

ERIC WOOD

ACCT'S PROGRAM MANAGER



Q&A WITH ERIC WOOD

Eric Wood will be joining the ACCT staff team August 13, 2018. Eric will be the new Program Manager, a position that will be overseeing credentialing, and working with the Accreditation and Certification Committee, the Vendor Accreditation Panel, the Panel for Program Accreditation, and the Inspector Certification Panel.

We asked Eric a couple questions about his background and goals as he joins our ACCT team.

Where did you work before coming to ACCT?

I have been working for Lake Geneva Canopy tours for the past four years. Lake Geneva Canopy Tours was my introduction to the zipline industry. I started my position as GM with low revenue numbers, unhappy staff and almost being out of business. This was the best scenario for me. I loved turning the company around with 25% growth in revenue, a complete overhaul on staff, and the opportunity to be creative and grow our business. Our team at LGCT was very cohesive, supportive and creative.

What would you like to accomplish at ACCT?

I hope to improve and streamline the accreditation and certification process, help increase membership, change programs across the country to provide safe and exciting adventure opportunities for people of all ages.

What do you like most about the industry?

I really enjoy being part of an industry where people like to have fun! After my first conference in California; I saw a lot of people I had already worked with in the past and it gave me a great feeling. Honestly, This is a great job in this industry and I feel very lucky to be a part of it. The conferences are very valuable and it gives each of us a chance to share thoughts, ideas and have a great time. I don't think you can meet a nicer bunch of people at the conference.

You are moving to the Longmont area to work in the ACCT office, where did you move from and do you have a family?

My wife and three daughters are moving from Northern Illinois. My wife is an English professor at the University of Northern Colorado and my daughters, Grace (10 years old), Layla (9 years old), and Cadence (5 years old) are all adventurous girls who love to be outdoors. My 2 older girls were both born in Estes Park, CO so we couldn't be more thrilled to be coming home to the mountains of Colorado.

Now, let's get into some of the more fun spirited questions to better get to know who Eric Wood is.

What is your favorite Ice Cream?

Hmmmmmmm, I really like Phish food by Ben and Jerry's. It's awesome.

What is your morning wake up beverage?

4 gallons of black coffee

What do you do to relax?

I spend 99.9% of my time with my family, rafting, skiing, and hiking. Being outside with all my girls is what helps me relax and have a great time.

What else would you like people to know about you?

I love outdoor recreation and have been involved in this industry for 20 years. I truly believe that getting outdoors, experiencing a little adventure and challenging yourself is such a key ingredient for a happy life. It lifts the spirit and helps keep things in perspective.