

Wilderness Trip Leader Performance Profile

Wilderness Trip Leader Skills:

- Extremely organized; can handle the management of multiple areas of trip leading, including people, equipment and logistics
- High level of comfort with being out in the wilderness, and leading others
- Cool as a cucumber; best laid plans can go awry, and the wilderness combined with a group of teenagers offers a level of uncertainty. The wilderness trip leader is calm, collected, a problem solver and is able to anticipate possible scenarios ahead of time.
- Resourceful; knows what is needed in the wilderness, and what can be utilized for other means when necessary
- Transference; can carry the essence of a Camp Augusta experience out into the wilderness. Wish, wonder and surprise may be in the backpack, and it is definitely in the heart of all on-trip activities

Wilderness Trip Leader Tasks:

- Plans numerous trips of different types, including (but not limited to) a canoeing trip, climbing trip, horse-packing trip and biking trip. Organizes routes, maps everything out with the on-site co-ordinator, and has backup plans.
- Co-ordinates with parents and campers ahead of time. They may even be involved in the pre-season recruiting of campers for the trips (dependent upon availability)
- Collaborates with other trip staff, and on-site staff. Develops a relationship with an on-site partner who follows the trip from base camp and is the contact point for questions, concerns, check-ups and emergencies. Works with other trip staff to combine efforts and expertise for a magical trip
- Plans all meals, within Camp Augusta's food philosophy and food budget
- Organizes equipment for all trips, purchases what is necessary and manages the equipment budget
- Medical assistance where needed; WFR or equivalent required
- Manages how the wilderness trip interacts with the camp community. When the group returns to site, they co-ordinate activities with the PM, meals with the kitchen, and closing ceremonies with the VLs
- Engages with the rest of the camp community to offer fun, memorable experiences even beyond the realm of the Wilderness Trip Leader
 - Teaching activities, auction prizes, special wake-ups, cabin activities (when trips aren't going out)