

WRAEE Workshop Bios

Kimberly Anne DeWit is a lifelong educator and world traveler, Kim (M.Ed) has worked in various fields of education, environmental ed, earth science, Spanish, and more. She currently combines EE practices within the academic setting as an instructor of Intensive English to international students at Boise State.

Tim Galarneau supports efforts that intersect with food, equity, and society. He co-chair's a statewide project supporting student basic needs. In addition, he is a co-founder and advisor to the national Real Food Challenge and the Central Coast lead for the CA Farm to School network.

Sky Gray, M.S. is the Program Manager at the Valley of the Moon Children's Center, a shelter for abused, neglected and abandoned children. Prior to her life-reimagined moment, she served as the Executive Director of the Santa Fe Mountain Center for 16 years.

Jani Jackson is the founder of Develop Your Team, a company devoted to creating highly-effective, top-performing teams. Jani creates customized, participant-centered programs using experiential learning methods to help others grow and excel. She's been a successful and dynamic corporate leader for over 25 years.

Janet Janssen's experience includes 20+ years in sales, is a qualified Hypnotherapist, and Master NLP practitioner. She offers entrepreneurs and business teams how to put more Power Play Purpose into their work. "To Play is key to life-work balance." her primary mission.

Jessie Koltz grew up in upstate New York, graduating from SUNY Buffalo in 2011 where I swam competitively for four years, continued on to Penn State University where I started my professional triathlon career. I am a certified school counselor in Nevada.

Ken Kramarz is a Fearless 101 Partner and Director of Tawonga Institute, the professional training arm of Camp Tawonga. Ken served for three decades as Executive Director of Tawonga, the largest user of Yosemite's backcountry and a nationally known innovator in experiential education and outdoor programming.

Aaron Kierbel is a professional drummer and the founder of RhythmALLogy, using interactive drumming to build community and connection. He has presented in schools, jails, shelters, festivals and corporate boardrooms. Aaron tours nationally and internationally playing drums with genre-defying group Rupa and the April Fish (missing info...I think over limit?)

River Krimmer is both a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice as well as Executive Director and Founder of Living Evolution. He has facilitated experiential learning programs with adolescents, fathers, families, and children. Lover of

life and father of two. He has a son Skye and daughter Luna. Rooting his stand in compassion, equity and joy for himself and others, his love of the outdoors combined with the understanding between mind/body has created a unique and therapeutic approach in the various populations that he works with.

Amy McDonald has more than two decades of experience in K-12 education, classroom teaching, Lead Teacher, and School Counselor. Amy provides a fresh look at youth development as she continues to work in multiple school districts and youth and tribal organizations throughout Alaska and North America.

Jen O'Brien-Rojo, founder of the California Institute for Invincible Youth, coaches teens, families and communities to ensure they have a web of support that protects and launches teens into their greatness.

Robin Parvin is a Fearless 101 Partner and Legal Services director. She has 10 years experience as program coordinator and facilitator for Four Winds Ropes Course, is a professional dance instructor and musician. She specializes in team building through tone setting, meaningful debriefs and fun!

David Pavish is a presenter/trainer to youth and adults with over 20 years of experience in youth development and experiential education. Specializing in youth developmental ecology, he has created and written outdoor leadership educational programs and curriculum that have been used in Alaska, Canada and Mexico.

Dr. Polen-Petit is an Associate Professor and Academic Program Director for the BA Psychology Program at National University where she teaches a variety of courses to a diverse student body. Her current scholarship interests center around sexual identity and orientation, sexual fluidity in women

Yakuta Poonawalla was born and raised in India, and her love affair with nature began during her first trek in the Himalayas in 1999. Since then, she has worked with various organizations to educate, inspire, and cultivate deep love and respect for the environment.

Susan Ross is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Science and Recreation at San José State University. Her primary research examines personal transformation and is the subject of her forthcoming book, *The Map to Wholeness: Finding Yourself through Crisis, Change, and Reinvention*.

Bernadine Rosso incorporates experiential education including outdoor and healing arts activities to reliably encourage personal growth and sustainable life practices. As a coach and mentor for over two decades, she has programs for teen girls, online and in person coaching. See womensevolution.com

Tanya Rao is passionate about bringing life-changing outdoor experiences to people from diverse backgrounds. Tanya has over 8 years of experience as a youth mentor,

outdoor educator and adventure planner, and offers a unique perspective as a women of color outdoor leader and researcher.

Rohan Shahani is a consultant and trainer dedicated to increasing the physical and emotional well being of students and clients. He is passionate about communication, risk management, and human awareness.

Dr. Chad Thatcher is a professor at Southern Oregon University in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership department and Coordinator of the Master of Outdoor Adventure and Expedition Leadership program. He has guided, taught and administered outdoor, experiential, international, and adventure education for over 25 years.

Rosy Woodruff has been a team building facilitator for over a decade. Her experience ranges from challenge courses to intentional team building programs for groups of all ages. Currently she is completing a Masters degree in Transformative Leadership.

Mike Wagner is a career outdoor educator and has paid his dues as a field staff and guide. Now stepping into a more administrative role, Mike teaches Adventure Education as a field assistant at Fort Lewis College, and recruits young professionals for Deer Hill Expeditions.