**Kelli Laube**

**EXPERIENCE**

**Seasonal Zoo Educator** | *John Ball Zoo | Grand Rapids, MI* Feb. 2022 – Current

* Educates audiences (preschool-adults) by teaching program-specific curriculum (i.e., Michigan wildlife, animal classifications, habitats)
* Utilizes classroom management skills to provide audience with best learning environment
* Expands prior knowledge of wildlife by working with and handling ambassador animals

**School Age Assistant Teacher** | *YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids | Caledonia, MI* Dec. 2021 – June 2022; Current

* Engages with and supervises students in before and after school programming
* Communicates with parents for drop-offs and pick-ups
* Assists lead teacher in planning and leading curriculum-based activities
* Records transition, arrival, and departure times for safety of students

**Seasonal Camp Aide** | *John Ball Zoo | Grand Rapids, MI* Jan. 2022 – May 2022

* Interacts with and supervises children in Winter in the Woods and Sprouts programs
* Assists lead teacher with essential tasks for program to run smoothly
* Prepares classroom for children to play and explore

**Outdoor Education & Retreats Instructor**| *YMCA: Camp Manitou-Lin| Middleville, MI* Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2021

* Shadows and assists other instructors in teaching outdoor activities (i.e., outdoor high ropes course, zip line, rock climbing wall, canoeing) and classes (i.e., outdoor living skills, team building exercises) to various age groups
* Cleans common spaces and cabins after guests depart
* Additional skills: ASHI Y-Basic Life Support (2-year)/ BFA Only (blended) Certified

**Animal Caretaker I** | *University of Iowa: Office of Animal Resources | Iowa City, IA* June 2021 – Sep. 2021

* Monitors health status and behavior of mice and rats daily
* Changes caging and bedding for laboratory animals and ensures access to food and water
* Performs necessary cleaning duties to keep facility sterile for best research practices
* Additional skills: malocclusion trimming, weaning, euthanasia

**Summer Biology Student Researcher**| *Calvin University | Grand Rapids, MI* May 2019 – August 2019

* Attends biweekly meetings at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute
* Conducts research on native bee genetics and wild rice eDNA projects
* Presents findings at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, Van Andel Institute (WMRUGS), and Calvin University

**CERTIFICATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

**ANR Classic Conference** | *Michigan DNR| Roscommon, MI*  July 2022

* Attends week-long conference to build connections and knowledge on the divisions of the Michigan DNR

**EEC-A Certification**| *MAEOE | Grand Rapids, MI* August 2022

* Meets Environmental Education Certification – Associate’s (EEC-A) requirements

**EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Conservation: Ecology and Management Track**

Calvin University | Grand Rapids, MI GPA: 3.244

* Writes senior thesis on Caring for God’s Creation Through Education on Pesticide Use (2021)
* Acquires valuable skills and techniques during summer research for biology department (2019)
* Accepts invitation to take part in Phage Hunters research course (2017-2018)