

Abigail Shutt

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Professional Summary

Experienced performer with a passion for creating memorable moments for people of all ages. Wide background in theme park and sporting events with an emphasis in creative movement and non-verbal communication.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Budtender

Bud and Rita's-Wadsworth, IL
November 2024 to Present

Mascot Assistant

Rockford Icehogs-Rockford, IL
November 2022 to Present

Handler/assistant for "Hammy E Hog" during all home games during the hockey season

- Manage props and giveaways specifically pertaining to "Hammy" during walks around the stadium
- Crowd control and time management to make sure mascot arrives at promotional events on time during games
- Communicates between multiple departments to guarantee "Hammy" completes all game day duties in a timely manner
- Develop and execute skits for games

Mascot Performer

College of Lake County-Grayslake, IL
September 2019 to Present

Contracted part-time performer for "Lance the Lancer"

- Perform on campus and off-site for various events including open houses, graduations, banquets, and athletic competitions
- Help organize and execute skits and "costumes" for themed events

Mascot Performer

Kane County Cougars-Geneva, IL
June 2021 to July 2024

Lead performer for "Annie T. Cougar" at home games and community events

- Appear for autograph signings, run the bases, special performances, and photo ops on the field and in the stands
- Maintain costumes by washing and repairing when needed
- Develop costumes for theme nights for mascot to wear

- Oversee "Ozzie" performers during games and provide feedback to intern coordinator and promotions director

Back up performer for "Ozzie T. Cougar" at community events

Costume Character

Kringle's Inventionasium-Cleveland, OH

November 2023 to December 2023

Costumed Character for Kringle's Inventionasium Experience

- Timed holiday experience
- Lead performer for "Eisley Oogle" off-site at character breakfasts and on-site at the Inventionasium
- Performed as "Wander Clock" on site as needed

Six Flags Performer

Six Flags-Gurnee, IL

March 2019 to October 2022

Performer/Handler for Looney Tunes characters and unlicensed characters

- Dance Parties
- Meet and Greets
- Parades
- Pop-up Shows
- Private Events

Managing Director

Cruising Characters-Libertyville, IL

June 2020 to January 2021

- Create training guides and execute training sessions with new and current hires
- Store, maintain, and repair character costumes as needed
- Book events as needed for mascot and face characters
- Go on site to manage large events as well as perform as necessary
- Engage with clients at events

Mascot Performer/Handler

Kilburn Live-Schaumburg, IL

November 2020 to December 2020

Perform as "The Grinch" in a pop-up event at Old Orchard Mall

- Entertain guests during a quick performance before participating in a mini photography shoot for holiday pictures

Ambassador of Fun

Great Wolf Lodge-Gurnee, IL

May 2018 to January 2019

Kid's Experience

Responsibilities:

- Lead entertainment events for guests ages 1 - 16
- Perform as "Violet" and "Wiley"
- Maintain character costumes
- Conduct educational programs for young guests
- Manage seasonal events

Therapy Assistant (Volunteer)

Partners for Progress NFP-Wauconda, IL

October 2013 to June 2018

Responsibilities:

- Assisted with mounted therapy
- Led unmounted educational events
- Participated in traveling show team events
- Maintained horse show string
- Performed stable maintenance

Animal Program Assistant

Patch 22-Gurnee, IL

June 2017 to August 2017

Responsibilities:

- Led pony rides for children's parties
- Assisted with animal experiences (petting zoo)
- Maintained ponies

Education

College of Lake County - Grayslake, IL, US

June 2018 to Present

Skills

- Equine Experience
- Dancing
- Experience with Children
- Animal Care
- Guest Service
- Guest services

Certifications and Licenses

Forklift Certification

January 2020 to January 2021

Completed forklift certification but never utilized during work hours