Student Trip Leader Responsibilities

Being an OP student trip leader comes with many responsibilities. Trip leaders are not only responsible for themselves, but the physical and emotional well-being of others in dynamic outdoor environments. This responsibility requires a great deal of commitment, time, energy and patience. However, with that responsibility also comes a tremendous opportunity to learn about oneself, develop important leadership and life skills, create life-long friendships, and make connections with the natural world, all while having fun with fellow students in astounding outdoor settings.

Trip Leader Commitments

Trip leaders are expected to commit approximately 30 hours per month to trainings, activities and leadership development, as well as plan and lead a minimum of one overnight and two one-day trips per semester. Trip leaders also serve as OP and Campus Recreation ambassadors at a variety of events including local and regional conferences.

In addition, trip leaders are expected to obtain a minimum of Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder (preferred) medical training within their first year as a trip leader. Other certifications such as swift water rescue and avalanche safety are required to lead certain trips.