

## Background Info

I was born/raised in Santa Monica, CA where I fell in love with the sciences and in particular with the ocean environment. I have a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of Southern California where I also played water polo. In addition, I hold a secondary education credential in Biological Sciences with a CLAD emphasis. I taught science at John Adams Middle School in Santa Monica from 2000-2007 and currently spend my winters in Mammoth Lakes, CA teaching children how to ski as well as helping students become successful in their endeavors. The rest of the year I work for the Los Angeles County Fire Department as an ocean lifeguard, tutor in the Los Angeles area (Westside), lead outdoor trips for National Outdoor Leadership School, and spend some time traveling the planet.

In 2007, I decided to take a break from classroom teaching to pursue other interests in education. While I enjoy working with students on a grand scale I feel that students thrive in both individualized and small group settings. In addition, I feel it is necessary to expose students to learning in an outdoor environment enhancing their critical thinking skills. Since June 2007, I have been working on building a career in tutoring and outdoor education providing me with the opportunity to work with students in a smaller instructional setting as well as to teach outdoors.

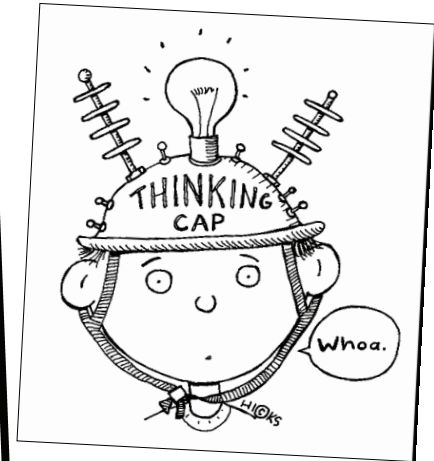
I have found that my active lifestyle, my prior experience as a student-athlete, and my thirst for knowledge has given me the means to relate to several of my students. I enjoy playing outdoors and participate in a multitude of activities both on land and in water. I love to surf, free/SCUBA dive, and sea kayak. One can also find me climbing a rock or an icy waterfall or a mountain as well as find me exploring the back country. During the winters I spend a lot of my free time alpine/telemark skiing and snowboarding. When I am not physically active I am usually reading a book or scientific publication or writing poetry. All in all, I am big kid at heart that is simply curious about the natural world. My experiences have served me well in education in that I can often find a way to relate the content standards to the student's prior knowledge.

In addition to my current active lifestyle, I spent twelve years swimming and playing water polo competitively including at the high school and college levels. As such, I have first hand knowledge of what it is like to juggle the numerous demands of the student-athlete. With the help of my coaches and teachers I was able to build up the skills needed to be successful in both arenas. My main purpose for choosing to walk along my current path is to "pay-it-forward" and pass on the life skills needed to be successful in today's world as well as inspire others to be passionate about the outdoors.

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## Professional Background

- Freelance (2007-present)  
*Tutor*  
*Home School Teacher*  
*Science Enrichment Camps*
- Santa Monica-Malibu USD  
*Science Teacher (2000-2007)*  
*Substitute Teacher (2007-present)*
- Los Angeles County Fire Department  
*Ocean Lifeguard Recurrent (1997-present)*  
*Youth Programs Instructor (2003-present)*
- National Outdoor Leadership School  
*Field Instructor (2008-present)*
- Mammoth Mountain Ski Area  
*Sports School Instructor (2007-present)*
- Mammoth USD  
*Substitute Teacher (2007-present)*
- Adventures Cross Country  
*Multi-Sport Leader (Summer 2007)*

## Educational Background

- California State University Northridge  
*Clear Single Subject Credential in Biological Sciences with CLAD Emphasis*
- University of Southern California  
*Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences (emphasized in the Marine Sciences)*

## Services

### Subject Areas

- Science
    - Elementary School (all levels/ topics)
    - Middle School
      - Earth Science
      - Life Science
      - Physical Science
    - High School/College
      - Physical Science
      - Biology
      - Chemistry
      - Physics
      - Environmental Science
      - Marine Science
  - Math
    - Basic Math
    - Pre-Algebra
    - Algebra I
    - Geometry
  - Technical Writing
  - Achievement Skills
    - Study Methods
    - Test Taking Strategies
    - Time Management
    - Organization
    - Leadership
  - Computer Skills
    - Word Processing
    - Spreadsheets/Graphing
    - Multimedia Presentation
    - Basic Web Design
- \*\* Programs used include Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook), Adobe (Dreamweaver, Freehand, Flash, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat).
- Standardized Test Preparation
    - CA High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)



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- General Education Development Exam (GED)
- \*\* Other subject areas/exams are negotiable upon request.

### Types of Service

- One-on-One Instruction
- Small Group Instruction (2-5 students)
- Home Schooling
- Science Enrichment (hands on activities—can include technical writing /computer skills component)
- Homework Help
- Skill Building

\*\* Clients have access to online materials:

- Achievement Skills Handouts
- Instructional Handouts for various computer programs
- Home School Curriculum

### Rates

- One-on-One Instruction
  - Rates comparable to region
- Group Instruction (2-5 students)
  - 50% of One-on-One hourly rate per student
- Multiple Session Packages (paid up front)
  - 5 Hour Package (10% discount)
  - 10 Hour Package (15% discount)
- Additional materials/preparation costs may apply for certain types of services.

### Availability/Other Information

- <http://waterkid.net> - qualifications, availability, services, and portfolio
- Check website or call for available appointments!