

Elise Ammondson

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, School of Communications, Evanston, IL

March 2017

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Creative Writing, Minor in Dance. Magna Cum Laude.

OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Merrowvista, American Youth Foundation, Tuftonboro, NH

Summer 2017, Summer 2015

Expedition Leader and Camp Counselor

- Summer 2017: led groups of 15 year old girls on extended 10 day backpacking and bike touring overnight trips through the American Northeast.
- Summer 2015: led seventeen-year old girls on a 3-week backpacking trip on the AT's 100-Mile Wilderness; and led thirteen-year old girls for three weeks in a camp setting, as well as on backpacking and canoeing trips.
- Facilitated community standards, nightly reflections, and the mentoring and teaching of wilderness skills with campers and other community members.

Project Wildcat, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2015-2017

Co- Program Director and Trip Leader

- Collaborated with four fellow co-directors to design and execute the program for 180 new students and 55 leaders.
- Led two 8-day backpacking trips with 10 students on the Superior Hiking Trail in Minnesota.
- Taught wilderness and wilderness medicine skills to other leaders in the program in a classroom setting.
- Mapped, planned, and annotated 18 different hiking routes on the Superior Hiking Trail.

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms, Fontanezier, Switzerland and Death Valley, CA

Volunteer

Summer 2016 and Spring 2017

- Assisted in managing a farm through weeding, cleaning, building projects, and cooking to maintain family life.
- Supported an AirBnB through preparing meals, guest rooms, and designing/building new living spaces.

National Outdoor Leadership School, Norway and Sweden

Summer 2013

Student

- Participated in a 4-week backpacking and sea kayaking course.

Outdoor Academy, Pisgah Forest, NC

Student

Spring 2011

- Attended a semester high school focusing on outdoor leadership and communal living.
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ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland, Oregon

2018-present

Costume Crafts Intern and Rentals Intern

- Assisted and collaborated in the building of craft pieces for theatrical performances using skills such as millinery, painting/dyeing, and stitching.
- Assisted in re-stocking, re-tagging, and organizing costumes by historical time period in a large database for the costume rentals department.

Au Pair, Lyon, France

Jeune Fille Au Pair

2017-2018

- Cared for 3.5 y.o. and 18 mo. y.o., 30 hr/wk, including preparing meals and housework, communicating in French.
- Attended level B2 French classes 12 hours per week.

WAVE Productions, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2015-2017

Production Manager

- Organized the creation of student theatre by selecting artists and leadership teams.
- Facilitated decision making between board members by leading meetings.
- Communicated as the liaison between the board and the production team for each artistic project.
- Mentored other members and artists working with the board on how to best create student theatre.

Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, Edinburgh, Scotland

Grant Recipient

Summer 2016

- Interviewed female street performers at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2017 for a research paper.
 - Critiqued and analyzed the performances and artistic value of female street performer
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SKILLS AND INTERESTS

WFR, CPR, Lifeguard, Proficient French, Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro, Cooking, Sewing, Millinery, Life-Modeling.

Athletic: running, hiking, dancing, biking.