

## DANICA YATES

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### EQUESTRIAN EDUCATION

- Olympian Debbie McDonald, Full-time training, Hailey, ID 2000- 2003  
Received full training and board at McDonald's private training facility, River Grove Farm.  
Traveled with McDonald and competed in the West Coast CDI\*\*\* circuit.
- United States Equestrian Team, Internship in Germany 6/2002-8/2002  
Groomed for Debbie McDonald and assisted Princess Natalie of Denmark  
at The World Young Horse Championships.  
Rode in Rosendahl Germany, groomed for McDonald and assisted Gunter Sidel and Sue Blinks in  
preparation for the World Equestrian Games at the facility of Klaus Balkenhol.
- Working Student for Cece Duranti, New Market Stables, Del Mar, CA 1/2000- 4/2000  
Groomed and trained at New Market Stables and competed at the Indio Desert Circuit Horse Show.
- Hunter and Jumper Training, Utah and Idaho 1994-2000  
Received extensive instruction from Bob McDonald, lessons from Robin Sundeen, Marylee Brighton, Ali  
Wicks, Chris Brisco, Sue Hall, Teresa Skidmore, Sarah Chapell, Ashley Evens.

### PROFESSIONAL RIDING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- Danica Dressage LLC. 2010-Present  
Trainer at Larkspur Farm and Ashley Creek Stables.  
Training, Teaching and Showing: students and horses Intro level through Grand Prix, Western Dressage.  
Clinics locally and regionally, Dressage and Western Dressage  
Starting horses, training stallions, riding in breed inspections, horse sales  
Writing articles for Flying Changes, Northwest Rider, Just Horses and Dressage Experts Magazines
- Dressage Judge  
USDF "L" Program Graduate with Distinction 2012  
Judging schooling and ODS League shows, including Western Dressage classes 2012-Present
- Clinician for Dressage and Western Dressage 2009-Present  
Clinics in Beavercreek, Oregon City, Bend, Hillsboro, Medford, Boise ID, Ellensburg, WA  
Teaching professional as well as Amateur clients, Intro level through Grand Prix
- Hunter/Jumper Training, schooled client horses and taught lessons  
Cascade View Stables, Beavercreek OR 2009-2010  
French Hill Farm, Aurora, OR 2004-2007  
Sonnenburg, Wilsonville, OR 2005-2007  
Ghost Wagon Ranch, UT 1997-2000

### RIDING AWARDS

- Oregon Dressage Society, over 50 rider awards for tests over 60% Training Level- Fourth Level 2009-Present
- North American Young Rider Championships 2003  
United States Dressage Federation year-end high percentage Young Rider  
Region 6 Team member, North American Young Rider Championships, Quebec, Canada
- Del Mar National Horse Show, Young Rider Champion 2003
- United States Dressage Federation Second Level Year-End Champion 2001
- Idaho Hunter/Jumper Association Combined Discipline Top Rider 1999

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon

- Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies with Communication Emphasis, 5/2007
- 136 semester hours. Relevant courses: Ecology and Environmental Science, Environmental Geology, Environmental Chemistry, Environmental Sociology, Natural Resource Politics, Environmental Economics, Energy and the Environment, Environmental Solutions, Anthropology, Public Speaking, Mass Media Messages; Design and Analysis, Quantitative Research Methods, Rhetorical Criticism
- Merit Based Deans Scholarship Recipient, 2003-2007

Lorenzo de' Medici, The Art Institute of Florence, Italy, Fall 2005

- Overseas study in studio art and writing

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-Owner of Heartwood Tree Service, LLP, Columbia Falls, MT, 2008-2010, Present

- Founded and help operate licensed and insured arboriculture company. Work as grounds person hauling, chipping brush, bucking and loading logs, raking, sharpened saws. Assist in rigging and lowering limbs
- Marketing Director: Built website, designed pamphlets, bid sheets, business cards, advertisement. Schedule bids and jobs. Door to door sales.

Denali National Park Ranger, Interpretive Ranger, Alaska, 4/2008-9/2008, Visitor's Use Assistant, 2006

- Guided backcountry, off trail hikes and front-country trails hikes. Delivered interpretive programs on wildlife, botany, geology and history of Denali and Alaska. Delivered safety talk on backcountry travel and animal encounters. Delivered Dog Sled interpretive program describing the significance of sled dogs in Denali. Delivered 45 min. campground programs. Staffed visitor centre desk and collected fees.

Utah Clean Energy Associate, Salt Lake City, 12/2007- 4/2008

- Policy: worked on clean energy bills during the 2008 state legislative session. Researched bills pertaining to renewable energy and energy efficiency, lobbied at Utah State Capital for bills, attended committee hearings and meetings with Senator and Representative bill sponsors.
- Business Coalition: helped generate 'Powering Utah's Future,' an initiative to support Governor Huntsman's strategy of 20% renewable energy for Utah by 2025. Participated in program initiation strategy sessions, help design website and mailing materials, contacted businesses and solicited supporters for this initiative.

Snowbird Mountain School Instructor, Utah, 12/2007-4/2008

- Managed groups of up to 12 students at various ability levels. Provided clear and accurate instruction on skiing technique and guided across appropriate big mountain terrain.
- Provided follow-up comments and lesson summary with written report card. Served as an ambassador for the resort, addressing question and concerns of students, parents as well as the general public.

Organic Farm Volunteer and campground host, Mount Cook National Park area, New Zealand, 8/2007-10/2007

- Assisted with Marino Sheep Ranch duties including herding: riding ATVs or horses, feeding, facility maintenance, sanding, painting, gardening.
- Managed on-site campground and rental units, cleaned cabins and bathrooms, assisted guests.

Domestic Violence Volunteer, The Advocates Center, Sun Valley, Idaho, Summer 2003

- Counseled shelter guests and walk-in's
- On-call for the sexual assault go-out team

Reading Tutor

- Participated in SMART reading program for first and second graders with reading disabilities, 7/05-5/06

## **BACKCOUNTRY CERTIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

Wilderness First Responder Certification, The Wilderness Medical Institute, 2007

- 80-hour course taught standards for urban and extended care situations on topic such as wound management, fractures, improvised splinting techniques, long term patient monitoring environmental emergencies.
- Learned prevention methods and tools to make critical medical and evacuation decisions in remote locations.

Whitewater Raft Guide Training, Destination Wilderness, 2007

- 12 day course with raft training on the Rouge, Umpqua and McKenzie rivers and camp lectures on outdoor leadership, whitewater navigation technique and natural history

Search and Rescue Training and Service, Denali National Park, 2006

- Attended lectures and practice sessions on basics of SAR structure and techniques. Participated in Denali August SAR.

Avalanche I Certification, Sawtooth Mountain Guides, 2006

- 36 hour course in the backcountry taught avalanche terrain assessment, weather factors contributing to instability, the influence of slope aspect, decision making under in various scenarios and rescue techniques.

Basic Climbing Education, The Mazamas, Portland based climbing club, 2005

- Attended 16 hours of classroom sessions and 2 days of field practice on rock climbing and mountaineering skills including proper clothing/gear, moving safely on glaciers, route finding.

Map and Compass Clinic Lewis & Clark College Outdoor Program, 2005

- Field practice with map and compass, instruction on reading topo lines, taking bearings, pinpointing location with triangulation

National Outdoor Leadership School, Backcountry Ski Course, 2004

- 14 day course, 10 days in the backcountry learning skills in telemark skiing, safe backcountry travel, winter camping, map reading and route-finding

Experience in the Backcountry:

- Peaks Climbed:
  - Mount Rainer, DC route, Summer 2007
  - Mount Washington, Summer, 2007
  - Mount Hood, Wy'East Winter 2011
  - Sunshine Route, Winter 2009
  - West Crater Rim, Winter 2007, Spring 2007
  - Copper Spur, Spring 2007
  - Southside, Summer 2007, Winter 2006
  - South Sister, Summer 2009, Winter 2007
  - Middle Sister, Southeast Ridge, Fall 2006
  - Mt Adams, South Spur, Fall 2006, Winter 2007
  - Mount Saint Helens, Monitor Ridge, Fall 2005, Winter 2007
  - Mount Hyndman, South Ridge, Summer 2005
  - Mount Fuji, Kawaguchiko Route, Summer 2004
  - Kings Peak, North Face, Summer 2004
- Backpacks with partners and solo in the Alaska Range, Chugach Range, Utah Uinta Mountains, Canyonlands; Idaho Sawtooth Mountains, White Cloud Mountains; Wyoming, Snake River Range and New Zealand
- Backcountry Skiing in Oregon/Washington Cascade Range, Wyoming Snake River Range, Idaho Sawtooth Range, Utah Wasatch Range