

Sabre Katana

Product Designer

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Summary

Clear tools for complicated work.

Product designer with a product manager's scope. Since 2022 I've designed the software KidStrong's franchise network runs on, across iPad, TV and web, for coaches, parents, managers and HQ. I'm the sole designer for Lighthouse, KidStrong's operations platform, and I built Beacon UI, the design system behind it. I untangle decisions before building, design for many roles at once, and keep accessibility in every release.

Experience

Associate Product Manager (Design) KidStrong

Jan 2025 – Present

- Sole designer for Lighthouse, KidStrong's operations platform: apps for HQ, area developers, managers, coaches and parents, including the Parent Portal
- Own Beacon UI, Lighthouse's design system: tokens, components, three themes and versioned releases
- Shape features before design starts with PRDs, user stories and decision reviews with product and engineering
- Maintain the Coach App (iPad) and KSTV (TV) as both products evolve
- Present product updates and design solutions to leadership and key stakeholders

Product Designer KidStrong

Jul 2022 – Dec 2024

- Designed the Coach App, the iPad app coaches use in class, end to end, from research and testing to launch
- Contributed design to KSTV, the in-class TV app for parents and kids, and to the Parent App (since retired)
- Established the company's first design system to keep products consistent across iPad, TV and mobile
- Partnered with developers through implementation so designs shipped as intended
- Advocated for and implemented accessibility standards across all products

Foundations Course Mentor Avocademy

Dec 2022 – Feb 2024

- Mentored bootcamp students in UX/UI fundamentals: research, testing and design principles
- Gave detailed feedback on research, prototypes and style guides, including for students who needed more support
- Contributed to curriculum development and student success strategies

Skills

Design: Product design, Design systems, Design tokens, Information architecture, Prototyping, UX writing, Accessibility

Research: User interviews, Surveys, Usability testing

Product: PRDs and user stories, Roadmapping, Feature prioritization, Stakeholder presentations

Tools: Figma (variables, Dev Mode, Make), Affinity (vector, photo and layout), Claude, GitHub, Astro, Notion, ClickUp

Code: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React

Earlier Career

Regional Manager Guru Donuts

2020 – 2022

- Grew a local business from one to three locations, including a partnership with Boise State University

Admin Coordinator TJ Maxx and HomeGoods

2019 – 2020

- Oversaw hiring, scheduling and training for the store team

Retail Supervisor Boise State University

2016 – 2019

- Oversaw eight campus retail locations: hiring, scheduling, ordering and inventory
- Managed brand relationships with partners including Coca-Cola and Red Bull

Education

Bachelor's, Interdisciplinary Professional Studies Boise State University

Oct 2026 – Present

Online

In progress, expected graduation Fall 2027

Front End Developer certification SheCodes

Jan 2024

UX/UI Foundations certification Avocademy

Dec 2021

Completed portfolio case studies

Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts College of Southern Idaho

Dec 2015

Twin Falls, ID