

# **JOHN VERFURTH**

ASPIRING TOUR DIRCTOR/GUIDE

"Give a smile. They are free and not everybody has one."

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#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

ITMI Tour Director/Guide certification to be completed by the end of 2025.

Community Emergency Response Team Training, Springfield- Greene County Office of Emergency Management

AHA Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED/Child CPR AED/Infant CPR - American Heart Association

**Basic Wilderness Survival Training** 

**Basic Land Navigation Course Training** 

### **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Hiking, Backpacking, Floating, Camping, Gardening, Beekeeping, Cooking, Taekwondo, Learning German, Billiards, Skydiving. Hello! I'm excited to be entering the professional travel industry! I'm new to this field, formally, and am actively seeking opportunities to gain experience and demonstrate my dedication to excellence.

I own and operate my own company, and have the ultimate flexibility to be available for your needs. Please, let's talk! I promise you will want to get to know me!

This resume highlights my small business skills, as well as my skills performing in social and educational environments. I have vacationed around the US and Switzerland, but don't have any destination specific skills....YET!

# PROFESSIONAL/VOLUNTEER/LEADERSHIP

### Owner/Operator

New Finish Remodeling, L.L.C./ 25 years

I perform all responsibilities related to operating a small construction company including: Customer service, book-keeping, scheduling, communications, field work, permits, safety protocol, budgeting, designing, and many more.

## **Volunteer Performer**

The Skinny Improv/ 1 year

I took a comedy improv course just for the fun of it! After I completed the course, I would simply put my name on the roster and show up to perform almost weekly in front of a paying audience. This was a blast! "Yes, AND...!"

#### **Volunteer Lead Dance Instructor**

Step by Step Dance Studio/ 2 years

I enrolled in a variety of dance lessons for a period. The instructor told me the women loved me and I was great with people. She offered me a job, but I declined the pay because I didn't feel my skills were good enough. So, I just volunteered for free tuition. This was also a blast and exposed me to many different personalities!

#### Taekwondo Instructor

Martial Arts USA/ 7 years

Responsibilities included greeting students by name, helping them sign-in and prepare for class, physically warming them up, teaching them the daily lessons, giving leadership presentations, and discussing students' progress with parents, if applicable. This was a highly esteemed Martial Arts Academy with over 300 students of all ages.

# ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield, MO.

A.A.S Construction Technology | 1998 - Current Director's Scholarship HBA Scholarship

Multiple SKILLS Performance Awards from Ozarks Technical Community College from school years 1998/ 1999 & 1999/2000