDS & DESTINCTIONS

TD Friends of the environment \$5000 Scholarship 2013

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

The Hummingbird Approach: An Exploration of Nature-Based Guided Discovery Learning for Children.” 2015 - current

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Youth Community Engagement Facilitator *Oct '14 – current*
Crimson Coast Dance Society

Adventure Interventionist & Special Educator *Mar '12 – current*
Ministry of Children & Families + Self-Design Home School

Licensed Program Supervisor *2013-2014 & 2016*
Central Vancouver Island Boys & Girls Club + Independently

Program Manager/Lead Instructor *2009-2011*

PERSONAL SUMMARY

"I believe that my greatest strengths are seeing the bigger picture, creativity and engagement. I was brought here to foster a deeper connection to self, others and the earth through creative play. Just as the Hummingbird pollinates by hovering near the flowers and injecting the right amount of pollen at the right time to inspire growth in a way that is in-tune with nature, so do I."

~ Jamie Black

Horne Lake Caves Regional & Provincial Park

COMMUNITY WORK

Errington War Memorial Hall 2010 - current
(Past President as of Oct 2012, Presided for 2 years)

The Hand - Youth Action Committee 2008 - 2011
Co-Founder/Mentor
Parksville/Qualicum Beach region

Youth Alternative Program Leader 2006
10 Day Bowron Lakes Trip
Take A Hike Foundation

Leader on a Youth personal development ship 2003
for 10 days in New Zealand
Spirit of Adventure

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Outdoor adventure: sailing, rock climbing, kayaking, ski/snow shoeing, hiking, camping, etc.

Nature Connection: wild crafting, herbalism, gardening, sit-spot, Shinrin Yoku

Artist: painting and pencil sketch, hand-crafting, 2-D and 3-D Visual Arts, Graphic Design, Latin dance instructor and free-style enthusiast, storytelling, overhead projection (old fashion and new technology)

Musician: singer/song writer, play guitar, drum rhythm etc., flat-foot step dancer, directing shows and more.

Jamie Black's Adventure Experience updated July 2017

A personal and professional journey on land, water, rock, snow and ice.

Certified Training

Basic First Aid – Community + CPR C 2016

BC Advanced Canoe Cert 2009

BC Cave Guide Training – 2009

Level 1 Recreational Kayaking Cert 2007

XC Ski Instructor Training – Cypress 2005

Level III Theory in Coaching (Douglas College) 2004

Green Instructor – Canadian Yachting Association 2003

Wilderness First Aid + Kayak indorsement (Malaspina U-C) 2002

Day Trips & Overnighting Trips



Experience:

Over 1000 personal day trips

2100+ hours Summer Camps. Horne Lake ages 8-15

10 days of overnighting at Horne Lake – canoe

2 day staff trip – as coordinator (2009)

2 day women's retreat – as coordinator (2010)

10 day Bowron Lakes trip as volunteer leader for
Take a Hike School in Vancouver.

Locations:

Vancouver Island, Vancouver, New Zealand

Skills:

Knowledge of gear and safety equipment,
planning and risk management, teamwork,
leadership, coastal navigation, map and compass
work, self-rescue and group rescue, canoe and
kayak solo, tandem, water rescue (plus able to
teach people how to do this)

Kayaking, Canoeing, Rafting



Experience:

180+ hrs of day kayaking trips

20+ hrs white water rafting trips

60+ hrs canoeing at Horne Lake

Kayak Instruction/Assisting:

65+ hrs

1000+ hrs at Horne Lake

25 hrs assisted trainer in open water kayaking

Locations:

Vancouver Island, Broken Group Islands, Rocky
Point, Indian Arm, New Zealand, Bowron Lakes

Skills:

Knowledge of gear and safety equipment,
strokes, intermediate level of coastal navigation,
water rescue of self and others

Sailing



Personal Experience:

900 logged hours of racing and long distance trips

Instructing/Assisting:

1100+ hrs

8 years of racing keelboats (off and on)

1 month coaching sailing in New Zealand

10 days as a leader on tallship in New Zealand

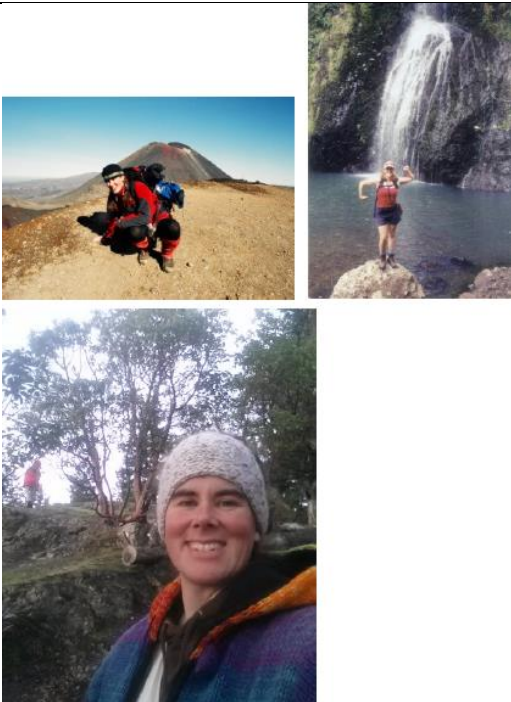
Locations:

Departure Bay, English Bay, Gibsons Harbor, Georgia Strait, Squamish, White Rock, Auckland New Zealand, Baja Mexico, Sea of Cortez

Skills:

Coaching, tactition, sail trim, intermediate coastal navigation, rigging, flying spinnaker, foredeck, skipper

Hiking / Orienteering



Personal Hiking Experience:

150 logged hours (thousands not logged)

Instruction/Assisting:

100+ hrs instructing Orienteering in Mission, BC to age 12 children

24 hour volunteer for Adventure Race

Locations:

Mt. Apps – Port Alberni; Mt. Bensen – Nanaimo; Nelsen Park – New Zealand; Franz Josef (NZ); Tongariro Crossing (NZ); Chief – Squamish; Lynn Peak – Vancouver; All of Central Vancouver Island

Skills:

Knowledge of gear and safety equipment, planning and packing, food prep, comfort with all day trecks in nature with groups of children, youth and adults. Some experience with more extreme outdoor settings overnight. Orienteering with compass and topographical map, general safety protocol, group dynamic management, basic wilderness first aid,

XC skiing / Snowshoeing / Glacial hikes



Personal Experience:

150 logged hours

Instructing/Assisting:

100+ hrs instructing XC Skiing school age – Cypress

15 hrs Disabled skiing – Mt Washington

Skills:

Knowledge of gear and safety equipment, comfortable with group dynamic management, weather patterns, sourcing avalanche warnings



Adventure Interventionist with Children with Autism



Adventure Intervention Experience:

275+ hrs weekly hikes, Caving, Exploring, Cross Country Skiing. One-on-one with children with Autism

Skills:

Risk management planning, emergency response, communications, behavior intervention, Guided Discovery Learning
+ Curriculum development for Self-Design (Physical Education, CPP & Social Studies)

