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Objective

To become the Head Groundskeeper for an organization.

Employment

January 2009 to Present

Assistant Groundskeeper. Greenville Drive. Greenville, South Carolina.

Direct Supervisor: Greg Burgess.

- Learned to properly overseed with perennial ryegrass and then successfully transition from perennial ryegrass to 419 bermudagrass during the season while maintaining continuous play.
- Worked the 2009 & 2012 Southern Conference baseball tournament; totaling 15 games over 5 days.
- Executed complete renovation of 7 year old infield and foul territory grass by removing top 4" of rootzone, regrading and replacing with sand and new 419 bermudagrass sod at end of 2012 season.
- Hosted 2010 South Atlantic League All-Star game and won 2010 S.A.L. field of the year.
- Assisted in sustaining a preventative fungicide program as well as disease identification.
- Effectively controlled thatch by verticutting and aerifying frequently during long breaks to allow time to recover.
- Began writing a monthly newsletter describing projects, issues and events to full-time staff to increase knowledge and awareness of the wide array of tasks and the thought that goes into a baseball field.
- Hired, trained, scheduled and supervised seasonal part-time groundscrew members.

March 2008 to September 2008

Assistant Groundskeeper. Lansing Lugnuts. Lansing, Michigan.

Direct Supervisor: Matt Anderson.

- Gained further knowledge and experience in mowing, chalking lines, managing the clay on the mound and home plate, preparing the field and dealing with severe weather; tarping.
- Involved in root zone management including aerification and topdressing.
- Resodded areas under heavy traffic on various occasions and maintained a sod farm.
- Learned different practices to preserve the skin including incorporation of new clay, nail dragging and heavy watering.
- Understanding of irrigation upkeep and head replacement.
- Properly laid out bases and home plate dimensions prior to the season.

March 2007 to August 2007

Grounds Intern. West Michigan Whitecaps. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Direct Supervisor: Greg Salyer.

- Knowledge of daily upkeep of the playing field including mowing, painting logo, foul lines and batter's boxes, dragging infield and warning track, packing mounds and home plate, watering the clay, setting up and tearing down batting practice.
- Experience in projects such as edging and aerating.
- Familiarity with establishing a fertilization program and irrigation timing and scheduling.
- Directed multiple tarp pulling sessions based on the weather.

Education

2004 to 2008

- Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. B.S. in Crop and Soil Sciences, Specialization: Turfgrass Management.

Skills

- Sports Turf Managers Association member.
- Experience with running a game or on field event, leading a crew and dealing with inclement weather.
- Good interpersonal relations and reliable.

References

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