



GREGORY PALMERINO



Conservation Education Leadership

ABOUT ME

A mission-driven leader dedicated to inspiring conservation through inclusive interpretive programming, service-centered leadership, public engagement, and lifelong learning in informal education settings.

EXPERIENCE

Lead Marine Science Interpreter Diver Seattle Aquarium

02/2024-Present

- Develop and deliver interpretive programs and volunteer trainings for the Ocean Pavilion expansion, centered on marine conservation and DEIA values.
- Lead/work on committees to design volunteer enrichment, trainings, public events, and community programs.
- Deliver 7-10 guest-facing interpretive programs weekly across 18 rotating conservation topics.
- Supervise, train, and coach Marine Science Interpreters and volunteers; provide ongoing feedback to strengthen program delivery and inform improvements.
- Serve as operational lead for staffing and shift coverage adjustments.
- Conduct interpretive scuba dives supporting animal care and public programs.
- Liaise between Visitor Engagement and Tropical Animal Care teams to align messaging and operations.
- Develop and maintain training materials and interpretive resources for staff and volunteers.
- Serve as audio-visual liaison for interpretive programs, exhibits and trainings.
- Produced and filmed video submission for AZA Top Honors award-winning Caring Cove.

Multimedia Internship The Crees Foundation

2022

- Directed field expeditions in the remote buffer zone of Manu National Forest, Peru, leading researchers, interns, volunteers, and visiting participants in rigorous scientific fieldwork.
- Created engaging multimedia content for the Crees Foundation, communicating themes of conservation, sustainability, regeneration, and research impact to diverse audiences.
- Acted as on-screen host for training and recruitment videos, supporting organizational outreach and program growth.
- Synthesized complex scientific research into accessible presentations for donors, stakeholders, and prospective volunteers.

Husbandry & Education Volunteer The Aquarium of the Pacific

2017- 2020

- Delivered live interpretive programs and special event presentations to public audiences.
- Supported animal care, feedings, and husbandry under staff supervision.
- Built foundational skills in informal science education and guest engagement.

Tour Guide Naturalist - Catalina Island Snorkel Cali

2017- 2020

- Led day long hiking and snorkeling tours of up to 10 people through the kelp forests of Catalina Island.
- Communicated extensive ecological, zoological, and historical knowledge centered around conservation messaging to a diverse and international audience.

Yoga and Meditation - Lead Instructor Hot 8 Yoga / Soho Yoga

2013 - 2023

- Led multi-generational groups in educational, experiential programming.
- Designed and facilitated workshops and community events.
- Developed strong facilitation, presence, and adaptive communication skills.
- Found my center, my strength, and the importance of being flexible.

EDUCATION

UCLA Extension

Certificate of Journalism

2022

California State University, Fullerton

Bachelor of Arts, Theater

2009

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SKILLS

- Volunteer Training & Management
- Interpretive Program Development & Delivery
- Leadership
- Content Creation
- Problem Solving
- Effective Communication
- Critical Thinking
- PADI Divemaster
- Microsoft Outlook/Teams Pro
- Animal Husbandry
- CPR/First Aid/AED
- French - Conversational
- Spanish - Basic

REFERENCES

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