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✈ Gateways: MCI, SGF

James Carter

TripSchool Certified Tour Director



Summary

I may be new to tour directing, but I'm certainly not new to exploring and traveling with student and adult groups. My extensive experience as a group leader has naturally led me to this next chapter in my life combining my passion for teaching with my love for exploring. I am a highly motivated, organized, and energetic leader who is effective at communicating with a knack for sharing memorable stories in a fun and informative manner.

Destination Training

TRIPSCHOOL

- Southern California, 2020
- Eastern Seaboard, 2020
- Civil Rights Trail - Atlanta, Selma, Birmingham, Montgomery, 2021
- US Southwest National Parks, 2022

Destination Experience

- Midwest: Kansas City, St. Louis, Branson, Chicago, Omaha
- Pacific Northwest: Seattle, Portland, Vancouver
- Maine: Bar Harbor, Portland
- Florida: Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Sarasota, Key West

Tour Guide Licensure

- Washington, DC
- New York City

Personal Interests

- Outdoor adventure: camping, kayaking, hiking
- Crossword puzzle aficionado
- Roller coasters, theme parks
- Language learning/acquisition

Relevant Work Experience

North Kansas City & Belton School Districts, Kansas City, MO
High School English and Journalism Teacher, 1998-2022

- Taught American and multicultural literature and writing.
- Advised student news publications and broadcasts.
- Organized and led 25+ student tours worldwide.
- Coached Scholar Bowl Team (twice state semifinalists).

University of Missouri - Kansas City, MO
Adjunct Professor, 2010-2017

- Created and instructed a graduate-level course in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Sunflower Racing, Kansas City, KS
Marketing/Public Relations Manager, 1992-1998

- Managed team to stimulate patronage to dog/horse racing.
- Communicated with local and trade media outlets.

Boy Scouts of America, Wichita, KS
District Executive and Camp Director, 1990-1992

- Trained volunteer leaders in Scout troop/pack management.
- Hired and directed staff at summer camp operation.

Education

Master of Arts, Curriculum & Instruction
University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1998

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism
University of Kansas, 1991

Certifications

- TripSchool Tour Director Certification, 2020
- First Aid/CPR