

Guide Training Program 2010

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Course Description: The Guide Training Program is an intensive, semester-long course that will train participants to teach outdoor and leadership skills. With the nearby mountains and rivers of the Adirondacks as their classroom, students focus on furthering backcountry and outdoor skills and teaching. As a participant in the GTP, you can expect a high quality of training from professionals in leadership, group dynamics, decision-making, risk management, backcountry travel, winter camping, teaching techniques, Leave No Trace camping techniques, and wilderness medicine (Wilderness First Responder).

The course is the foundation for training Outdoor Program student staff, known as Hadwen Guides. Hadwen Guides are paid student staff who work for the OP in a wide array of jobs, including backcountry trip leaders, teaching assistants, facilities staff, and skills instructors for the rock, ice, paddling, and ski programs.

Guide Training Program participants should have motivation, leadership skills, good physical ability, and fundamental backcountry skills. Previous experience in backcountry skiing, mountaineering, rock climbing, whitewater boating and canoe tripping are desirable, but not required to participate in the Guide Training Program. You can easily gain experience to be qualified for the Guide Training Program through Outdoor Program Courses offered throughout the year.

The Guide Training Program is a highly selective training course. The application process involves a written application and an interview. Applications are available in mid-November.

Core Curriculum

I. Backcountry Skills

Backcountry Travel
Leave No Trace Camping
Emergency Procedures
Expedition Planning

II. Leadership Skills

Decision Making
Risk Management
Teaching Methods

III. Wilderness Medicine

Wilderness First Responder
(72 hr course)

IV. Specialized Hard Skills

Backcountry skiing
Alpine Ascents
Canoe Tripping
Rock Climbing

Student Expectations: Participants in the Guide Training Program can expect professional training in all aspects of the program. Participants demonstrating a high level of commitment can expect to gain competence in the skill areas and successfully complete the program. These participants will be invited to work for the Outdoor Program.

Outdoor Program Expectations: The OP expects students to show a high level of initiative during the Guide Training Program. In addition, students will be expected to demonstrate competency in four categories: Backcountry Skills, Leadership Skills, Specialized Hard Skills, and Wilderness Medicine. The OP also expects students who successfully complete the Guide Training Program to work for the OP in an appropriate capacity that balances school work, sports, extracurricular activities and life. Students can be asked to leave the course at any time due to poor attendance or performance.

Cost: \$750*, Covers all costs of the course, including Wilderness First Responder (WFR).

* If you have your WFR, the cost of the course will be \$500.

Spring 2010 Schedule

Class times are 4:30-6:00 PM

Class	Date	Day	Topic
Class 1	1/20	Wednesday	Course overview, syllabus, course expectations, clothing and gear selection
WFR	1/23-25	Sat.-Sun.	Wilderness First Responder
WFR	1/30-1/31	Fri.-Sun.	Wilderness First Responder
Field 1	2/13-14	Sat-Sun.	Winter Camping Exposé, yurt and High Peaks
Class 2	2/17	Wednesday	Leave No Trace
Field 2	2/19-2/21	Fri.-Sun.	Alpine Ascents
Field 3	2/27	Sat.	Alpine Ascents
Class 3	3/3	Wednesday	Trip Prep: KY Rock Climbing
Field 4	3/6-11	Sat-Thurs.	Backcountry Skiing program: Chic Choc Mountains
Field 5	3/6-13	Sat-Sat	Rock Climbing: Red River Gorge, Kentucky
Class 4	3/24	Wednesday	Backcountry Navigation
Field 6	3/27	Saturday	Backcountry Navigation
Class 5	3/31	Wednesday	Trip prep: Adirondack Traverse
Field 7	4/2-4	Fri-Sun	Backcountry skills: Adirondack Traverse
Class 6	4/7	Wednesday	Vehicle/trailer safety

Class 7	4/14	Wednesday	Flat water canoe progression
Field 8	4/17-18	Sat.-Sun.	Specialized Hard Skill- Rock Climbing; ADK
Field 9	4/17	Saturday	Specialized Hard Skill- Canoe
Field 10	4/24-25	Sat.-Sun.	Specialized Hard Skill- Canoe
Field 11	4/24-25	Sat.-Sun.	Specialized Hard Skill- Rock Climbing; ADK
Field 12	5/1	Sat.	Swift water rescue
WFR	5/8-11	Sat.-Sun.	Wilderness First Responder

Final Field Practicum: May 12-22