



OUR COLLECTIVE WORKS

Final Schedule &
Workshop / Presentation Descriptions

May 11 - 13, 2018
Hosted at Camp Arowhon, Algonquin Provincial Park
with ALIVE Outdoors
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OUR COLLECTIVE WORKS DRAFT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MAY 11 2018

Arrive any time after 4:00 pm

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm - Arrivals and Accommodations Move In
Spend some quality free time on Lake Teepee in Algonquin Provincial Park, Socialize and Meet Other Attendees Before Dinner.

6:30 pm - Welcome Address to the 1st Annual Outdoor Collective in the Main Lodge

7:00 pm - Community Dinner in the Main Lodge

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Community Social Events and Music in the Main Lodge,
Campfire on Lake Teepee

SATURDAY MAY 12 2018

7:00 am - Morning Activities: Polar Plunge, Morning Paddle, Sunrise Yoga

7:30 am - Coffee with a View on the Main Lodge Porch

8:15 am – 9:00 am - Breakfast in the Main Lodge

9:00 am - Opening Remarks

9:15 am -10:15 am – **CONCURRENT SESSION A**

- Universal Programming, Marg Wiley, Overnight Camp Manager with Camp Ooch. [\[Rustic Lounge\]](#)
- Stuck Inside: Breaking Down Barriers to the Outdoors, Bretton Dabous, Program Manager at Street to Trail. [\[Main Lodge\]](#)
- Yoga Meditation, Taylor Sbrocchi, Yoga Instructor. [\[Dance Studio/Outside\]](#)

10:30 am -11:30 am – **CONCURRENT SESSION B**

- Cultivating Mastery and Seeking the Value of “Hard Work” Experiences, Ryan Howard, Ph.D., Director of Research, Risk and Innovation, ALIVE Outdoors. [\[Main Lodge\]](#)
- Back Pocket Games, Carlin Val, Owner and Founder At Last Adventures and At Last Forest Schools. [\[Rustic Lounge\]](#)
- Moving with Nature, Stefanie Blanchette, Freelance Educator. [\[Dance Studio/Outside\]](#)



11:30 am – 12:30 pm – Free Time with Optional Lawn Games

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – Lunch & Vendors in the Main Lodge

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm – **CONCURRENT SESSION C**

- Building and Maintaining A Positive Co-Leader Relationship, Liz Kirk, Experiential Education Coordinator at Brock University and Kyle Clarke, Experienced Wilderness Guide. [[Rustic Lounge](#)]
- Promoting Resilience: Exploring How We Can Build Strength and Character Through Relationships. Ruth Mills, Social Worker, Clinician at Children's Centre Thunder Bay. [[Main Lodge](#)]
- Navigation (map, compass and GPS) - "Trip Planning and Mindfulness", Bill Steer Head of School and General Manager at the Canadian Ecology Centre. [[Outpost/Outside](#)]

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm – **CONCURRENT SESSION D**

- Building Lifelong Connections to People, Places and Activities: Designing Canoe Trip Programming to Promote Genuine Youth Engagement, Andre Amiro, Tripping Director Camp Arowhon. [[Outpost](#)]
- "What's Up?": Mental Health in the Context of Outdoor Education, Kim McCrory, Clinician with the George Hull Centre in Toronto. [[Rustic Lounge](#)]
- Fostering Student Transformations During Experiential Programming, Round Table Discussion Hosted by Kristin Read, Director of Global Studies, St. Mildred's-Lightborn School. [[Main Lodge](#)]

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm – The Art of Professionalism in Experiential Education - Where is there work to be done? Discussion lead by Sam Dear, Director ALIVE Outdoors. [[Main Lodge](#)]

5:30pm - 6:30pm - Sponsored Cocktail Hour on the Main Lodge Porch & Vendors

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Community Dinner in the Main Lodge

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm - **A SPECIAL GUEST DESSERT IRON-CHEF CHALLENGE WITH RON TENTHOREY**

9:15 pm - Outdoor Campfire and Group Social with Whisky Tasting Under the Algonquin Stars

SUNDAY MAY 13 2018

CERTIFICATION AND RE-CERTIFICATION COURSES

Wilderness Medical Courses start Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 9:30am [Outpost]

- For those joining the WMA courses on Sunday you are welcome to arrive Saturday night before dinner.

Whitewater Rescue Courses start Monday, May 14, 2018 at 9:00am [Main Lodge & Off-site]

- For those joining the Boreal River Rescue courses on Monday you are welcome to arrive Sunday night before the course. For those staying after between the Collective weekend events and the start of the Boreal River Rescue courses you are welcome to stay and eat.

7:00 am - Morning Activities: Polar Plunge, Morning Paddle, Sunrise Yoga

7:30 am - Coffee with a View on the Main Lodge Porch

8:15 am – 9:00 am - Breakfast in the Main Lodge

9:15 am - 10:15 am – **CONCURRENT SESSION E**

- The Cross-Section of Positive Psychology & Experiential Programming, Jalynn Bosley, Executive Director ALIVE Outdoors. [Main Lodge]
- The Scapegoat... The Bully... The Stereotype..., Michael Levinsky, Director Crestwood Valley Day Camp. [Rustic Lounge]
- Re-wilding: Engaging the Environment, Ryan Benson, Associate Director, ALIVE Outdoors. [Front of Main Lodge]

10:30 am - 11:30 am – **SESSION F (WHOLE COMMUNITY SESSION)**

- So You Want to Change the World? Deepening our understanding of how to avoid bad practice in experiential programs that include international service or volunteer work. Sam Dear, Director at ALIVE Outdoors & Ryan Howard, Ph.D., Director of Research, Risk and Innovation at ALIVE Outdoors. [Main Lodge]

11:45 am - 12:15 pm – Key Points and New Learnings [Main Lodge]

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm - Lunch in the Main Lodge

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Departure for those only attending the “Our Collective Works” portion of the Outdoor Collective.

We hope you are as excited as we are for the 2018 Outdoor Collective at Camp Arowhon in Algonquin Provincial Park. Please note that this schedule may change and presentations/ workshops may be adjusted.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us
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WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS



STUCK INSIDE BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO THE OUTDOORS

(60 minute Presentation) [[Main Lodge](#)]

PRESENTER Bretton Dabous
Program Manager at Street to Trail

DESCRIPTION “Diversity asks: who’s in the room? Equity responds: who’s trying to get in the room but can’t, and whose presence in the room is under constant threat of erasure.” In this instance, we need to be asking who is stuck IN the room and who is having the most difficulty getting OUT of it. Without addressing this conversation as an industry, we risk remaining a predominantly white, cisgender, upper-middle class, [read: privileged] sector. This collaborative presentation will focus on ways to improve accessibility of outdoor education and wilderness experiences that incorporates an understanding of equity, justice and anti-oppression. The presentation will include discussion on the value of outdoor education and wilderness experiences for marginalized folks and collectively work to identify strategies for breaking down barriers to participation in the outdoor industry. Bretton will draw on examples from his own work experience and hope to draw ideas/experiences from others on how we can continue to increase accessibility to the outdoors. This presentation will work to actively include the voices of all present through facilitated circle discussion and participatory activities.

BIO Bretton has been working in the outdoor industry for the majority of his working life including summer camps, international tourism, outdoor education, and therapeutic wilderness programs. He is currently working as the Program Manager for Street to Trail, a Toronto based, non-profit organization working to take folks experiencing homelessness on day hikes and camping trips. He also facilitates art-based groups for youth in Toronto dealing with substance use and mental health challenges and teaches part-time at George Brown College in the School of Social and Community Services. He is extremely interested in working to build and create increased avenues for folks from diverse backgrounds to get outside and enjoy the benefits of the outdoors.

BACK POCKET GROUP GAMES

(60 Minute Interactive Workshop) [[Rustic Lounge](#)]

PRESENTER Carlin Val
Owner and Founder of At Last Adventures and At Last Forest Schools

DESCRIPTION In this high energy workshop participants will learn new cooperative group games that they can break out at any time while working with children or adults. We will focus on games that don’t require equipment or materials so that facilitators can break these games out whenever the opportunity presents itself.

BIO Carlin Val is the owner and founder of At Last Adventures and At Last Forest Schools. After earning degrees in Outdoor Recreation (with a specialization in Leadership), and the Outdoor Environmental Experiential Education Program; Carlin went on to work for corporate team building companies, as well the Bluewater Outdoor Education Center. He has always had a passion for learning and creating new cooperative games that can be tailored to meet the goals and needs of any group.

RE-WILDING - ENGAGING THE ENVIRONMENT

(60 Minute Interactive Outdoor Workshop) [Front of Main Lodge]

PRESENTER Ryan Benson

Associate Director - Program Management, ALIVE Outdoors.

DESCRIPTION Through a variety of sensory activities, games and reflective exercises, ReWilding aims to deepen students understanding of these benefits by restoring and/or deepening their connection to their environment. This workshop will provide participants with a facilitators lens as they engage in a sample activity progression. Group discussions throughout will focus on balancing program continuity and congruency with the spontaneous magic moments nature provides.

BIO Ryan transitioned from being in the field as a wilderness guide and teacher in the Yukon to join the ALIVE full time team as the Associate Director of Program Management. Ryan graduated from Lakehead University with an Honours Degree in Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism and a BSc in Natural Science in 2018. Seeking to broaden his career scope, Ryan returned to Lakehead University in 2011 to earn his Bachelor of Education Degree with teachable in Science and Outdoor Environmental and Experiential Education.

MOVING WITH NATURE

(60 Minute Interactive Outdoor Workshop) [Dance Studio/Outside]

PRESENTER Stefanie Blanchette

Outdoor Educator and Body Movement Instructor

DESCRIPTION Connect with your body and nature. Allow yourself to bridge the gap between your inner and outer world. Learn to facilitate creative movement in nature for yourself and your participants. Gain knowledge into

creating a container where participants can allow themselves to move their bodies and share their vulnerability. Let your body be held and propelled by nature. This workshop is based in somatic practices such as authentic movement and dance improvisation. Centering the mind and body opens our awareness to our environment and makes us more receptive to nature and others. The body and nature are great tools full of knowledge, this workshop will help participants access some of the valuable messages they have to offer.

BIO Stefanie teaches dance choreography to children. In the last two years, she has seen the liberating and empowering effects of improvised dance. Stefanie explores practices such as contact improvisation, authentic movement, and meditation.

NAVIGATION (MAP, COMPASS & GPS) - "TRIP PLANNING AND MINDFULNESS"

(60 Minute Interactive Outdoor Workshop) [Outpost/Outside]

PRESENTER Bill Steer

Head of School and General Manager at the Canadian Ecology Centre.

DESCRIPTION Who knew? And what is good to know. A review of the basics of competent navigation and how navigation is an excellent experiential OEE program that can help participants with anxiety. Participants will go outside for this interactive workshop.

BIO Bill Steer (wilstonsteer@gmail.com and www.steerto.com) is the founder of the Canadian Ecology Centre. A handout will be given to participants. He teaches OEE+E and geomatics at Nipissing University-Schulich School of Education and Canadore College. He developed the national Green Check GPS program used by SAR affiliates, police forces, educational institutions and CSIS trainers.

BUILDING LIFELONG CONNECTIONS TO PEOPLE PLACES AND ACTIVITIES - DESIGNING CANOE TRIP PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE GENUINE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

(60 minute Presentation) [[Outpost](#)]

PRESENTER Andre Amiro
Tripping Director Camp Arowhon

DESCRIPTION All too often, youth participants in Outdoor Education programs come into and pass through programs without experiencing the profound, life-altering experiences we, as facilitators, desire for them. Wilderness settings and outdoor pursuits often fail to foster meaningful relationships between participants, fail to inspire our participants to pursue future opportunities in the out of doors, and conclude without creating lasting impacts. Yet some do. Why is this? What sets a successful program apart? What motivates, inspires and drives participants to a lifetime of outdoor pursuits? How can we replicate those experiences? This session will introduce a variety of frameworks exploring the key concepts of youth engagement, and discuss proven, successful tools for promoting meaningful, genuine connection between people, places and activities, in a canoe trip specific setting.

BIO Andre has been an outdoor educator for the past 15 years, working for a variety of organizations from coast to coast. Currently, he is the Canoe Tripping Director and Outdoor Centre Co-Director at Camp Arowhon, where he has been previously employed as a Program Director and Climbing Instructor. Recently, Andre spent several years working with the Heartwood Centre for Community Youth Development in Halifax, providing professional training and consulting services focused on building engaging, meaningful youth programming to Youth Serving Organizations across Canada, including the Nova Scotia Provincial Government.

CULTIVATING MASTERY AND SEEKING THE VALUE OF "HARD WORK" EXPERIENCES

(60 Minute Presentation) [[Main Lodge](#)]

PRESENTER Ryan Howard, Ph.D.
Director of Research, Risk and Innovation at ALIVE Outdoors.

DESCRIPTION What drives a person to seek the harder way, to dive deeper and work towards defining themselves through their efforts? What are the benefits of facing a challenge head on, staring into uncertainty – yet, knowing that whatever transpires through that uncertainty will be greatly influential within their life. This workshop will seek to explore the ideas surrounding the cultivation of mastery within our own lives and the lives of our students. We will be applying ideas of the Apprentice, the Creative-Active, and the Master to experiential learning activities and personal growth experiences that require dedication, “hard work”, and mentorship. This workshop will include a formal presentation but will also aim to be collaborative and co-creative with attendees to incorporate their own thoughts and experiences into the conversation.

BIO Ryan has presented workshops and research on topics including outdoor education, risk management, and place attachment at over 85 national and international conferences. Previous to joining ALIVE Outdoors Ryan was a tenure-track Professor at Lakehead University teaching in the Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism Department. Ryan actively consults with school boards, independent schools and agencies on enterprise risk management.



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Our vision is only
actionable if we share
it. Without sharing,
it's just a figment of
our imagination.

Simon Sinek

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A POSITIVE CO-LEADER RELATIONSHIP

(60 minutes Workshop) [[Rustic Lounge](#)]

PRESENTERS Liz Kirk

Brock University, Experiential Education Coordinator, Outdoor Recreation.

Kyle Clarke

Experienced wilderness guide who enjoys mentoring new leaders.

DESCRIPTION This interactive workshop will provide opportunities for participants to discuss relevant experiences and develop essential interpersonal skills for trip-based applications. Development of a resilient co-leader dynamic is easily overlooked in the pre-trip scramble to get everything ready, yet quickly becomes a key factor during any backcountry trip. The co-leader dynamic, whether positive or negative, has a strong influence on the overall experience of all trip participants. Although this topic is rarely discussed openly, we believe it is of essential importance to the overall outcome of any backcountry trip. Anyone who has experienced first-hand the impacts of positive and negative co-leader dynamics, both as a participant and as a trip leader, knows this is an important topic. The workshop's goals are for participants to be able to interact with each other to practice some of the skills and strategies being discussed. Role playing of different scenarios will be a focus of the workshop. The hope is that workshop participants will leave with a greater depth of awareness and a renewed sense of empowerment that will be used professionally to develop positive co-leader relationships in the future.

BIO As a 9 year old camper at Camp Wapomeo, Liz experienced her first canoe trip. For almost 20 years, she has been employed as a backcountry trip leader for multiple organizations across Ontario. During her time both as a participant and guide, she can remember the clear impact of the co-leader dynamic on the outcome of several trips. Liz currently works for Brock University as the Experiential Education Coordinator, Outdoor Recreation. In this role, she coordinates a year-round outdoor education program that serves students of the Niagara Catholic District School Board. Liz has been a volunteer on the Board of Directors for the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario (COEO) for the last four years. Just for fun, Liz has completed the Brent Run three times.

PROMOTING RESILIENCE: EXPLORING HOW WE CAN BUILD STRENGTH AND CHARACTER THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

(60 Minute Workshop) [[Main Lodge](#)]

PRESENTER Ruth Mills

Social Worker, Clinician at Children's Centre Thunder Bay.

DESCRIPTION In recent years, a number of articles and discussions have emerged, observing a decline in the ability that children and youth have to face even minor challenges. Many (probably all!) of us agree that time spent outside and unstructured play can impact a young person's ability to face challenges in the future. Does this apply to all young people? Why do these experiences matter? How do I promote this learning and growth? This workshop will explore these beliefs and questions from an evidence-based lens, incorporating Ruth's experience and knowledge in outdoor-based programs as well as child development and mental health. Together, we will further our understanding of resilience and the crucial role that caring adults play in promoting it.

BIO Ruth Mills currently works as a clinician with Children's Centre Thunder Bay, the lead child and adolescent mental health agency for Northwestern Ontario. She also contributes to Lakehead University's Outdoor Recreation, Parks, & Tourism program as a course instructor. Ruth holds a Masters of Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University and graduated from Lakehead University with undergraduate degrees in both Outdoor Recreation and Psychology. Before following her heart back to Thunder Bay, Ruth worked for almost a decade in full-time camping as a summer camp director, most recently at YMCA Camp Pine Crest.

SO YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD? DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO AVOID BAD PRACTICES IN EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OR VOLUNTEER WORK

(60 Minutes Workshop) [[Main Lodge](#)]

PRESENTER Sam Dear
Director at ALIVE Outdoors Inc.

DESCRIPTION Opportunities to work with organizations offering outdoor education coupled with International Volunteer/ Service work is becoming increasingly popular. Evidence of the transformational effects on student participants is on the rise, however criticism revolving around the impact these programs have on the host community are increasingly in the spotlight.

These criticisms and contradictions can be summarized by the following three questions:

1. Are volunteer/service programs exploitive?
2. Are volunteer/service programs simply a way for students and young professionals to build a resume?
3. Do volunteer/service projects truly benefit those in the host community?

Deepening our knowledge of these questions in relationship to broadening student's worldviews and navigating organizations to work with will form the foundation of this workshop.

BIO Sam's career revolves around the intersection between experiential education and deepening values of social/environmental justice. Her current interests include raising ethical standards for Global Experiential/ Service Learning Programs, Deepening professional values and empowerment for Outdoor Educators/Guides and the Re-Entry program phase of international and outdoor experiences. Sam holds an Honours Degree in Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism and BA in Geography from Lakehead University. A post-graduate certificate in International Project Management from Humber College and a Masters Degree Exploring Reciprocity in International Service Learning Programs from Brock University. Sam has been involved with ALIVE Outdoors Inc. for the last 6 years, and currently holds the role of Director.

YOGA AND MEDITATION PRACTICES

(60 Minute Interactive Workshop) [[Dance Studio/Outside](#)]

FACILITATOR Taylor Sbrocchi
Yoga Instructor

DESCRIPTION This interactive workshop will take participants through a series of movement and mental exercises that challenge our abilities to be aware of our body and mind in the present moment. The outdoors often allows a new perspective. It can pull us back into the present moment, and heightens our awareness of the beauty that surrounds us. Yoga is one of the many tools that helps us move into that moment. We can practice tuning into our bodies, calm our minds and fully engage with life around us. As well, on a practical level our bodies need some attention to help release what is tight and strengthen what is not usually used.

BIO Taylor has trained as a yoga instructor and is now studying to be a registered massage therapist. She loves nature, community, and living in a way that contributes to the wellbeing of this world. She values how different each person is, and is in awe of how despite our differences, we are so connected.

“WHAT’S UP?”: MENTAL HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF OUTDOOR EDUCATION

(60 Minute Workshop) [[Rustic Lounge](#)]

PRESENTER Kim McCrory

Social Worker - Clinician with the George Hull Centre, Children’s Mental Health Centre in Toronto.

DESCRIPTION “What’s up?” This may be one of the most powerful questions that we can ask young participants in our programs. “What’s up?” shows our genuine curiosity and interest in a young person’s experience and is our best tool when we see a young person struggling. As Outdoor Educators we are tasked with providing meaningful outdoor experiences to young people who come to us with a whole variety of strengths and struggles: it is daunting and important work! In this workshop Kim will draw on her experience in children’s mental health to begin a conversation about how we understand the children who struggles in our programs and how we can best support them. We’ll cover some mental health 101, share stories of what we’ve learned from youth, and learn strategies to connect when facing challenging behaviours.

BIO Kim McCrory is a Clinician with the George Hull Centre, a Children’s Mental Health Centre in Toronto. She holds a Masters of Social Work from the University of Toronto and is a graduate of the OE3 program at Lakehead University. Before giving Toronto a full-time try, Kim spent many seasons working with children experiencing mental health challenges at Camp Towhee and the Kinark Outdoor Centre, in addition to her time spent with ALIVE Outdoors and other outdoor education programs.

THE CROSS-SECTION OF POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMMING

(60 Minute Workshop) [[Main Lodge](#)]

PRESENTER Jalynn Bosley

Executive Director ALIVE Outdoors Inc.

DESCRIPTION This workshop looks at how Positive Psychology, the scientific study of optimal human functioning is highly complementary to experiential programming. Dr. Chris Peterson summarized positive psychology in 3 words: Other People Matter. This workshop will touch on a series of topics and approaches that teachers, guides, and facilitators can use to enhance the learning outcomes of their programs. We will touch on mindset, process praise vs. person/ outcome praise, the power of “yet,” and the learner path vs. the judger path. Most of ALIVE Outdoors workshops are rooted in strength-based teaching and learning. One of the goals of this workshop is to help participants understand that it is often the small things that can have the most profound impact on students.

BIO Jalynn is nearing the two-decade mark as the Owner and Executive Director of ALIVE Outdoors. Jalynn actively consults with schools on program development, risk management, and scope and sequence planning both nationally and internationally. She is responsible for over-seeing all elements of ALIVE Outdoors which facilitates programs for thousands of students annually. She has recently completed her Certificate of Applied Positive Psychology, through the Flourishing Centre, in New York City, and is amazed at how many of the Positive Psychology principles can be applied to experiential programs to enhance their depth and impact.

A night sky filled with stars, with a warm orange glow from a campfire in the foreground. The silhouettes of three people are visible, looking up at the stars. A large evergreen tree is on the right side of the image.

There is no power for
change greater than a
community
discovering what it
cares about.

Margaret Wheatley

THE SCAPEGOAT...THE BULLY... THE STEREOTYPE...

(60 Minute Workshop) [[Rustic Lounge](#)]

PRESENTER Michael Levinsky
Director at Crestwood Valley Day Camp

DESCRIPTION This highly interactive workshop examines how easy it is to fall into the trap of labelling children. Through several dramatic strategies, participants will create a character based on a piece of literature, identify characteristics of that character and will present a tableau portraying that character in a variety of environments. Whether you are a staff member, director, teacher or camp administrator, you will leave this workshop with a fresh approach to a universal dilemma. This workshop will not only heighten awareness but will leave you with a fresh and exciting workshop to run with your campers/staff or students. Throughout this experiential forum, participants will find the results not only surprising, but inspiring as well. The goal of this workshop is to foster mutual support and cooperation among campers and students, raise awareness on the traps of stereotyping, and understand through a variety of dramatic strategies how a scapegoat may feel.

BIO Mike Levinsky, Director at Crestwood Valley Day Camp, brings a wealth of both camp and education experience having spent the last 45 consecutive summers at camp – as a camper, staff member, and camp administrator. He has worked at over 11 different residential and day camps over the past 30 years, most notably as Program Director for several years at both Camp White Pine and Camp Manitou. He has presented a variety of motivational workshops for both the Ontario Camps Association annual conferences, American Camping Conferences as well as staff training sessions at various camps. Mike has been a teacher for the past 22 years and is a graduate from the University of Arizona where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts, majoring in Drama Production. He later spent many years acting in Los Angeles in television and commercials and eventually moved back to Toronto where he received his post-graduate degree in Education.

FOSTERING STUDENT TRANSFORMATIONS DURING EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMMING

(60 Minute Facilitated Round Table Discussion) [[Main Lodge](#)]

FACILITATOR Kristin Read
Director of Global Studies, St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School

DESCRIPTION This round table discussion explores the role of the facilitator in guiding and supporting the student's transformative process during experiential programs, whether it be in a classroom, on a canoe trip or hiking in the Himalayas. The discussion will begin with some brief stories, and thought-provoking anecdotes. A small roundtable discussion will focus on sharing what people feel are reflective methods that can help young people move beyond the surface, to a more rooted place, where true impact can be seen and felt. Discussions may range between mindfulness, journaling, and the importance of helping individuals authentically connect in a world where disconnection is so prevalent.

BIO Kristin is the Director of St. Mildred's-Lightbourn's world-renowned Global Studies program which enriches the standard curriculum with lessons outside the classroom. It integrates academic studies with relevant career and life experiences in the real world, allowing students to graduate with enriched personal understanding, more curriculum credits and impressive academic achievements. She has had the privilege of teaching in four different countries and traveling with students to over 20 different countries for learning exchanges. She is also the Round Square Representative of the Americas.

THE ART OF PROFESSIONALISM IN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION - WHERE IS THERE WORK TO BE DONE?

(Round Table Discussion) [[Main Lodge](#)]

FACILITATOR Sam Dear, Director ALIVE Outdoors

DESCRIPTION This discussion will focus on several key aspects of experiential education that will further legitimize and professionalize our work. Some of these topics may include: effective transfer of learning outcomes, diversity, administrative skills, mentorship from the field to the office, language and client/student centered mentality. Please join us and bring your thoughts in relationship to your specific area of focus/role.

BIOS Sam's career revolves around the intersection between experiential education and deepening values of social/environmental justice. Her current interests include raising ethical standards for Global Experiential/ Service Learning Programs, Deepening professional values and empowerment for Outdoor Educators/Guides and the Re-Entry program phase of international and outdoor experiences. Sam holds an Honours Degree in Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism and BA in Geography from Lakehead University. A post-graduate certificate in International Project Management from Humber College and a Masters Degree Exploring Reciprocity in International Service Learning Programs from Brock University. Sam has been involved with ALIVE Outdoors Inc. for the last 6 years, and currently holds the role of Director.

UNIVERSAL PROGRAMMING

(60 minute Workshop/Presentation) [[Rustic Lounge](#)]

PRESENTER Marg Wiley
Camp Oochigeas – Overnight Camp Manager

DESCRIPTION Young people have different needs, be it related to their learning style, energy level, and ability to express emotions. There are many physical and emotional considerations that programmers and facilitators need to keep in mind. It can be daunting to ensure we have considered the many factors in to how we successfully program for a variety of needs. This workshop/ presentation will discuss the concept of building and delivering accessible programs and how to move program design to be more inclusive and playful.

BIO Marg has been involved with Camp Oochigeas for the last 8 years. She is currently the Overnight Camp Manager. Previously, she was the Assistant Director of Camp Ekon and their Tripping Director. She got involved with facilitation through ropes training and has been ACCT certified for over 10 years. Through work with Me to We, Outward Bound, and her time at Ooch she has found that play is a way to persevere beyond one's circumstance. She is excited to share her passion of therapeutic recreation and universal programming.



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