

# Ben Pierce

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**Experienced journalist with broad range of skills including copy editing,  
page layout, reporting, photography and Web design**

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## Summary of qualifications

- Five years experience in professional editing, layout, news writing, feature writing, photography and Web design at an 18,000-circulation daily newspaper.
- Ability to produce quality page designs, illustrations, stories and photographs on tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment.
- Desire to work collaboratively to solve problems and meet goals. Eager to learn new skills and innovate to get the job done.
- Skilled in interviewing, photography, research, page layout and Web design.
- Extensive technical knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite and other products.

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## Career Achievements

### Society of Professional Journalists

- Outdoors reporting and photography awards, 2005-2009
- Sports reporting and photography awards, 2005-2007

### Montana Newspaper Association

- Outdoors reporting, honorable mention, 2007
- Outdoors reporting, second place, 2006
- Outdoors reporting, third place, 2005

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## Work history

### **Editor/photographer/designer, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Bozeman, MT 2004-present**

- Design and copy edit news, sports and feature pages in collaboration with newsroom staff using QuarkXPress 4.1 and Adobe InDesign CS3.
- Write and edit news, sports and outdoors stories covering a wide variety of subjects on a daily deadline using Microsoft Word and NewsEdit Pro.
- Produce and edit photographs to illustrate features, news stories and online content using Nikon camera equipment and Adobe Photoshop CS3.
- Design, photograph, compose, program and upload content to newspaper Web sites including "The Montana 360 Project" ([www.dailychronicle.com/montana360](http://www.dailychronicle.com/montana360)) and "Blue & Gold" ([www.dailychronicle.com/bobcats](http://www.dailychronicle.com/bobcats)).

**Adobe Photoshop Instructor, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 2009-present**

- Teach Photoshop Advanced, Color Printing and Web Design courses through Montana State University's Extended Studies Program to members of the business community and aspiring professionals.

**Contract Photographer, Brickhouse Creative, Bozeman, MT 2004-present**

- Work with clients and marketing team to produce photographs for use in brochures, advertisements and Web sites.
- Develop creative concepts for use in C.D. packaging and promotional materials.

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**Technical skills**

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**Application knowledge**

- Adobe Creative Suite CS3, Microsoft Office, QuarkXPress 4.1, NewsEdit Pro

**Programming languages**

- ActionScript 3, HTML, CSS, XML

**Photographic equipment**

- Nikon cameras, lenses and accessories

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**Hobbies and Interests**

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Fly fishing, backpacking, oil, acrylic and digital painting, photography, visiting National Parks and other areas of scenic or historical significance, cooking, reading, traveling to foreign cultures, mountain biking.

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**Community Involvement**

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- Thrive: Organization dedicated to healthy family development
- Bozeman Camera Club: Monthly group focused on photography
- Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout and continued supporter

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**Education**

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Montana State University – Bozeman, MT  
Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature, 2002

References available on request