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Personal summary

- A friendly, passionate third year student; dedicated and hardworking, enthusiastic, quick learning, a great mind for observation, and a great love of the outdoors.
- Works well in a team as well as solo and looking to be part of a project that is inspiring.
- Looking to put the information and skills learnt in life and taught at university into practice, to meet new people, and build up new experiences and skills.

Education

2011-2014

- University of Exeter, Cornwall campus, BSc Zoology
- Expected 3rd year grade: 2:1

Volunteering and Experience

University field work:

2012-2013

- Parasite Transmission Dynamics in Bumblebee Communities Project: data collection around Cornwall, including species identification and bumblebee faeces collection for microscopy use in laboratories.
- Behaviour and Biodiversity Field Course in Cyprus: measuring correlations between flower and insect biodiversity, species identification and grouping; mist netting migrant bird species, ringing and species identification.

University subjects

2011-2013

- Animal Life, History, Diversity and Conservation – Discussions and in this module increased understanding of the subject and developed presentation and communication skills directed at an audience.
- Analysis of Biological Data – training in the use of statistics programs, specifically the use of R.

The Acorn School Summer Camp, Pembrokeshire

2011

- Gained experience whilst assisting on a school camp – involved showing enthusiasm for any task at hand, leading by example, helping with organisation of plus 20 children (ages 11-16), cooking, cleaning, and running sporting activities.

Future Light Orphanage volunteering, Thailand

2011

- Gained experience and communications skills teaching English, gained responsibilities and confidence interacting and taking care of the children, prepared meals, and assisted with building a kitchen.

Swimming instructor, the Acorn School, Nailsworth

2009-2011

- Learned patience and understanding of temperaments and capabilities teaching children to swim between the ages of 3-15 years

Mother Goose Arts and Crafts shop, Nailsworth **2011**

- Gained skills in organisation and communication working the till, interacting and helping with customers, pricing, putting together and making sale items

Achievements

(Drivers licence pending)

1 st London University Bouldering Events, climbing competition	2013
3 rd BUCS Climbing Competition	2013
Captain of the swimming and gymnastics team,	2011
PADI Open Water Diving Certificate	2011
Achieved grade 8 – piano	2010
Sponsored school swim for Future Light Orphanage, Thailand – 6 km swim	2010
Climbed Mount Kinabalu, 4,095 m, one of the highest mountains in SE Asia	2009
5 days trekking through the rainforest, Borneo,	2009
2 nd BRYCs Climbing Competition,	2007
Sponsored swim in aid refugees of the Tsunami disaster 2004 – 3 km swim	2005

Personal skills

I believe my achievements and interests demonstrate a caring dedication to the things I am passionate about and show that I am highly motivated and not afraid to take on a challenge. I am a great listener, practical and logical thinker, with a focus and dedication to anything I set myself to. Working in the orphanage and teaching swimming to children, I gained great life experience as it was both physically and emotionally draining and working with children that didn't speak the same language helped greatly with communication skills. I also learned how important and valued dedication and patience are. Being a part of the swimming team, gym team, volleyball team and University climbing team I have enjoyed great team spirit, dedication, conscientiousness, enthusiasm and a hard working attitude.

Other hobbies and interests

Outside of studying I have a love of the outdoors and enjoy a huge range of sports and outward bound activities such as: climbing, surfing, skiing, volleyball, swimming, wakeboarding, hiking, and running. I also have a love for arts and crafts and enjoy painting, sketching and photography. A passion for knowledge of the natural surrounding environments has led to bird watching and identification, and foraging for mushrooms and identification of edible species.

References

Dr. Angus Buckling, Lecturer in Evolutionary Biology, Daphne du Maurier, Centre for Ecology and Conservation, College of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Exeter, Cornwall Campus, TR10 9EZ – Academic reference

Mr Graeme Whiting, Headmaster at the Acorn School, The Acorn School, Church Street, Nailsworth, GL6 OBP, (+44)1453 836508 – Character reference