

Geoffrey E. Bishop Resume

Summary

Geoffrey Bishop grew up in Australia completing his education and then decided to educate himself on the world. He backpacked around the world for the next five years visiting mainly rural and off the beaten track places, discovering cultures and the uniqueness of the global planet. He settled in Wisconsin, opening an environmental education program, Nature's Classroom Institute (NCI). NCI now serves students from over 100 Montessori schools and across the US. To better understand the child Geoffrey opened a Montessori school on 140 acres in Mukwonago, Wisconsin, blending his expertise in Environmental Education with the Montessori philosophy creating a beautiful school that serves students from three through high school. Geoffrey is passionate about traveling and supporting the AMS global initiative. He is currently the Executive Director and Founder of Nature's Classroom Institute and Montessori School as well as serving on the AMS Board of Directors, Charing both the Global Committee and Montessori Life as well as Co-chair for Development and sits on Finance, Executive Director Review and Member Engagement.

Geoffrey Loves gardening, reading and spending time with his dog Zoey, working on his farm and for those few extra hours a day, working on completing his first book.

EDUCATION

Undergraduate degree in Horticulture, Ryde school of Horticulture; Australia
University of Melbourne, Australia
Master of Landscape Architecture Prelim
Montessori Administration; Seton Montessori Institute,
Audited Early Childhood program at Seton Montessori Training Institute

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director and Founder
Nature's Classroom Institute
Residential Environmental Education
Mukwonago, WI — 1996-2013

www.discovernci.org

I planned and created a unique Residential Environmental Education program serving students and schools throughout the Midwest. I designed the five day program schedule to suite appropriate age groups as well as a diverse and all-encompassing curriculum

Accomplishments

- Development of an in depth and vibrant outdoor curriculum
- 2004 Non formal Educator of the Year in Wisconsin.
- Speaking engagements both Nationally and International
- Development of a National brand and the expansion of our program

***Executive Director and Founder
Nature's Classroom Institute Montessori School
A Montessori School serving students from 2.5 to 16 years
Mukwonago, WI, 2001-present***

www.nciw.org

Planned and started a strong Montessori school in a rural area with an emphasis on the environment and Natural sciences and sustainable agriculture.

Accomplishments

- Build a nationally recognized Montessori school with enrolled ages of 2 years to 18 years.
- Faculty speaker at Seton Montessori Institute
- Traveled extensively around the world visiting over 100 countries.

***Director
Perlman Retreat Center
A Retreat Center serving Adult and youth populations
Mukwonago, WI, 1998-2013***

Booked and sustained a Retreat Center working with diverse groups of adults and youth from all over the upper Midwest. Religious groups, youth groups as well as specialty groups.

Accomplishments

- Built and managed a residential and Day school campus covering about 100,000 sq. foot.
- Oversaw and was the general contractor for a 1.2 million dollar residence hall and classroom space.
- Manage, train and develop 35 staff each year.

Additional

Organic Farm and Agricultural Education

Built an organic Farm from scratch, developing a strong youth educational program around the sustainability of farming. Integrating both Animal Husbandry and plant science in a dynamic farm environment for students to learn and experience.

Presenter and Lecturer

A dynamic, humorous and well versed lecture and workshop presenter on diverse issues such as connecting children to nature, playscapes, art in nature, developing citizens of the planet in Upper Elementary and middle school to team building group dynamics and listening and communication workshops.

World Traveler

Geoffrey has traveled the length and breadth of the world studying and immersing himself into local cultures focusing his travels on country areas and small rural populations. He has travelled to over 100 countries and believes strongly in the love of diversity and learning from others.

Hobbies

Cooking, writing, traveling, gardening and enjoying the company of diverse groups of people.