

Samantha Grant

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EDUCATION

GRADUATION DATE: DECEMBER 2024

Ohio University, Athens, OH

Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Outdoor Recreation and Education and Visual Communications:
Photojournalism

Minor in Recreation Management

Certificate in Ecotourism

DECEMBER 2022

Ecotourism Destinations- Costa Rica

- Participated in a ten-day ecotourism study abroad program throughout Costa Rica with Autentico Adventures
- Prepared and taught lessons about sustainable ecotourism practices with student group
- Sustainably participated in adventure activities such as backpacking, white-water rafting, rappelling, and surfing

EXPERIENCE

MAY 2025 – PRESENT

Interpreter II, Great Parks of Hamilton County, Cincinnati, OH

- Prepare and present inclusive programs focused on natural and cultural history, environmental topics and sustainability to diverse groups and individuals
- Sustainably care for and train a wide variety of animal ambassadors including turtles, snakes, rabbits and toads.
- Assist in special events such as Holidays on the Farm and Fairy Tale Festival through guest relations, set up and take down.

MAY 2024 – AUGUST 2024

Museum Camps Instructor, Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati, OH

- Co-led weeklong interpretive camp programs for groups of 14-20 in grades K-6 on topics such as messy science, paleontology, natural sciences, art, engineering and outer space
- Adapted lesson plans to fit the needs of campers on a week-by-week basis

MARCH 2024 – APRIL 2024

Backpacking Teaching Assistant, Ohio University, Athens, OH

- Prepared and taught engaging lessons on backpacking techniques, wilderness living, navigation and environmental stewardship for college students
- Co-led multiple weekend long backpacking trips for a class of 15 students, guiding them through camp set up and backcountry skills through providing real-time feedback and support
- Managed group logistics and safety, ensuring students were adequately prepared for all class activities

MAY 2023 – AUGUST 2023

Lead Photographer, The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, Mount Hope, WV

- Created and shared visual content following weekly youth white-water rafting and backpacking treks
- Collaboratively managed social media pages including Instagram and Facebook with a collective reach of over 120,000 people
- Documented the 2023 National Scout Jamboree and had photographs published in Fox National News

MAY 2022 – AUGUST 2022

Summer Intern, Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

- Led weekly educational programs for local youth and camps on topics such as composting, how to garden, and cooking
- Assisted in leading volunteer groups in weekly grounds maintenance sessions
- Used photography and design skills to create a cookbook for our Summer Sprouts camp kids

CERTIFICATIONS

Wilderness First Responder

Wilderness Medical Associates, December 2023

Expires: December 31, 2026

Certified Interpretive Guide

The National Association for Interpretation, March 2023

Expires: March 2027

ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 2022 – DECEMBER 2024

Secretary, President, Recreation Majors and Minors Association, Ohio University

- Organize and execute successful events such as guest speakers, adventure programming, film festivals and conferences
- Represent club at various events to foster increased interest and involvement in recreation
- Arrange and attend club meetings, and take accurate notes
- Assist in programming club events such as trail cleanups and guest speakers

AUGUST 2022 – DECEMBER 2022

Volunteer, Beacon School for Developmental Disabilities, Athens, OH

- Participated in adaptive gym classes with kids and young adults with varying disabilities
- Assisted in planning an adaptive community recreation field trip for the young adult students

AUGUST 2018 – AUGUST 2022

Volunteer, The Walnut Woods Restoration Project, Cincinnati, OH

- Removed invasive plant species and planted native ones to help revitalize woods in front of Walnut Hills High School
- Photographed volunteer events to improve organizations media presence and increase involvement