



Dorm Update

Meet the Staff: Eric

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Before he left, we were able to talk Ben into 1 more article!

Well, here I am writing another post even though I finished what I thought would be my final post last week. One line in particular from the Godfather: Part 3 perfectly describes my feelings at the moment "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in!" But, I enjoy writing, so it's not a huge deal. Today, instead of introducing a student, I'll be introducing a Direct Care Staff Member, Eric.

It's difficult for me to strike up conversation with new people, so Eric and I didn't really interact for a good portion of the beginning of my stay here. It

took a good 2 or 3 weeks for me to really start to open up and talk to him, and when I did I found out that he was really fun guy to be around. No other direct care staff can make me erupt in laughter like Eric can. There's been times he's made laugh so hard that my sides hurt for 3 minutes afterward. Eric's got some of the best comedic timing I've ever seen. I love going on outings with him because I know I'll come back feeling delighted. He never fails to brighten my day.

Outside of work, Eric enjoys fishing, bargain hunting (finding good stuff for super cheap), and watching the Simp-



sons. Eric brings his laid back attitude with him everywhere he goes, making him an extremely likeable guy. I'm going to miss you when I'm gone Eric. That's going to be all for today folks. Hope you enjoyed reading this!

Special points of interest:

- Briefly highlight your point of interest here.

Students Take on Mountains

With the addition of five rugged mountain bikes, students are taught the basics of safety, handling and bike maintenance under the tutelage of a former Wild Rockies Race Series competitor. The goal of the class is to determine the fitness and ability of the student by qualifying with four

hours of training class. When completed, students will participate in a trip down the scenic Weiser River Trail from Tamarak to Starkey. With numerous trestles, bridges, tree tunnels and desert canyons, the Weiser River Trail is an unknown Gem in Idaho's heartland, and only a

short drive from the campus. Mountain biking in remote locations teaches students self-sufficiency -- if it breaks you fix it -- and inspires self confidence. If mountain biking is not your thing, road biking is also offered to students.

Summer at Novitas

With a convenient location on the Payette River, and with Black Canyon reservoir only minutes away, Novitas is a haven for student watersport outings. White water rafting, kayaking, pontoon boats and yes, even the thrilling ride of a jet ski are routine activities at Novitas during summer months. With safety and fun a number one priority, the certified white-water rescue staff ensures that students experience what few other programs can offer, a chance to experi-

ence an exhilarating extreme sport, or a casual float on a warm summer day from campus to town on a serene river.



Student Spotlight: Chris

At the beginning of summer, one of our students, Chris, headed to SkillsUSA Additive Manufacturing Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Chris and his team mate won the GOLD. Check out the article here: [http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/sme-announces-winners-of-the-2016-skillsusa-additive-manufacturing-](http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/sme-announces-winners-of-the-2016-skillsusa-additive-manufacturing-competition-300294042.html)

[competition-300294042.html](http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/sme-announces-winners-of-the-2016-skillsusa-additive-manufacturing-competition-300294042.html) Way to go Chris!



The new pond.

Groundbreaking

Ground is broke on the new facility on the expansive campus at Novitas. The new 5,000 foot dorm, kitchen and office space on the banks of the Payette River is taking shape on the site of a 100-year old Idaho heritage farm. With groundwater already seeping into the new – soon to be stocked with fish – pond, the

facility will be a vision of architectural design, nestled among pines and Russian Olive trees. The new, state-of-the art facility will reflect beauty, academic and personal growth for students at Novitas.

► August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Movie and Dinner
7 Fast Lanes- Go Karts	8	9 Rock Climbing	10	11 Rock Climbing	12 Firebird Drag Races	13
14	15 Jet skis at Black Canyon	16	17 McCall Trip	18 McCall Trip	19 McCall Trip	20 Dinner and Movie
21 Boise Skate Park	22 Fall term started	23	24	25 Rock Climbing	26 X-Fest	27 Atv's at cycle park
28 Movie and Dinner	29	30	31			

► September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rock Climbing	2 Sawtooth's Backpacking	3 Sawtooth's Backpacking
4 Sawtooth's Backpacking	5 Sawtooth's Backpacking	6 Rock Climbing	7	8 Rock Climbing	9 Movie and Dinner Out	10 Fast Lane's Go-Karts
11 Paintball	12	13 Rock Climbing	14	15 Rock Climbing	16	17 ATV's
18	19	20 Rock Climbing	21	22 Rock Climbing	23	24
25	26	27 Rock Climbing	28	29 Rock Climbing	30	

Future Happenings!

As we gear up for fall let's take a look at what will be going on in the coming months at Novitas Academy.

- The students are currently gearing up for a backpacking trip in the Sawtooth Mountains with Clay during Labor Day weekend
 - Novitas Academy Open house is tentatively scheduled for October 20th—21st. This is a great opportunity to meet with teachers and therapists to find out what is going on during the school year!
 - We will be having other activities in September based on student choice.
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