



Eagle's Nest Center, Inc.

Teaching Good Values and Principles for Life!

Christopher A. Kohel, Geologist/Experienced Climber

Christopher Kohel has been climbing rocks and mountains, guiding and coordinating climbing trips, and getting involved with adventurous spirits since 2001. However, adventure has been a lifelong affair...starting with father Robert Kohel taking him on spelunking trips at ages too young to recall. Clamoring on rocks, crossing beaver dams, and general wandering in the woods has defined the development of this Wisconsin native. With a natural affinity for nature and the sciences Chris went on to achieve a bachelor's and a master's degree in Geology. It was in his undergraduate studies that he began guiding climbing trips for Hobnailers, a student run outdoor recreation club. His experiences leading climbing trips had a dramatic affect on the way he looked at people and the outdoors. The camaraderie associated with working together with people to achieve a common goal is a very significant aspect of climbing in the outdoors, and is something that has a very positive effect on your everyday life. It was when Chris moved to San Diego to pursue his graduate studies that he began climbing high mountains. It is on these high peaks that he feels a person is truly tested, and is the type of experience that builds confidence and character which is important in the development of a young person. It is these types of experiences that have sprouted a desire to discover the world...to chase dreams and adventure on every continent, and push himself to the edge of his own ability. It is this passion for life that Christopher wants to inspire in other young people. It's not about conquering mountains, it's about conquering yourself.



Notable climbing & summit list:

- Mt Blanc (Chamonix, France) – tallest peak in Western Europe 4810m (15,781')
- Mt Elbrus (Elbrus, Russia) – tallest peak in Europe 5642m (18,510')
- Mt Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) – tallest peak in Africa 5895m (19,341')
- Mt Whitney (California) – tallest peak in continental USA 4421m (14,505')
- Leading climbing trips to Joshua Tree - CA, Chattanooga-TN, Sand Rock-AL, Red River Gorge -KY, Devil's Lake-WI, Taylor's Falls-MN, Lake Superior area-MN.
- Extensive bouldering in San Diego Area, Joshua Tree, and Bishop – CA, Boulder City – TN, and Hueco Tanks-TX.

Back country experience:

- Field mapping and back packing in Western Montana-University of Wisconsin Eau Claire.
- Two summers of geological research and backpacking in the Coast Ranges of British Columbia, Tweedsmuir Provincial Park-University of Wisconsin Eau Claire.
- Two summers of field mapping on the Vizcaino Peninsula, Baja California Sur-San Diego State University.
- Extensive back country travel in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

International Travel:

- Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Dubai-UAE, France, Germany, Italy, Kenya, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Tanzania, and Ukraine.
- One and a half years international work in the Rift Valley of Kenya.