

# 16th Annual Western Regional AEE Conference

Universal Approaches to



Experiential Education

Discover, Dream, Deliver

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**Welcome!**

We are pleased to invite you to the 16th Annual Western Regional AEE Conference being held at the beautiful [El Capitan Canyon](#) Conference Center. Once again, this year's WRAEE Conference offers many wonderful opportunities to network with like-minded educators and facilitators, and learn something new about teaching and perhaps yourself. We are thrilled to welcome Greg Lais, founder of [Wilderness Inquiry](#), as our Keynote Speaker. For your enjoyment we have 25 amazing workshops presented by leaders in experiential education from a variety of fields, from recreational to academic and therapeutic to corporate. To round out the conference, we have great speakers, a book/gift store, great food, entertainment, two fun Friday night dinners, and six fantastic pre-conferences.

**Conference Theme**

To us, Universal Approaches to Experiential Education, means that quality education should be available and accessible to all people— young/old, rich/poor, physically challenged/able bodied, in every walk of life and in every country. We, as experiential educators (counselors, teachers, coaches, consultants, trainers, etc.) have a duty to share our knowledge and different outlook with others, to help make the world better through non-traditional education. We want to join together and celebrate Experiential Education and Appreciative Inquiry, to share the excitement of discovering what needs to be done, dreaming about what can be achieved, and finding a way to deliver it to everyone. **Thank you for joining us and we hope you have a wonderful conference experience!**

**Buffy and Terry, 2007 Co-Conveners**

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## Speaker Highlights

### **Opening: “Culture in a Changing World: Universal by Design and Vital to our Success” presented by Dr. Nina Roberts**



This year’s West Region Conference relates to universal approaches to experiential education. The theme includes “discover, dream, deliver” as part of the weekend. This talk will explore what this means to each of us collectively and as unique beings inhabiting a complex world. Consider how or why culture has universal qualities in experiential learning. Determine why culture is both fundamental and imperative to comprehend and embrace. Discover connections - dare to not only dream but dream big, and deliver on your word. Nina will engage everyone around the ever-changing topic of multiculturalism, share lessons learned through recent research, and encourage new ways of thinking. Come with an open-mind and opportunity to unite...whatever that means to you!

*Nina S. Roberts, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at San Francisco State University. She is also the Project Director for the SFSU Pacific Leadership Institute.*

### **Keynote: “Sharing the Adventure with Everyone: A New Approach to Serving People of all Ages, Backgrounds and Abilities” presented by Greg Lais**

Greg’s work at Wilderness Inquiry, the oldest and most extensive outdoor education and travel program in the world for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, was the inspiration for the theme of the conference this year. Greg is a pioneer of outdoor education programs and training curriculum that use the wilderness to facilitate greater acceptance of human diversity. He also develops training curriculum on the latest techniques for integrating all people into activities, facilities, and programs. Since 1978, Wilderness Inquiry has served more than 175,000 people on wilderness trips throughout the world. [Read Greg’s Journal!](#)

Greg Lais, founder of [Wilderness Inquiry](#), is an expert on wilderness adventure travel, inclusion, and non profit management. He has served as an expert guide for over 100 Wilderness Inquiry trips, integrating people of all abilities, including those with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities.



### **Playnote: “Universal Approaches to Play” facilitated by Mike Anderson**

Join Mike Anderson at his two Pre-conferences and then throughout the conference as he shares with us the keys to adventure play!

*Mike Anderson has been a leader in adventure play for more than a decade. In addition to co-authoring [Teambuilding Puzzles](#), Mike has also contributed to other books on adventure play and is now the owner of [Petra Cliffs Climbing and Teambuilding Center](#) in Burlington, Vermont.*

### **Closing: “Closing in on Closings: A Showcase of Great Goodbyes and the Favorite Ways to Close programs,” facilitated by Joc Clark**

We’re doing something new this year for our closing! Join Joc and Brian for a workshop on Saturday to discuss your favorite closing activities and learn some new ones. Then share them with the whole group on Sunday!

*Jonathan "Joc" Clark, M.Ed., has worked for more than 20 years as an experiential educator, leading and developing adventure-based programs and schools.*



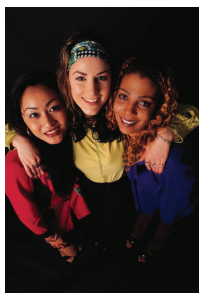
## Community

### WRAEE Bookstore –n– More

Feed your mind! Stop by the WRAEE Bookstore-n-More to pick up new resources or gifts to take home. This year we will be implementing a new “virtual” bookstore, allowing you to order books directly from the AEE eStore at the member discount! We will also have T-Shirts, stickers, and other fun items for sale. Bring a few books or a CDs to donate for our “Buck a Book” or “Music for a Song” section of the Bookstore. With each purchase you will be helping to financially support WRAEE—a very worthy cause!



### Connecting



One of the best things about attending a WRAEE Conference is the opportunity to make new professional and personal connections, and renew existing contacts. We have designed a number of opportunities for you to meet others with similar interests at meals, during Sunrise Activities, and in the evenings. If this is your first WRAEE Conference, we encourage you to attend our “Newbie Orientation” to help get you situated and explain the AEE way of conferencing. We suggest bringing business cards and material from your programs to share with other people at the conference. We are also looking for volunteers for various projects for 2007/2008—it’s a great way to get involved! Come to the Regional Meeting and Power Breakfast to find out more!

### Community Service Project

This year we have chosen the AEE Accredited program [Boojum Institute](http://www.boojum.org) in Joshua Tree, California as our focus for the Community Service Project. Boojum suffered a terrible tragedy last July when their entire campus was ravaged by wildfires. Tens of thousands of dollars of equipment were destroyed, including 31 years worth of records and supplies, and the personal possessions of 10 staff members. We applaud their resiliency and fortitude in the face of adversity. We hope that you will bring a donation of gift cards or camping supplies for this very worthy cause, and help rebuild part of WRAEE’s very valuable family. Go to [www.boojum.org](http://www.boojum.org) for more information.



### Silent and Live Auctions



You won’t believe the items we have available this year! Stop by and bid on something for yourself, your organization, or for a gift. You’ll not only find great bargains, you will also be helping the WRAEE fundraising effort! We encourage you to bring at least 1-2 items that you have purchased specifically to donate, or items that are ‘previously loved’ that you think other members could use. This year we will also have a Live Auction with some great pieces of art. If you have any questions about the auctions, or would like to let us know what you will be bringing, please contact Buffy at [wraee\\_webmaster@Yahoo.com](mailto:wraee_webmaster@Yahoo.com).

### TLC

Treat yourself to a little Tender Loving Care by visiting our relaxation spot for a massage available for a donation of \$1/minute. Make sure you sign up early so you don’t miss out on this great opportunity. We will have blocks of 5-30 minutes, available throughout the conference. Thank you Bernadine and Robin for this wonderful treat!



*AEE does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical ability or professional affiliation in matters of employment or application for membership.*

## AEE Professional Groups

We invite you to find out more about the professional groups (PG) and professional affiliation groups (PAG) within AEE. At lunch on Saturday you'll have the opportunity to meet with people with the same interests. Check out the short descriptions below to find out more about our PGs & PAGs, and feel free to ask for more information about how you can get involved!

### Profession-Based Groups

- [Experience-Based Training and Development \(EBTD\)](#)  
Actively using or pursuing the use of experiential methods for training and development in organizations.
- [Outdoor & Adventure Programs \(OAP\)](#)  
Focuses on the application of experiential education methods and philosophies in outdoor and adventure settings.
- [Schools and Colleges \(S&C\)](#)  
Committed to the development and promotion of experiential learning in school and college settings.
- [Therapeutic Adventure \(TAPG\)](#)  
Using adventure-based practice and philosophy of experiential education therapeutically within the fields of health, mental health, corrections, education and other human service fields.

### Professional Affiliation Groups

- [Natives, Africans, Asians, Latino\(a\)s, & Allies \(NAALA\)](#)  
Elevating the consciousness of AEE's membership toward oppression, exploitation and human suffering, and advocating for social and economic justice within experiential education by developing and implementing new strategies for sharing "power."
- [Older Folks & Allies \(OFA\)](#)  
Creating space for the seasoned experiential educator to connect with other seasoned professionals, share their wisdom with those newer to the field, and contribute to the promotion of experiential education through their connections, projects and initiatives.
- [Women's Professional Group \(WPG\)](#)  
Sharing a commonality of concerns as women engaged in experiential education and voicing the interests, needs and concerns of women within AEE and the larger professional communities.

## Conference Schedule

### Thursday 03/01/07

7:45-5:00 p.m.	Pre-Con Wilderness First Aid—Day 1
12:00-4:30 p.m.	Pre-Con Serious Games for Serious Fun
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
5:00-10:00 p.m.	Networking, Games, Fire Pit
10:00 p.m.	Quiet Time (El Capitan Policy)

### Friday 03/02/07

8:00-5:00 p.m.	Pre-Con Wilderness First Aid—Day 2
10:00-5:00 p.m.	Pre-Con Advanced Facilitation
10:00-5:00 p.m.	Pre-Con Teambuilding Puzzles & More
12:00-4:00 p.m.	Pre-Con Collaborative Workplace
2:00-4:30 p.m.	Pre-Con Bike Excursion
4:00-7:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Presenter & Service Crew Meetings
6:00-7:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome and Opening Speaker</b>
7:30-8:30 p.m.	Wine Dinner (Pre-Reg only)
7:30-10:00 p.m.	Pizza and Games Party
8:30-10:00 p.m.	Round Table (Open to All)
10:00 p.m.	Quiet Time (El Capitan Policy)

### Saturday 03/03/07

7:30-8:45 a.m.	Registration
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Sunrise Activities (Yoga)
8:00-8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15-8:45 a.m.	Newbie Orientation
8:15-8:45 a.m.	Presenter & Service Crew Meetings
9:00-10:30 a.m.	<b>Workshop Block A</b>
10:45-12:15 p.m.	<b>Workshop Block B</b>
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Professional Group Meetings
1:15-2:15 p.m.	<b>Workshop Block C</b>
2:30-4:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop Block D</b>
4:15-5:15 p.m.	Region Meeting
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:45-8:30 p.m.	<b>Keynote Speaker</b>
8:30-10:00 p.m.	Entertainment, Live Auction, Networking
10:00 p.m.	Quiet Time (El Capitan Policy)

### Sunday 03/04/07

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Sunrise Activities
8:00-8:45 a.m.	Breakfast (2007/2008 Volunteer Meeting)
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Last Call for Silent Auction
9:00-12:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop Block E</b>
9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>Workshop Block F</b>
11:00 a.m.	Check out of rooms
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Evaluations, Auction Pick Up
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Region Leadership Meeting (All are welcome)
1:15-2:30 p.m.	<b>Closing</b>
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Conference Breakdown & Cleanup

## Entertainment



### Bill Flores & Friends (Saturday 8:30—10:00 p.m.)

Bill Flores is a multi-instrumentalist who is accomplished on dobro, guitar, saxophone, pedal steel, mandolin, button accordion, fiddle and banjo.

Influenced at a young age by his father, who was a steel guitarist, Bill has now played professionally for over 25 years. He is well versed in a variety of styles including blues, country, Cajun, old timey, bluegrass, Celtic and Norteño. Over the years Bill has performed with a variety of musicians, and has opened for such diverse artists as Bob Dylan and Stevie Ray Vaughn.

Besides being a Lowly Sideman in The Tatters, he currently performs with The Rincon Ramblers, Little Jonny and the Giants, Cory Sipper, and Louie Ortega of The Texas Tornados fame.

### Sunrise Activities (Saturday & Sunday 7:00—8:00 a.m.)

Get a head start on the day from with a variety of eye-opening activities! We've set aside this time for you to use as you wish, from consulting with presenters or professionals in your field to taking a run, walk, or bike ride in this beautiful setting. We will also have a formal Yoga class on Saturday for those of you who want to start your day with a little Sun Salutation to align your Chakras. We encourage you to get a group together to take a hike or stroll down to the beach, just be back for breakfast!



### Weather & Clothing

In general, winter daytime temperatures in the Santa Barbara area are in the mid-60s, with occasional rain or fog. The March high is typically 67°F and the low is 46°F. Dress in comfortable clothes/shoes to participate in activities and workshops. Some workshops may be in areas that do not have heat, or may be outside. Winter weather is unpredictable; it is a good idea to bring rain gear or an umbrella in case of wet or damp weather. Temperatures tends to be significantly cooler at night, so bring a jacket for evening activities.

**\*Please Note: Make sure you have your own flashlight.** There is no light in the public areas at night, and it is very dark in the canyon. It is wonderful for seeing stars, but a little tricky for walking from cabin to cabin, to the campground, or to the restroom.

### \*\*Important Safety Message\*\*

El Capitan Canyon is located in a beautiful, rugged, rural location. In order to have a great conference and stay safe, please exercise caution and common sense when hiking, biking, and walking in the area. The area surrounding El Capitan is populated by mountain lions, skunks, and rattlesnakes, and there is also poison oak within the canyon. For more detailed safety suggestions, please read the [safety information on the El Capitan website](#).

For more information about the Santa Barbara area check out [www.santabarbaraca.com](http://www.santabarbaraca.com), [www.santabarbara.com](http://www.santabarbara.com) and [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) for the latest updates on weather and travel delays!

## Strands & Pre-Conference Workshops

*The following description of AEE strands will help you choose workshops based on your interests.*

### **Schools and Colleges (SC):**

Experiential teaching and learning for primary, secondary, and higher education.

### **Therapeutic Adventure/Adventure Therapy (TA):**

Therapeutic application and underlying theories and modules of adventure-based practice in mental health, corrections, substance abuse, health and related fields.

### **Experience-Based Training and Development (EBTD):**

Techniques and theories to facilitate growth and development of/within organizations.

### **Social Justice and Ethics (SJE):**

Social and ethical issues and questions as they relate to experiential education.

### **Program Administration (PA):**

Managing risk, responding to trends, promoting and marketing, maintaining client relations, fiscal management, and staff development.

### **Mind/Body/Spirit (MBS):**

Integrating all dimensions of the human being as an essential aspect of experiential education.

### **Adventure-Based Programming (ABP):**

Techniques and models used by practitioners to foster learning and growth in wilderness and adventure-based programs, environmental or outdoor education, or organized camping.

### **Facilitation/Processing (FP):**

Cross-disciplinary techniques, tools and models for exploring philosophy, practice, methodology, self-development and growth as a practitioner working with groups in a variety of settings.

### **Research and Evaluation (RE):**

Theories related to experiential learning, new and continuing research results, evaluation methods and outcomes.

### **AEE Leadership Development (LD):**

Designed for AEE current and potential leaders and presenters.

### **Just For Fun! (FUN):**

Designed for everyone. A chance to run around, laugh, play and have some fun.

These pre-conference workshops that are available on Thursday and Friday.

### **Wilderness First Aid Certification—Sold Out**

**When:** Thursday March 1, Friday March 2,

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days

**Cost:** \$185 - Includes lunch both days

### **Adv. Facilitation of the Experiential Process**

**When:** Friday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$75 - Includes lunch

### **Serious Games For Serious Fun**

**When:** Thursday, March 1, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50

### **Teambuilding Puzzles and More**

**When:** Friday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$95 - Includes lunch and a copy of [Teambuilding Puzzles](#)

### **BOTH Games & Teambuilding**

**Cost:** \$130

### **Enhancing the Collaborative Workplace**

**When:** Friday, March 2, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50

### **Mountain Bike Excursion**

**When:** Friday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25



## Workshops

### **1: The Five Wilderness Protocols You Have to Have (PA)**

*Presenter: Bill Jacox*

Support your staff with in the field easy-to-follow protocols that guide you through the latest curriculum in backcountry treatment and evacuation. Each protocol offers you decision points to help customize them for your organization and staff. Also covered will be tips for working with a medical director to customize protocols to the specific needs of your organization.

### **2: Blood, Bruises, Burns, and Broken Bones: Using Moulage to Enhance Scenario-Based Trainings (EBTD, PA)**

*Presenter: Bill Jacox*

Even though your staff are required to hold certifications in wilderness medicine, is a recertification every two years really enough? Wouldn't you like to have educational and realistic scenarios with which to provide ongoing trainings for your staff? In this workshop, participants will practice basic moulage skills and learn pertinent scenarios that may be adapted to individual programs. Don't miss this opportunity to get bloodied in the best interest of your staff.

### **3: Tag, You're It!!! (MBS, FUN)**

*Presenters: Hunter Merritt & Brad Pointer*

This workshop is exactly as the title suggests: TAG GAMES! This one-hour F.U.N.N. session (thank you, Karl Rohnke) guarantees a gaggle of giggles, a ton of tickles, a pile of smiles and a smidgen of serious safety solutions to settle the minds of those with any hesitation (or bad knees). Bring a water bottle, your sneakers or other close-toed shoes, and a positive outlook, and walk away with a light heart and perhaps a few new tag games for your bag of tricks.

### **4: Waldo's Leadership Sherpa (ABP, LD, EBTD, FP, SC)**

*Presenter: Brian Pritchard*

An initiative focused on leadership attitudes and behaviors: With large groups or small (8 to 80); almost any setting (inside or out); with prepared or found-at-the-moment props. This activity is universally accessible. Workshop participants will choose to play/demonstrate the activity or observe/help with the debrief. Along with the debrief there will be Question-and-Answer time as well as ideas about variations/applications of the activity at the end.

### **5: From Here to There and Back (EBTD, FP, SC)**

*Presenter: Chris Krohn*

Studying abroad can be a powerful experience, a life-changing one perhaps. The Environmental Studies Dept. at UC Santa Cruz has established academic, social, and economic ties with three Central American coffee-farming communities. Undergraduate students study Spanish at the university and also in-country, then they immerse themselves into small-town farm life, learning and teaching the principles of sustainable agriculture. Some students live in dormitories (El Salvador) while others stay with families and pay the families small stipends (Costa Rica and Nicaragua).

Along with the issues of global trade, social justice, and cultural exchange, the stipends students pay the families have become a coveted source of income in two of these communities and has magnified the issue of global injustice. We will explore what study abroad, intercultural education, and how putting a real face on the process of globalization can change individuals, whole communities and make small economic changes. In this workshop we would like attendees to give serious thought to what makes an effective international educational experience and be encouraged to share what works and what doesn't from their own experience.

### **6: Experiential Education Philosophy or Method (ABP, LD, EBTD, FP, MBS, RE, SC, TAPG)**

*Presenter: Christian Itin*

AEE has been concerned with the definition of experiential education since its inception. The current AEE definition places experiential education as both a philosophy and a methodology. Currently there are 26 organizations who have formed a working group called the "definitions project" to look at definitions of non-formal and informal education. The work of the "definitions project" will be presented. Consideration will be given to the congruence of AEE's current definition in light of this work. The workshop will use a combination of didactic, experiential, and co-creation. The group will attempt to develop material that can inform the ongoing definitional work within and outside of AEE.

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### **7: Experientially Exploring Activity-Based Group Work**

**(ABP, LD, EBTD, FP, MBS, SC, TAPG)**

*Presenter: Christian Itin*

This workshop will be of significant value to those who seek to utilize experiential modes of work in more traditional contexts where the language of experiential education is not the dominant frame of reference. It is also of significance to those who are seeking to enhance and deepen their own skills in facilitating experiential programming. The workshop will combine didactic and experiential methods to explore the content of the workshop.

### **8: Part 1: Building the Physical Foundation for Transformation with Brain Gym®**

**(ABP, LD, EBTD, FP, MBS, SC, TAPG)**

*Presenters: Christine Olson & Terry Nail*

Would you like to easily accomplish more than you thought possible? How about decreasing the stress in your life and remaining calm and relaxed yet more focused and alert? Come experience this simple and practical program of easy physical movements that synchronize body and mind to optimize how we learn and perform in all areas of our lives.

### **9: Part 2: Whole Brain, Whole Body: Exploring the Possibilities through Movement**

**(ABP, LD, EBTD, FP, MBS, SC, TAPG)**

*Presenters: Christine Olson & Terry Nail*

Now that you have learned the basics of whole brain learning, come explore how movement can stimulate and shift our emotions and physical being in any setting or situation. Workshop participants will gain new skills and tools that are applicable to their work in EE with individuals, groups and organizations.

### **10: Wilderness Rites of Passage for Struggling Adolescents – A Universally Therapeutic Approach**

**(ABP, FP, MBS, TAPG)**

*Presenters: Corinna Stevenson & Ben Kotler*

Rituals have always been a part of human culture. Some might argue that they are an integral and necessary element of a universal human consciousness. Rites of passage help to process transition in an intuitive, experiential, and natural way. This workshop will demonstrate how incorporating traditional rites of

passage themes into programs can therapeutically help youth to bring meaning to their life stories, inspiring and empowering them to overcome the obstacles encountered on their journey through life.

### **11: Stoked on Leadership: A Discussion on the Possibilities of Surf Curriculum in Outdoor Leadership (ABP, PA)**

*Presenters: Dane Landrith & Clayton Claiborn*

Stoke is a term used to explain the feeling one gets after riding a wave; much like running a class IV rapid, or topping out on an alpine route. Moving the practice of surfing as a professional pursuit into realm of outdoor adventure leadership is an idea whose time has come. This presentation will introduce a model incorporating surfing into leadership training curriculum and regularly scheduled outings.

### **12: Why Can't They Be More Like ME? (EBTD, FP, MBS)**

*Presenter: Deb Murray*

This workshop is an introduction to the effects of personality differences in experiential education settings. We will use the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (widely used in corporate training and marital counseling for over 40 years) to teach participants to identify and communicate in the preferred style of the listener to significantly enhance understanding and rapport. This is crucial to building the trusting relationships that are required in today's experiential education environment.

### **13: Nature Awareness and Coyote Mentoring: Tools for Developing a Sense of Place**

**(ABP, MBS, SC, TAPG, FUN)**

*Presenter: Drew Harwell*

Do you want to develop a deeper connection to nature and a sense of place? This workshop will explore fun and powerful ways to connect with nature in a profound way. We will learn how to move in nature in a silent way and how to observe with all of our senses. We will also explore ways to help others connect with nature through our shared curiosity and passion.

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### **14: Volunteer Experience—What's the Value? (EBTD, LD, PA, FP)**

*Presenters: Hunter Merritt & Brad Pointer*

Volunteers make a profound difference in our community but what makes these individuals continue to give freely of their time, money and energy? This presentation relates a brief history of volunteerism; argues the benefits to our community and our economy; and investigates the psychological and social motivations of volunteers, event organizers, and recipients of volunteer service. The principles of both universal design and experiential education are met through the democratic accessibility of service-learning and volunteerism.

An annual university volunteer event will be used as an example for reflection on proposed motivations. At the end of the presentation, participants will have an opportunity to share ideas on how educators and administrators can be more successful at attracting and rewarding volunteers in their efforts, and achieve retention for subsequent volunteer events.

### **15: Wilderness Writing for Wild Youth (ABP, LD, EBTD, FP, MBS, SC, SJE, TAPG)**

*Presenter: Jan Daniels*

Want to take your environmental education program to a whole new level? Deep into the souls and minds of wild youth, are creative swells waiting to be tapped. Through creative writing and observation, young people practice slowing down and savoring nature. Learn how the Eco Expressions writing exercises complement outdoor adventure, and practice adapting it to your program. Be ready for outdoor exploration and bring a notebook and pen for writing. Tap into your creativity!

### **16: The Role of Sense of Community in Experiential Education (EBTD, FP, PA, SC)**

*Presenter: Jeff Jacobs*

Sense of community can be critical for experiential education programs. It can be important for participants to have a strong sense of community in order for an EE program to be successful. Also, many EE programs are ideally situated to help foster a sense of community. This workshop will explore the importance of sense of community and share some intentional strategies that practitioners can utilize to boost sense of community and the effectiveness of EE programs.

### **17: Ten Years beyond the Millionth Mile: Santa Barbara Middle School's Trip Program Keeps Rolling. The 'Why's and Wow's' of 25 Years of Cycling/Hiking/Paddling with Children (ABP, MBS, SC)**

*Presenters: Jim Brady & Students from SBMC*

What would an experiential program and a formal school look like if it were premised on the concept of the Hero's Journey? Educational Safaris LLC and Santa Barbara Middle School (AEE accredited) have a program that intentionally involves students from the 'call to adventure' to a final 'rite of passage;' physical challenge, cultural awareness, community service are woven into the fabric of the students' emerging social and moral development. Participants in the workshop will gain an overview of the program's components, from program design, to training, through management of risk, to a final 'rite of passage', a unique ceremony of completion and commencement.

### **18: Closing-In on Closings: Best Practices in Bringing Closure to Experiential Programs (ABP, EBTD, FP, SC, SJE, FUN)**

*Presenters: Joc Clark & Brian Pritchard*

Ever found yourself thinking, how can I bring closure to my session that will carry forward the enthusiasm and content of my workshop? Are you interested in creative, fun and meaningful ways to end your programs? This workshop is a continuation from last year's conference closing. From energizing to contemplative, the presenters will offer their favorite closings. We are also asking participants to bring your own favorites to share. Together we will play with these, taking a look at common elements in quality endings and then we'll co-design a portion of the conference closing for this year's WRAEE conference.

### **19: Pedagogies of Inclusion: Bringing Together Ally-Based Leadership, Multiculturalism and Inclusive Cultural Empathy (ABP, LD, EBTD, FP, SC, SJE, TAPG)**

*Presenter: Joc Clark*

In our emerging post-modern world of the 21st century experiential educators are working in diverse contexts that call for greater breadth in understanding and skills. Globalization and sustainability are examples of topics that require a more inclusive world view that will need to hold a balance between potentially "conflicting" values. The workshop will focus on

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approaches to leadership that are collaborative and look to share power. We will draw from the work of educator and counselor Paul Pedersen as we explore the awareness, knowledge and skills needed to effectively participate in the leadership and experiential education of today and tomorrow.

### **20: Using Improv to Improve Organizations: The Building Blocks to Increased Innovation, Creativity, and Connections that Work (EBTD, FP, FUN)**

*Presenters: Kristy Dominguez & Donna Howell-DePew*

Improv is the ultimate team sport. This session is a highly interactive two hours filled with very simple, fun, easily applicable methodologies that, applied to any environment, allow creativity and innovation to soar, and immediate connection to other team members using a common structure – the same one that allows improv to work on stage. Participants will experience the power of how making others right opens the pathway to creative collaboration.

### **21: The Power of Intentional Play (FP, SC, TAPG)**

*Presenter: Maurie Lung*

Do you want to deepen your effectiveness of using initiatives that promote meaningful change? Then come play and have fun with initiatives for groups or families while applying an intentional decision-making process during planning, facilitation and reflection. Activities are appropriate for recreational, educational or therapeutic settings.

### **22: Building Metaphors Using the Model of Appreciative Inquiry (EBTD, FP, MBS)**

*Presenter: Nettie Pardue*

Using Barrett and Cooperriders (the founding fathers of Appreciative Inquiry) (1990), four principles of building metaphors, participants will experience a journey of building metaphors for themselves through various techniques.

### **23: A Universal Model of Facilitation (EBTD, FP, FUN)**

*Presenter: Tony Alvarez*

This workshop will offer a model of facilitation that can be used universally for any client group with any goal or objective and with whatever time and space one has. After the model is demonstrated, we will

delve into each critical component of the model. You will be allowed entry into the workings of the brain of the facilitator as you learn about what the facilitator focuses on, what assessment information is necessary, how matching can occur for optimal learning, etc. There will be many opportunities to co-create what goes on in this workshop. Come with scenarios and/or questions. (However, prepare to leave with more questions!)

### **24: Going GLAD: Engaging All Learners in a Diverse Classroom (SC, FP, PA, RE, SJE)**

*Presenters: Kelley White & Maria Christina Walker*

Project GLAD stands for and promotes an educational setting that produces effective, literate citizens of a global society. It is a model of respect for diversity not only in language and ethnicity, but also in thinking, learning and personal experiences. It provides support for teachers and students alike to face change and success effectively and confidently. Through Project GLAD training, teachers renew their commitment to high expectations and high standards for all students. The results for students have been continued academic achievement, a renewed involvement in the student-centered classroom, and fosters a sense of identity and voice.

### **25: The Four Cornerstones of Socially Responsible Investing (MBS, SJE, FUN)**

*Presenter: Mallory Van Leewen*

This workshop is an introduction to the four cornerstones of Socially Responsible Investing: Investment Performance, Screening, Shareholder Engagement, and Community Investing. In this workshop you will learn how to: leverage your dollars to effect change on a local and global scale; discuss financial performance and opportunities in socially responsible investing; influence policy makers and the social research process; leverage shareholder advocacy and the power of your vote within corporations; be part of proactive community investing programs that provide community loans and venture capital in the green arena.

## Presenters

**Ben Kotler**, MA, RCC, graduated with distinction from the Vermont College of Norwich University. He holds a Master of Arts – Transpersonal Psychology and is a winner of the University of Victoria Jubilee Medal. Ben is the creator and facilitator of the Hornby Island Boyz Club, an adventure-based developmental program for 10-15 year-old boys, and a facilitator of a cognitive-behavioral treatment program for court-ordered assaultive men. His approach to therapy is integrative, drawing from a range of schools, including psychodynamic, interpersonal, cognitive-behavioral, experiential, hypnotherapeutic, brief, strategic, and transpersonal.

**Bill Jacox** Bill Jacox currently lives in Orange County (the OC!) and serves as the director of the outdoor adventure program at UC Irvine. Having traveled the world and lived long stints in the wilderness areas of Alaska and Baja with Outward Bound, Bill began teaching for the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS in 2003.

**Brad Pointer** is a facilitator, outdoor leader, and advocate for light heartedness everywhere he goes. Bringing experience from several organizations, he recently became a manager at ASI Peak Adventures, the outdoor program at California State University, Sacramento, where he found a friend in Hunter Merritt, another like-minded leisure seeker! Since their meeting, Brad and Hunter have provided hours of fun teambuilding and experiential activity to college programs, corporate teams, and kids of all ages.

**Brian Pritchard**, (aka Waldo) has 20 years' experience in challenge course facilitation. He has worked with corporations, communities, schools and teams while directing the Pine Ridge Adventure Center in Vermont, and for 10 years on his own. He recently came in from the cold ( e.g. New England, countries of former Soviet Union) and is now the supervisor of the UCLA Challenge Course.

**Chris Krohn** has been an educator in a variety of settings for more than 20 years. He has the soul of a New Yorker mixed with a large dose of "Californiano" notions of liberation and curiosity. Spending over five years in Latin America—Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Mexico City—has also shaped his bicoastal soul. He likes to write and teach and is also the former Mayor of Santa Cruz. On taking his current job he said, "The whole of the playground, our earth, is at stake because of global warming. We have to figure this one out now." Chris is the Internship Coordinator at UC Santa Cruz.

**Dr. Christian M. Itin** is past president of AEE and has been extensively involved in the definitional work of the association. He is currently representing AEE in the "Definitions Project." Dr. Itin is a current member of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG). He has written and presented extensively on experiential education, group work and advanced facilitation.

**Christine Olson** is a licensed Brain Gym® instructor/consultant. She is a teacher with an MS in Educational Psychology and a BS in Child Development. She also has a background in corporate training and development, sports coaching and plays a variety of sports. Christine provides individualized consultations for children and adults as well as teaches Brain Gym® I and 3-day seminars.

**Clayton Claiborn** is the Director of Aquatics for UC San Diego Recreation. Clayton began professionally guiding surf trips with Aztec Adventures (SDSU) four years ago and now guides for Outback Adventures as well (UC San Diego). Clayton directs the surf class program as part of his duties as Aquatics Director, and has been an avid surfer for the past 10 years.

**Corinna Stevenson**, BS.Ed., is a co-founder of CanAdventure Education and the creator of its curriculum. Her unique approach to experiential education focuses on engaging marginalized students in the educational process and she recently won the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence for her work developing alternate programs. As an aboriginal woman of Métis descent, Corinna integrates traditional cultural teachings into a curriculum that inspires personal growth among struggling teen participants.

**Dane Landrith** is the Director of Outings for Outback Adventures, U.C. San Diego. He started his professional involvement with the WEA in 2002 on a Pro-Short course; since and apprenticed a Steward Course. Dane is a certified open ocean lifeguard and has been an avid surfer for the past five years.

**Deb Murray** has been certified in MBTI for 12 years and has had the opportunity to administer over 1000 Initial trainings and hundreds of follow-up programs to individuals and work teams. Her area of expertise is in interpersonal communication skills, experiential education and team effectiveness.

**Donna Howell-DePew's** corporate, theatrical and experiential training experience are the foundation she brings to any event. She has participated and led teams through quality improvement and operational redesign, as well as directed and produced improv and comedic variety shows, both in the public and corporate domains. Donna brings over 20 years of corporate experience in the sales and management of oil field products, along with over 10 years of performing arts training and production. Donna holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge.

**Drew Harwell** has worked as a naturalist and organic gardener since 1995. He works for Hooked on Nature, where he develops and leads mentoring workshops for educators working with teens. He was trained in nature

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awareness and Permaculture at the Regenerative Design Institute and graduated from Prescott College.

**Hunter Merritt** is focused on programming aspects for ASI Peak Adventures, the outdoor program associated with California State University, Sacramento. Collectively, he has volunteered for more than 10 different organizations and are advocates of outdoor education.

**Jan Daniels** is an environmental journalist and nature writing teacher based in San Diego, California. She founded Eco Expressions, a nature writing program for at-risk youth in 2004 and now leads workshops in California and Idaho. [www.EcoExpressions.org](http://www.EcoExpressions.org)

**Jim Brady** has developed and led programs with young people on five continents and deep into their own cultural backyards. Training refugees in Thailand, heading a school in Kenya, and spending 75 days a year on the road with students are part of his educational background. He is currently the Assistant Headmaster at Santa Barbara Middle School, and also teaches Human Geography.

**Jeff Jacobs, Ph.D.**, is an Assistant Professor at Cal Poly in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration. Jeff is the current treasurer for the AEE Board of Directors and has been a longtime member and presenter with AEE. He is also a summer camp director and has led wilderness adventures across the globe.

**Jonathan "Joc" Clark, M.Ed.**, consults (Open Aire Institute) and teaches internationally as a process consultant, specializing in leadership development, change processes, diversity issues, communication skills, and experiential learning. He currently lives in Paradise, California, with his wife Kelly Munson and their two young children. He is also a Ph.D. student in Antioch University's Leadership and Change program.

**Kelley White** has been working as a teacher with at risk youth for the last 10 years. She believes that all students have the ability to be successful and productive members of society if given the tools, and believes that it is her responsibility to provide students with these tools. For the past six years, she has been involved with professional development serving as a Project GLAD Key Trainer.

**Kristy Dominguez** has been involved in Training and Organization Development (OD) since 1998. Her mission is to transform organizations through the creation and delivery of powerful learning experiences that are designed to truly change people in the moment. She has found that it is in that moment that individuals experience their own ability to make a difference. Kristy is currently bringing the power of Improvisation to leaders and teams in various industries including public, manufacturing and educational organiza-

tions. Kristy has a B.A. in Communications and a M.A. in Organizational Psychology.

**Mallory Van Leeuwen** Mallory is a financial consultant and accredited asset management specialist who is passionate about aligning financial goals with ethical, environmental, and social concerns. She is also a professional Yoga instructor.

**Maria Christina Walker** Maria Christina Walker is a teacher with 14 years of experience (primary and secondary levels). She holds multiple subject teaching credentials and advanced degrees: M.A. Bilingual/Bicultural education and Ed.D. Organizational Leadership. For the past six years, she has been involved with professional development serving as a Project GLAD Key Trainer.

**Maurie Lung, MA, LMHC**, integrates her knowledge of recreation administration, experiential education, and psychology to facilitate and direct adventure programming with a diverse client population in her own business (Life Adventures) in St. Petersburg, Florida.

**Nettie Pardue M.A.**, has over 10 years experience facilitating group process. She has worked for Outward Bound Wilderness, Outward Bound Professional, Adventure Associates, the Armand Hammer United World College and a number of other experiential based programs. One of Nettie's strengths is using metaphors and examples from her extensive outdoor resume to foster group and team development. She currently lives in the San Francisco Bay Area where she is a leadership coach and consultant for group and team development in organizations.

**Terry Nail** contributes over 25 years of experience in leadership, experiential education and community building in her work with people from diverse backgrounds within schools, non-profit organizations and corporations. Her greatest joy is doing work that inspires greatness, authentic leadership and makes a difference in the people's lives.

**Tony Alvarez**, Filipino, partner, father, coach, educator, facilitator, trainer, therapist, birder, outdoor addict, adventurer, tennis player, game-lover, currently professionally housed at the U of Hawai'i-Manoa School of Social Work.

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**~Doris Lessing**

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- **Goleta Amtrak Station**  
Distance to El Capitan: 10 Minutes
- **Santa Barbara Amtrak Station**  
Distance to El Capitan: 20 Minutes

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**If you have questions about accommodations, please email Buffy at [wraee\\_webmaster@Yahoo.com](mailto:wraee_webmaster@Yahoo.com).**

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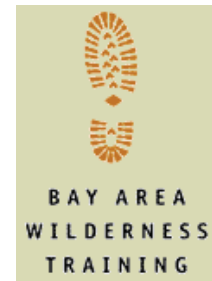
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