



PEAK

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STAFF PROFILES

STAN WOOD - DIRECTOR

Stan is in his 27th year as a faculty member at Heathwood and has served as Director of the PEAK program for 13 years. He previously served as Athletic Director and was head coach of several varsity sports including boys basketball and track. Stan graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1983 with a degree in Physical Education, and is a 1986 and 1998 graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Stan was recognized by the Richland County Conservation District as Conservation Teacher-of-the-Year in 2001. He is an experienced kayaker, mountain and road biker, backpacker, mountaineer, and adventure racer. Stan also has an advanced SCUBA certification and is a certified rescue diver.

BECCA REYNOLDS - ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Becca is a former Heathwood student and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Education in 2004. She has extensive wilderness education experience with students of all ages having worked for Inside Out, Inc., a leading organization that provides experiential education in an outdoor setting for students from schools throughout the country. She also served as Assistant Director and Head of Outdoor Pursuits for many years at Camp Arrowhead in Tuxedo, NC. Becca is a 2002 graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and is a certified Wilderness First Responder, lifeguard, and Rock Site and Ropes Course Manager. She is an experienced backpacker and rock climber, and has also served as a lead teacher in the 2nd grade and 5-year old kindergarten at Heathwood Hall.

JIM MORRIS - UPPER SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER AND SENIOR INSTRUCTOR

Jim has more than 30 years experience as an outdoor education instructor and trip leader, including 16 years experience with the North Carolina Outward Bound School, and has previously served as the director of outdoor education programs at three NAIS schools. Jim received a B.A. in Biology and an M.S. in Engineering from West Virginia University, and began working at Heathwood in 1996 as an Upper School teacher of Physics and Biology. He is responsible for the establishment and management of the Robert Clark Greenhouse. Jim was selected as the SCISA High School Teacher of the Year in 2007. He is an experienced paddler, having kayaked the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. He is also an experienced ropes course facilitator, mountaineer, and backpacker. Jim has an advanced SCUBA certification and is a certified rescue diver.

JOHN DUHAN - BAND DIRECTOR, TRIP FACILITATOR

John began directing the band program and teaching music classes at Heathwood in the fall of 2003. Originally from western New York, John came to Columbia to study Music Education and Trombone Performance at USC. He can be found performing regularly with a wide variety of ensembles throughout Columbia and South Carolina. In addition to his passion for music, John is an enthusiastic outdoorsman. Recent summer adventures include summits on Half Dome and Mt. Whitney, and backpacking in the Grand and Zion canyons. John is also a very experienced and enthusiastic kayaker.

ROBERT HORAK PH.D. - GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AND PROGRAM FACILITATOR

Robert has been a school counselor since 1993 and is in his ninth year as counselor in the Intermediate and Middle School at Heathwood. He earned a Master of Education (M. Ed.) in 1993 and an Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in 1995 from the University of South Carolina Department of Educational Psychology. In 2003, he earned his Doctorate of Philosophy from the USC Department of Educational Psychology. Robert has received advanced training by Project Adventure as an Adventure-based Counselor and serves as a ropes course facilitator for several educational institutions. In addition to his published dissertation on Adventure-based Counseling, he is a published author in the Journal of Individual Psychology and a contributing author in the textbook: Culture & Counseling: New Approaches. Robert is an accomplished pianist, a pilot, and holds an advanced diving certificate.

HARTLEY BARBER - UPPER SCHOOL ART TEACHER, KAYAK INSTRUCTOR

Hartley has been a member of the Heathwood faculty for 10 years. He graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1993. Hartley has traveled throughout most of the lower 48 states and parts of Canada, Mexico, Japan, Thailand, England and Western Europe. Hartley has a Wilderness First Aid certification. He is an experienced whitewater kayaker and an avid backpacker, climber and nature photographer.

ELIZABETH AIREY - TRIP AND PROGRAM FACILITATOR

Elizabeth began working with the PEAK program in February of 2007, teaching outdoor education classes in the Intermediate and Middle School. She previously served as Associate Director of the PEAK program. Elizabeth graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a degree in athletic training. Having grown up in the mountains of western North Carolina, she has an avid interest in the outdoors and is experienced in wilderness travel and Leave No Trace wilderness ethics.