

# **Xylem Larla Dey : Teen Leadership Mentor**

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**OBJECTIVE:** *To serve youth of the world through the facilitation of enriching leadership experiences.*

## **EXPERIENCE:**

**Nevada City School of the Arts:** [www.ncsota.org](http://www.ncsota.org). Nevada City, CA. 2016-

- Movement for TK-2nd Grade, Dance for 4th/5th Grade, Leadership for 6th Grade, 8th Grade.

**Camp Augusta:** [www.campaugusta.org](http://www.campaugusta.org). Nevada City, CA. 2010-2015

- Teen Leadership Director, 2014-2015: Mentored 22 teens ages 15-18 in a 9-month correspondence course and 3-week residential training in communication, facilitation, personal growth, and counseling.
- Village Leader 2011- 2012: Mentored 8 counselors per summer in progressive behavior management and personal growth, supported 25 teen girls per session for six 1-2 week sessions each year, ages 12-16.
- Leadership Responsibilities: Staff Application Review and Interviews, NVC Staff Training, Leadership Development, Staff Manual Writing, Trained Apprentice Village Leader, Consultant for Teen Girls' Issues.
- Activity Development & Teaching Clinics: High Ropes, Low Ropes, Herbal Medicine, Wilderness Skills, Gardening, Arts & Crafts – for campers, school groups, and families in groups of 5-100.

**Lighting Our Path:** Facilitated Girls' Rites of Passage Ceremony (young teens). North San Juan, CA. 2005-2010

**Earthroots Field School:** [www.earthrootsfieldschool.org](http://www.earthrootsfieldschool.org). Nevada City, CA. 2009

- Summer Farming & Arts Camp: Director, Teacher, & Curriculum Developer for Groups of 5-10. (Ages 3-11).

**Common Vision Non-Profit Earth Education:** [www.commonvision.org](http://www.commonvision.org). Multiple Cities, CA. 2003-2008

- Fruit Tree Tour: 3-month Fulltime Volunteer Environmental Educator in CA Public Schools.
- Team Leader: Taught Thousands of Students Movement, Music, Arts in groups of 15-50 (ages 5-18)
- Creative Curriculum Developer: Implemented Environmental Lesson Plans Utilizing Music & the Arts.
- Performance Director & Playwright: Created Educational Performances for Student Assembly Audiences.

**Earthdance Festival:** Children's Program Staff & YogaGames Instructor, ages 0-12. Laytonville, CA. 2005-2007

**Devi Yoga Studio:** YogaGames (ages 6-10) & KidsDance (ages 3-5). Taught Weekly Classes. Claremont, CA. 2005

**Homeschool Preschool Teacher:** Educational Experiences for Families. (ages 0-7) Claremont, CA. 2003-2005

**Sarah Lawrence College Theater Outreach Team:** Whitefield, Maine & Yonkers, NY. 1998-2001

- Created Lesson Plans: Theater, Dance, & Creative Writing on Specialized Topics. (grades K-8)
- Taught 5 classes/day during spring breaks in rural Maine, & weekly Saturday program in NY. (ages 5-12)

## **EDUCATION:**

- **MA. In Education, 2015**, Curriculum and Instruction, **California State University, Chico, CA.**
  - Graduated with Distinction. Conducted Independent Research Study at four Alternative High Schools, and designed new Environmental High School Pedagogy as Masters Project.
- **B.A., 2001, Theater & Educational Reform. Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville NY.**
  - Junior Year Exchange Program: **Reed College ('99-'00), Portland OR**

## **SPECIAL CERTIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:**

- **Music.** Ongoing study & practise of Classical Indian Tabla Drums with study in India & Pakistan, Vocal Training in Harmonies, Folk, Classical, and Musical Theater, Independent study Guitar and Songwriting.
- **Dance:** 10 years of West African Drum & Dance study, 4 years of Butoh training, assorted experience in musical theater, contemporary, jazz, tap, ecstatic & contact dance, 13 years of childhood training in ballet.
- **Devi Yoga Teacher Certification** & Apprenticeship, Specialization in Children's Yoga. Claremont, CA. 2005.
- **Sound Healer, Reiki Master, Egyptian Alchemical Healing Sessions, Ritual Theatre Ceremonialist**
- **Nonviolent Communication Training, Diversity Training, & Conflict Resolution.** California. 2003-2015
- **NOLS Wilderness First Responder and American Red Cross Lifeguard** Certifications. California. 2012-
- **Herbalism Apprenticeship** & ongoing studies with Master Herbalist Kathy Keville. Grass Valley. 2009-11
- **Extensive Gardening** experience including **Biodynamics** training at **Rudolf Steiner College**, 2010-11
- **Group Counseling Workshop Alumni:** Global Harmony, Culture of Honouring, Naki Ima (2010-2015).