

# Bio-Inspired Leadership



Learning from Nature to Sustain, Thrive, and Lead



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Workshop Participant

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**Verdis Group** and **Fontenelle Forest** are partnering to offer a new workshop for organizations who are ready to embrace the ever changing dynamic business world. This immersion experience explores lessons from nature to form adaptable, resilient, and prosperous teams and groups.

**Bio-Inspired Leadership** is based on billions of years of field-testing and research in our longest-running innovation lab—nature. The same tried and true principles of successful organisms and eco-systems can be applied to leadership techniques, programs, and organizations to make them thrive now and long into the future.

Attendees will experience an immersive program unlike any other; one that combines sustainability, achieving an ecological balance, and biomimicry - the design of materials, structures, and systems that are modeled on biological entities and processes. Through experiential learning, participants will learn the Six Life Principles that represent the overarching patterns found among species surviving and thriving on Earth. These design lessons from nature can be used in both personal and professional settings. Participants leave energized and inspired, looking for new ways to apply these principles to their work and life.

## Workshop Details:

- Led by **Fontenelle Forest** Educator, Seth Keith and **Verdis Group** Partner & Chief Century Thinker, Daniel Lawse.
- Full day workshop - eight hours.
- Includes an interpretive hike
- Light breakfast and catered lunch provided
- Held at Fontenelle Forest Nature Center in Bellevue, NE\*
- Customizable outcomes for group needs

For more information, including availability and pricing, please contact Daniel Lawse at [daniel@verdisgroup.com](mailto:daniel@verdisgroup.com).

### **Daniel Lawse Bio**

As co-owner and Chief Century Thinker at Verdis Group, a sustainability consulting firm in Omaha, Daniel has the opportunity to practice bio-inspired leadership every day as he engages organizations to help them do business in a way that makes people happier, the earth healthier, and their organizations flourish.

Daniel has studied nature, systems, and the human desire to be fully alive both professionally and personally. With over a decade of training and experience in leadership and the environment, Daniel brings the two together to inspire and empower people and organizations to co-create a world where they can thrive.

### **Seth Keith Bio**

Seth is a dynamic facilitator with a strong passion for his work and a motivating drive to match it. He has over six years of experience in experiential learning, outdoor education, and group leadership facilitation. His work leading wilderness expeditions in the Grand Canyon, the great southwest deserts, northern California, and other wild places across the country has given Seth an intimate connection with nature that inspires others. Seth has been a part of Fontenelle Forest for over 2 years and has a well-rounded knowledge and understanding of our local ecosystems and all of the vibrant connections within them.

### **About Fontenelle Forest**

Fontenelle Forest's (FF) mission is to provide a place where people can experience and enjoy the quiet wild of nature. We want to inspire current and future generations to care for the natural world. FF is one of Nebraska's oldest conservation organizations and one of the largest private nature centers in the nation. With Fontenelle Forest Nature Center in Bellevue and Neale Woods in Omaha, FF encompasses nearly 2,000 acres of forest, prairie, and wetlands along the Missouri River.

### **About Verdis Group**

Verdis Group's mission is to integrate sustainable strategies to help organizations flourish. We do this through sustainability master planning, strategy implementation and leadership development. Verdis Group is the only sustainability consultancy that deploys a data-driven approach to achieve behavioral change strategies for long-term sustainable change. We love what we do, are extremely passionate about it and dedicated to our work and our clients, and collectively leap out of bed every morning excited to make a difference. We have the pleasure of working with the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium, Omaha Public Schools, The Nebraska Medical Center, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.