

# Brian Gifford

## Youth and Environmental Programs Manager; Conservation Easement Manager May 9, 2008

**Background:** Hometown is Harrisburg, PA; Bachelor of Forest Science, Watershed Management, Pennsylvania State University; Nature's Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc., Mukwonago, WI, Education Director, Teacher and Gardener/Farmer; County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA, Government Relations Specialist; Project Director for the Land Use Electronic Resource Library; New Mexico Public Interest Research Group, Albuquerque, NM, Water Associate; *Red Cross* First Aid, CPR, and AED certification (current)  
Professional Organization Memberships: American Camp Association, Association of Experiential Educators, Association for Challenge Course Technology

**What attracted you to The Mountain?** The wonderfully diverse, complex, and abundant ecosystem; devotion to the Mountain's mission; the opportunity to commit my life to making a difference in the lives of youth and the world, as a whole.

**What would you like to accomplish in your work at The Mountain?** I would like to constantly be a force for raising the bar for the quality of the Mountain's programming, the standards that we set for staff, equipment, and practices, and the environmental quality of this site.

**About your family:** Sabine Gifford, wife

**What do you find most important in life?:** I believe in pursuing the lesser of the many evils from which we must pick in this life; deciding which immoral choice is the better one, right now; trying figure out how to cause the least harm, but still maintain a viable and acceptable existence. Beyond that, I value this moment, right now.

