

Andrew Sims

Profile & Career Objective:

A self-motivated, ambitious, team-oriented New Jersey native interested in everything to do with Apple technology, Podcasting, Video/Audio Production, Web Development, and working with students, teachers, and children to educate.

Professional Experience

MuggleNet.com - President

2004 - Present

Managing a staff of over 100 volunteer employees of the most-visited Harry Potter fansite online. Receiving over 100,000 visitors daily, it has been recognized by Potter author JK Rowling and movie studio Warner Brothers.

MuggleCast - Lead Host, Producer, Editor

Lead host, producer, and editor of MuggleCast, a Harry Potter podcast listened to by over 50,000 subscribers. Winner of "Peoples Choice" at the 2006 Podcast Awards, "Best Entertainment" at the 2008 Podcast Awards, "Best Entertainment" at 2009 Podcast Awards, and recognized in several newspapers including The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and several New Jersey newspapers.

TwilightSource.com - Webmaster

2008 - Present

Managing a staff of 20 volunteers for one of the top Twilight fansites online. The site receives 10,000 visitors daily and has been recognized by Twilight author Stephenie Meyer and movie studio Summit Entertainment.

Imprint - Lead Host, Producer, Editor

Lead host, producer, and editor of Imprint, a Twilight podcast listened to by over 50,000 subscribers. Winner of "Best Cultural/Arts" and recognized by iTunes as one of the Best New Podcasts of 2008.

Shawnee Television - Director and Club President

2003 - 2007

Produced weekly Morning Show television program at Shawnee High School, viewed by 1,200 students every Friday morning. Duties included directing 15-20 crew members during live shows and producing show segments.

Lenape Regional District Television - Internship

2006 - 2007

Set up, produced, filmed, and edited numerous productions at LDTV - the Lenape High School District's broadcast-level studio, reaching out to over 65,000 homes in the South Jersey area.

Medford Recreation - Summer Counselor

2001 - 2007

Guided, educated, and cared for a group of 20 pre-school children with the help of two other counselors.

Medford Township PD - D.A.R.E. Role Model

2006

Selected by the Medford NJ police department to serve as a positive role model for 5th graders at various local elementary schools. Spoke to students about taking full advantage of high school opportunities and encouraged them to avoid drugs and alcohol.

Education

Fullerton College - Radio/TV/Film Undergraduate, Fall 2008 - Present

Rowan University - Radio/TV/Film Undergraduate, Fall 2007 - Spring 2008

Shawnee High School - HS Diploma, 2003 - 2007

Skills

Experienced with Mac OS X Panther through Snow Leopard, the iLife Suite, iWork Suite, Final Cut Studio, and several other third party Mac applications (Photoshop, Transmit, Coda, Skype, Parallels, Office 2004/2008). Several years filming, editing, and producing audio/video segments for weekly podcasts and High School news program. Years of experience working with students and teachers, helping with Mac and Windows challenges, as well as working and interacting with children in summer camp.

Field Experience

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter Theme Park Grand Opening

June 2010

Invited by Universal Orlando to attend Grand Opening of 20-acre Harry Potter theme park. Interviewed several of the park's designers as well as stars who attended the opening. Shot video and took photos for release on MuggleNet.com.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Set Visit

March 2010

Invited to London by Warner Brothers to visit the set of the final installment of the Harry Potter franchise. Spent the day on set receiving a tour and interviewed several stars including Daniel Radcliffe, Matthew Lewis, Maggie Smith, Julie Walters, and Warwick Davis. Also interviewed crew including director David Yates, producer David Barron, and art director Stuart Craig.

New Moon Premiere

November 2009

Invited by Summit Entertainment to cover the premiere of New Moon, the second film in the Twilight saga, for TwilightSource.com. Filmed interviews featuring author of the book saga Stephenie Meyer and film stars including lead actors Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

July 2009

Press Junket - Participated in the press junket for the sixth Harry Potter film in New York City alongside accredited press. Interviewed the cast and crew of the film, including Dan Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Michael Gambon, David Heyman, David Yates, David Barron, and more.

New York Premiere - Attended the US premiere of the sixth Harry Potter film as accredited press. Developed interview questions and worked with co-webmasters to shoot interviews for MuggleNet.

Twilight Premiere

November 2008

Invited by Summit Entertainment to cover the premiere of Twilight for TwilightSource.com. Filmed interviews while co-webmaster interviewed the stars. Stars interviewed included the book saga author Stephenie Meyer, lead actors Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, and several other film stars.

Twilight Set Visit

March 2008

Travelled to Portland, Oregon to visit the set of the film adaptation of Twilight, a New York Times Bestselling book by Stephenie Meyer. Spent 3 days touring on-location sets and interviewing film stars Robert Pattinson, Kellan Lutz, Ashley Greene, Jackson Rathbone, as well as Wyck Godfrey (producer) and Catherine Hardwicke (director). The set visit report was published on DarkHorizons.com, a leading movie insider site.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince Set Visit

January 2008

Travelled to London for three days to visit the set of the sixth Harry Potter film. Toured all of the film sets and interviewed film stars Dan Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Evanna Lynch, Tom Felton, as well as David Heyman (producer), and David Yates (director).

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix Premiers

July 2007

Invited as accredited press to the US and UK premieres of the fifth Harry Potter film to shoot interviews for MuggleNet.com.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix Set Visit

September 2006

Travelled to London in the United Kingdom for three days to visit the set of the fifth Potter film and interview film stars Dan Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Gary Oldman, Jason Issacs, Evanna Lynch, as well as David Heyman (producer) and David Barron (assistant producer).

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Premiere

November 2005

Invited as accredited press to the US premiere of the fourth Harry Potter film to report for Mugglenet.com. Shot interviews for viewing on MuggleNet.com. Also invited to participate in press junket a month prior to the film's release.