

## INSTRUCTOR PROFILES



# MAINE PEAKS & PADDLES

June 28 to July 14, 2010

### **Aubrey Nelson, Instructor**

Aubrey Nelson grew up in Moultonboro, NH and graduated from Bates College with a double major in Environmental Studies and Francophone (French) Cultural Studies. This is her second summer leading for Williwaw, and she has also led trips for the Tin Mountain Conservation Center as well as the Bates College Outing Club and freshmen orientation program (AESOP). She has studied ecology and social effects of conservation in Madagascar, served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, spent 10 months working (WWOOFing) on organic farms in Europe, and is hoping for an eventual career in the field of environmental education. She is a firm believer in the effectiveness of experiential learning, is Wilderness First Aid certified and, and prefers a tent to a 5-star hotel any day. She is also a certified Maine Trip Leader.

Along with summiting mountains and exploring waterways via various boat-like vessels, her favorite pastimes include Ultimate Frisbee, writing, cooking, capture the flag, stargazing, soccer, gardening, learning and sharing interesting factoids, and eating frozen peas. She has been told that if she were an animal, she would be an otter.

### **Sam Evans-Brown, Instructor**

Sam graduated from Bates College in 2009 with a degree in Spanish and Political Science. At Bates, he was an active member of the Outing Club and skied on the Nordic Ski team for four years. He has worked as an English tutor for a family in Spain, and a fondue cook/winter tour guide in Argentina, where he was also the 2008 Argentine national champion for cross-country skiing. He likes travel, music, outdoor activities and sports of all types (but especially endurance types), and food. He is a certified Maine Trip Leader and has Wilderness First Aid certification. He has worked a wide variety of summer and part-time jobs, from lifeguard and ski instructor to bicycle mechanic. After graduating, Sam did a brief stint as a research assistant, but has since been in France and Spain, working on organic farms and going on adventures.

His favorite moment of every day is waking up and realizing that next he gets to eat breakfast! We are excited to welcome Sam to Williwaw this summer.