

# Patrick Nepp

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## Professional Summary

Passionate small business manager with a background in zoo animal care, with 5+ years of experience. Pursuing a new career as a full-stack web developer after completing an immersive coding bootcamp through SavvyCoders. Eager to transition into a career that allows me to use my analytical, creative, and learned coding skills.

## Professional Achievements

- Promoted from laser engraver to manager after 6 months with Beck & Carlson after proving I'm capable of solving problems, communicating, multitasking, and leading a team.
- Giraffe Training Coordinator at Blank Park Zoo. Managed a team of four keepers and worked with seven giraffes to perform different behaviors.
- Conservation Fund Award recipient - Applied and received funding from Blank Park Zoo to travel to Namibia to work with the Giraffe Conservation Foundation in the field doing conservation work.

## Technical Skills

JavaScript, HTML5, CSS3, JSON, Trello, Git and Github, Firebase, Node/Express, Heroku, Microsoft Office

## Continued Learning

Savvy Coders web development bootcamp is a 12 week immersive bootcamp teaching the basic skills needed for full stack development. At the end of the course, we present our final "Capstone Project". The capstone is a Single Page Application of our own design.

## Capstone Project

For my Savvy Coders Capstone Project, I created a SPA called: Random Hike Generator. I'm passionate about the outdoors and nature. I wanted to create a different, fun, and spontaneous way to get outside and enjoy nature. A user will provide their location and select some filters and my SPA will return a single random hike based off of the location and filters provided by the user. The purpose is to cut through the clutter of a general trail search and also help those who can't make decisions, because it makes the decision for the user. Lastly, it's also a great way to explore new trails the user has never heard of or may have never tried otherwise.

## Employment History

### **Beck and Carlson, LLC**

**June, 2020 - Present**

#### **Manager**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

- Leads and motivates a team of 6 employees
- Plans ahead and delegates work to ensure all objectives are met as efficiently as possible

- Communicates with staff through weekly meetings and on a person-by-person basis as needed
- Uses critical thinking skills to solve any problems that may arise and work to solve them and prevent them in the future

**Laser Engraver**

**October, 2019 - June, 2020**

- Created high quality products to maintain high customer satisfaction
- Multi-tasked to complete all daily tasks in an efficient and timely manner
- Organized and stocked inventory
- Detail oriented; reviewed every detail of an order to find potential errors before the order was shipped to the customer

**Mission Taco Joint**

**October, 2019 - February 2020**

**Server**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

- Delivered exceptional, friendly, and fast service
- Anticipated and addressed guests' service needs
- Worked in a fast-paced environment
- Consistently exceeded sales goals by efficiently managing sections and multi-tasking

**St. Louis Zoo**

**May, 2018 - October, 2019**

**Zookeeper**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

- Responsible for the daily husbandry of 20+ different species and a large amount of individual animals
- Performed training sessions with several species under my care. Primarily worked with the giraffe, as a member of the giraffe training team
- Provided and evaluated daily enrichment for the animals
- Was an active member of the zoo's enrichment team and was the liaison for the antelope team
- Recorded detailed animal observations and behavior through daily records on a daily basis
- Interacted and communicated with the public through keeper chats, training demonstrations, private tours, and media outreach

**Blank Park Zoo**

**May 2014 - April 2018 Zookeeper**

**Des Moines, Iowa**

- Responsible for the daily husbandry for 8 different species and 30+ individual animals
- Performed training sessions with Eastern black rhino and giraffe. Primary trainer with the female rhino and male giraffe
- Was the Giraffe Training Coordinator and lead the giraffe training team of 4 trainers and 6 giraffe. Trained blood draws, hoof on block for hoof trims, xrays, and body positioning all while practicing positive reinforcement training techniques.
- Provided and evaluated daily enrichment for the animals
- Recorded detailed animal observations and behavior through daily records on a daily basis
- Interacted and communicated with the public through keeper chats, training demonstrations, private tours, and media outreach

- Applied for the “Employee Conservation Fund” and was chosen to volunteer with the Giraffe Conservation Foundation in Namibia, Africa for two weeks. Performed field work and hands on work with giraffes in the wild

**Temporary Zookeeper**

**June 2013 - August 2013**

- Was responsible for the daily husbandry for 12 different species and 50+ individual animals
- Performed training sessions with miniature zebu and golden-headed lion tamarins
- Provided and evaluated daily enrichment for the animals
- Recorded detailed animal observations and behavior through daily records on a daily basis
- Interacted and communicated with the public through keeper chats, training demonstrations, private tours, and media outreach

**Intern**

**May 2013 - June 2013**

- Was an intern for a month before being asked to work as a temporary zookeeper, giving me additional leadership responsibilities.

**Education and Certifications**

- SavvyCoders
- Agile Certification
- BS: Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, 2010-2014