

Camp Augusta: Wilderness Trip Leader

Want to spend the summer in the deep woods hiking, climbing, horse riding, and more? We've got some trips you might enjoy! Embark on one-week adventures with campers ages 12-17 to locations around Northern California while facilitating development in outdoor living skills, nature appreciation, and personal growth. Strong applicants enjoy working with children/teens, are calm in uncertain situations, are able to manage their own time/responsibilities, and are confident in their ability to contend with unique situations and problem solve in a backcountry setting. Trip Leaders must have experience in backcountry hiking/camping and either have a Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification or the ability to acquire one.

Trip Leader Skills

- High level of experience being out in the wilderness, and high level of comfort leading others in the wilderness
- Able to lead a variety of trips: backpacking, canoeing, climbing, horsepacking
- Knowledge and practice of wilderness medicine. (WFR certification or ability to acquire one)
- Extremely organized; can handle the management of multiple areas of trip leading: including people, equipment, and logistics
- Trip leaders are self-reliant, have good judgement, and will be calm and collected in uncertain situations
- Time management; keep up with the trip itinerary in the wilderness as well as planning appropriate mealtimes and breaks
- Stamina; trip leaders are on 24/7 when they are in the wilderness and are expected to meet the physical demands of each trip
- Community Involvement; when not in the backcountry trip leaders will perform wilderness-related tasks at camp, facilitate main camp activities, and be a positive and active part of the community
- Experience in leading trips in the backcountry, and the ability to use a map and compass



Trip Leader Tasks

- Help execute numerous trips of different types
- Understand, meet with the wilderness liaison, and provide backup plans
- Complete all pre-trip tasks including: write trip itinerary, pack gear, pack food, reserve vehicle from camp, pre-trip contact with each participant
- Plans all meals within Camp Augusta's food philosophy and food budget
- Organize equipment for trips
- Contacts participants at least three days prior to trip, answer any questions from family and participants
- Complete all post-trip tasks including: clean, repair, and store all gear, clean vehicles & return keys, debrief with Wilderness coordinator and co-trip leaders, complete parent letters
- Practice and educate participants on Leave No Trace principles
- Monitor and guard the emotional, physical, and mental health of each camper
- Plan special wake-ups every morning and evening embers every night for campers
- Engage with the rest of the camp community to offer fun, memorable experiences even beyond the realm of leading trips in the wilderness



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