




**ALISSA PENDORF**  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR  
M.Ed in Environmental Education

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## ABOUT

As the sole proprietor of **Discovery By Nature, LLC**, I proudly offer independent nature-based programs to organizations including public and private schools, libraries, nature centers, youth groups, and summer camps within the central region of Pennsylvania.

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## EDUCATION

**Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania** | Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania  
Master of Education in Environmental Education  
August 2025 | Summa Cum Laude

**The Pennsylvania State University** | University Park, Pennsylvania  
Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Arts; Arts Entrepreneurship (minor)  
May 2016 | High Distinction

## EXPERIENCE & SKILLS

### Independent Environmental Educator | 2017–present

Developed and produced over two dozen unique curriculum modules aligned with Pennsylvania state learning standards; organized and led on-site field trips; collaborated with and presented programs for Centre Wildlife Care; developed interpretive signage and project materials for Shaver's Creek Environmental Center; established partnerships between local environmental organizations; secured \$20k in funding for regional conservation initiatives.

### Freelance Graphic Designer | 2010–present

Assisted businesses with creative consultation, branding, marketing, logo development, digital illustration, copywriting, prepress, and photography.

### Reptiland Zookeeper Internship (AZA Accredited) | 2025

Engaged in animal care, maintenance, and husbandry; delivered live animal programs to diverse audiences; facilitated visitor/animal interactions.

### Interpretive Educator | The Arboretum at Penn State | 2014–2020

Served as the inaugural avian educator at Childhood's Gate Children's Garden; trained interns and volunteers; developed program schedules; created educational displays and materials for public events; presented environmental curriculum to visitors.

### Interpretive Educator | Shaver's Creek Environmental Center | 2014–2016

Trained, cared for, and photographed two dozen birds of prey; presented birds, reptiles, and amphibians during Traveling Naturalist programs.

## MEMBERSHIPS & CREDENTIALS

**North Association of Environmental Educators**

**Pennsylvania Association for Environmental Educators**

**Avian Education Advisory Committee** (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Master Herpetology certification** (Amphibian Foundation)