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Experience in Water Safety and Waterfront Management

April to October 2013—Wikiup Tennis & Swim Club, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Aquatics Instructor and Senior Lifeguard, teaching swimming and water safety in group and private lessons for ages 3-adult. I often opened, closed, and maintained a facility that accommodated several hundred people per day. Re-certified in American Red Cross lifesaving and Advanced First Aid for Public Safety Employees at Finley Pool in Santa Rosa, CA 95404, graduating July 27, 2013.

March 2009 to April 2010—Sonoma Family YMCA, 1111 College Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Aquatics Instructor, responsible for teaching swimming and water safety in group and private lessons for ages 3 to adult. I taught basic to advanced swimming techniques in both a small (20 x 30 feet) and an Olympic size (6 lanes x 25 yards) pool. Instruction included many strokes (freestyle, breast stroke, elementary backstroke, competitive backstroke, butterfly, sidestroke, etc.) and water safety skills such as drown-proofing and American Red Cross lifesaving techniques. I also attended instruction in first-aid and lifesaving, including the use of backboards and electronic heart-stimulation devices.

January 1978 to June 1980--Marin Council, Boy Scouts of America, 225 West End Ave. San Rafael, CA 94901

Resident Ranger, Camp Tamarancho, Fairfax, California. Primary responsibility for all security, fire control, emergencies and maintenance for 2,500 acre Boy Scout camp in Marin County watershed with 7 buildings, a fleet of Jeeps, 1-acre lake, archery and rifle ranges, septic and extensive spring-fed potable water systems. I was waterfront director for day camp in summer months, during which time I supervised a lifeguard and teaching staff of more than 10 Eagle Scouts on Lake Tamarancho, supervising the instruction of more than 500, 9 to 12-year-old Cub Scouts per day in swimming and boating.

June 1977 to January 1978--California State Park Service 1455/A Francisco Blvd. San Rafael, CA, 94901

Resident Park Aide and Deckhand, Angel Island State Park. Assisted in boat operations for the State Park, performing boat maintenance and transit duties from Tiburon. I was also available for water, fire, and health emergencies on this 1-square-mile island in San Francisco Bay. Among other incidents, I performed the "Heimlich maneuver" and CPR on an elderly woman who was visiting the island. She recovered from her choking emergency with no apparent ill effects.

1965-1967 – Member, Varsity Swim Team, Novato High School

During swim season I competed in a variety of events including 200-yard Individual Medley, 100-yard butterfly, and freestyle relays.

1957 to 1963 – Beth Musser Swim School

Assisted my Mother, Beth Musser, in operation of her swimming schools at Tomahawk Lodge, Silver Hills Country Club, and family residence in Novato, California.

My responsibilities included in-pool teaching and support of semi-private lessons that included up to 4 students at a time, of all ages, for 1-hour lessons. I helped with all pool and filter maintenance, lifeguarding, and student administration duties.

I also attended, and sometimes taught and lifeguarded regular practices for the first Novato competitive swim team, The Novato Aquanauts, who started in our family pool and transitioned to Novato High School after the construction of their pool in 1965.

My mother hired all initial staff for this swim team, and also coached the Napa Seahawks, Hamilton Voodoos, Petaluma Dolphins, Indian Valley College, College of Marin, and other area competitive and recreation teams. She ended her career teaching Masters Swimming at Sonoma State University for over 20 years until the late 1990's.

I swam in my first AAU Sanctioned, 25-yard competitive swimming race, at San Rafael High School in 1956 (at 6 years old) and continued swimming competitively until graduation from High School in 1967.

I have also been a recreational abalone diver on the north coast of California for over 40 years. One year I took 119 legal abalone, making 30 trips with a possession limit of 4, and limiting in 29 of these dives. I have rescued other swimmers while on dives, once bringing a stricken diver safely 200 yards to the beach through a storm that appeared suddenly and created 15 foot waves, complicating greatly my efforts.