

Resumé
Michael Strong

FORMAL EDUCATION

Master of Science Degree in Leisure Studies and Services, University of Oregon, Eugene. *June 1986*

Professional Diploma After Degree in Education, University of Alberta, Edmonton. *May 1977*

Bachelor of Physical Education with Distinction, University of Alberta, Edmonton. *April 1976*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director and Senior Instructor 2, Department of Physical Education and Recreation, University of Oregon. Responsibilities include directing the operations of the Outdoor Pursuits and Leadership Training Programs, and teaching outdoor pursuits courses.

Instructor - September 1986 to March 1992 and September 1994 to present

OPP Director – 2004 to present

Instructor, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. Responsibilities included teaching outdoor adventure recreation courses and serving as Safety and Technical Manager for the Corporate Adventure Training Institute (CATI). Senior facilitator for CATI.

August 1993 to April 1994

Site Supervisor, Bungee Masters Las Vegas. Responsibilities included site development, risk management, training and supervision of staff, development of operational procedures, and safety consultation for independent bungee operators. Co-authored the United States Bungee Association (USBA) Standards Codes. *April 1992 to September 1992*

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Physical Education, University of Oregon. Taught a variety of outdoor pursuits courses and racquet court sports. *September 1984 to June 1986*

Instructor, National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), Lander, Wyoming. Responsibilities included leading backcountry outings, instructor training, logistics and promotions. *August 1980 to September 1983, seasonal 1989 through summer 1993*

Physical Educator, F. H. Collins High School, Whitehorse, Yukon. Responsibilities included teaching, curriculum development, coaching and administering the Physical Education program. *September 1977 to June 1980*

RESPONSIBILITIES - UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Professional Theory Courses Taught: Principles of Outdoor Education, Adventure Education, Environmental Education, Principles of Outdoor Leadership, Administration of Outdoor Pursuits, Leadership Dynamics, Field Leadership and History/Management of Wilderness.

Activity Courses Taught: Whitewater Kayaking, Whitewater Rafting, River Rescue Techniques, Windsurfing 1 and 2, Mountain Biking, Wilderness Survival, Coast Adventure Hiking, Backpacking, Backcountry Navigation, Backcountry Survival, Backpacking Cuisine, Mountaineering, Mountain Rescue Techniques, High Angle Rescue, Glacier Rigging and Rescue, Ice Climbing, Sport Climbing, Rock Climbing (beginning, intermediate and advanced), Rock Climbing Fitness, Backcountry Skiing, Ski Touring, Snow Camping, and Avalanche Safety.

Administrative Responsibilities:

- Designing and developing Outdoor Pursuits Program courses.
- Developing and implementing a comprehensive risk management program for OPP courses including release/waiver forms, safety and outing policies, emergency procedures and guidelines related to staff and student hiring, supervision and conduct.
- Recruiting, selecting and training Instructors.
- Training and supervising outdoor leaders enrolled in the Outdoor Pursuits Leadership Program.

- Scheduling Outdoor Pursuits Program courses.
- Promoting and marketing the OPP across campus and within the community. Designing program brochures and developing and distributing promotional flyers.
- Designing and maintaining the OPP website.
- Ordering, maintaining, and inspecting equipment; organizing equipment storage areas.
- Serving on departmental committees as assigned.

COURSES AND SEMINARS TAUGHT - NATIONAL OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Expeditions: Extended (multi-week) mountaineering, ski touring and backpacking expeditions to various locations including Mt. McKinley, Alaska; Mt. Rainier and North Cascades National Park, Washington; Beartooth Mountains, Montana; Wind River Mountains and Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming; and Canyonlands National Park, Utah.

Leadership Training and Outdoor Skills Seminars: Leadership training and rock climbing, mountaineering, and mountain rescue instruction to instructors and students at all levels in a variety of areas including Mt. McKinley, Alaska; Mt. Rainier and Leavenworth, Washington; Wind River Mountains and Devils Tower, Wyoming; and the Needles, South Dakota.

RELATED EXPERIENCES

- **Baja** - Instructor at Excursions Extraordinaires high-wind boardsailing Center, Punta Chivato, Mexico, Dec. 1989.
- **Texas and New Mexico** - Visiting lecturer, Texas A & M University. Co-leader of a three-week student expedition to the Gila and Pecos Wilderness areas, New Mexico, and to Hueco Tanks, Texas, June, 1988
- **British Columbia** - Ten day whitewater/sea kayaking seminar, Geoff Evans Kayak Center, August, 1986.
- **McKenzie, North Umpqua, Cal-Salmon & Klamath rivers, OR** - Raft Guide training with Ouzel Outfitters, April and May, 1986 and 1985.
- **Mount Logan, Yukon** - Seven-week mountaineering expedition via the East Ridge, June through August, 1979
- **Athabasca and Wild Hay rivers, Alberta** - Whitewater canoe training, July, 1978
- **North Cascades National Park** - NOLS Mountaineering course emphasizing outdoor leadership, mountain safety, glacier travel and snow/ice climbing, Picket Range, July and August, 1978.

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Wilderness Medicine Institute** - Wilderness First Responder, current to April 2018
- **Rescue 3 International** • Swiftwater Rescue Technician I and II, April 1989.
- **Professional Association of Diving Instructors** - Open water dive certification, November 1985.
- **National Outdoor Leadership School** - Winter Instructor Course, Dec. 1980. Summer Instructor Course, Aug. 1980.
- **American Avalanche Institute** - Backcountry Safety Seminar for mountain guides, December 1980.
- **Canadian Association of Ski Instructors** - Cross Country Ski Instructor Certification, January 1976.

PUBLICATIONS

Leadership and Administration of Outdoor Pursuits, Venture Publishing, 2007.

Glaciers: The Art of Travel and the Science of Rescue, Globe Pequot Press, 2001.

The Contractual Process in Outdoor Recreation in 'Adventure Education' by Miles and Priest, 1990.

Working and Playing in Cold Climates, Journal of Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Oct., 1989.

OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Pursued PhD course while on faculty at the U of O, with a focus on the social psychology of adventure. Metalworker and Owner of [Get Bent Copperworks](#), specializing in copper garden art. Photographer and owner of [Michael Strong Photography](#). Assorted outdoor adventures my wife Jen and our pet family.