

## INSTRUCTOR PROFILES



# Maine Wilderness Expedition

June 26 to July 18, 2010

## Kristi Bland, Instructor

Kristi is recent graduate of University of California San Diego, where she is studied Linguistics and Environmental Science. We are excited to welcome her back for her second summer with us. A native of northern California, she has spent lots of time backpacking, paddling and sailing in her home state. While at UCSD she led backpacking, kayaking and rock climbing trips. She has spent several years as a counselor at a 4-H camp and in 2008 completed a 140 mile backpack in Yosemite National Park. In the past six years, Kristi has traveled to an amazing 23 countries - living in New Zealand and Peru for six months each as an exchange student. Some of her experiences include trekking in Patagonia, exploring the fjords of New Zealand and teaching English for six weeks in Ecuador. She is also a member of the UCSD Womens' Ultimate Frisbee and Sailing team. Kristi is a Certified Maine Trip Leader, a whitewater rafting guide and Wilderness First Responder.

## Brad Gannon, Instructor

Brad graduated last spring from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where he studied Technology Education and Outdoor Education. While at school, Brad was involved with the University Outdoor Program and spent three months student teaching at a high school. This past year, he spent 8 months living in New Zealand. During this time he volunteered on organic farms, did over 50 days of backpacking, and spent two months climbing. During his junior year at BGSU, Brad completed the Outdoor Educator Semester with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) focusing on backcountry skiing, canyoneering, and rock climbing. Last summer Brad worked for the Fort Carson Adventure Programs and Education as a White Water Raft Guide on the Arkansas River and as a Rock Climbing Instructor. Brad has a passion for the wilderness and traveling. He is a Wilderness First Responder and Certified Maine Trip Leader. In his free time he enjoys climbing, mountain biking, and photography. He is also an avid runner!

## Sea Kayak Specialist:

## Tim Farr, Instructor

Raised in Northern Michigan camping and boating, Tim has spent the last five years in Alaska where he has been an Expedition Sea Kayak Guide and university instructor for such classes as: Kayak Rolling, Expedition Sea Kayaking, Ice Climbing, Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue. He is a Wilderness First Responder, a certified Maine Trip Leader and a Level 2 Avalanche technician, as well as a National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) alumnus. In 2006, Tim participated in a NOLS Mountaineering course to the India Himalaya and has recently been a part of a 30-day expedition across the Wrangell Mountains of Alaska. Tim is equally at home on the ocean or in the mountains guiding and instructing. When not in the mountains or on the water, he can be found finishing on his degree in Adventure Education and Wilderness Leadership. Tim is also an avid photographer – focusing on landscape, adventure sports and wildlife.