

CTPC Leadership Skills

Thoughts

What skills do I need in order to lead an on-water day trip? What do I have to learn and practice in order to be a successful leader?



Prerequisites: *ACA L2 skill assessment or equivalent experience; CTPC Leadership Theory.*

Next Step:

CTPC Leadership Skills & Leadership Assessment or ACA Trip Leader Assessment in appropriate discipline.

Topics Covered

We will review and expand basic on-water skills for trip leaders, including: trip planning & logistics, navigation, group evaluation/selection, risk mitigation, group management, basic and advanced rescues, rescue operations, towing, on-water environment, etc.

Details and Requirements

This full day class is taught on-water using craft of the chosen discipline (kayak, canoe, SUP) and typically follows the CTPC Leadership Theory class. Prerequisites reflect the skills needed to pass the leadership assessment.

Basic Equipment properly outfitted sea kayak, canoe or SUP, appropriate navigation equipment, touring paddle and related safety equipment including PFD, spray skirt, paddle float, pump, sling, leash, painters and first aid kit as-appropriate. Some equipment may be provided if needed, although it expected that students at this level will use your own equipment. Please advise us on any equipment you may need before the class.

Personal Equipment bring clothing suitable for immersion (synthetics, no cotton) and water shoes. Come prepared for frequent immersion while practicing scenarios. Use of nose-clips, earplugs, and/or swim goggles during immersion is acceptable, though not required. Other items may include: sunglasses, sunscreen, hat with visor, bug repellent, wind breaker or paddle top, and spare (dry) clothing.

NOTE: We are not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Plan to leave electronic keys, cell phones, etc. on shore or in a floating, waterproof container. Consider retention aids for prescription glasses, hats and other items dear to you.

Special Requirements

Please bring a desire for serious fun, a willingness to practice skills and push your comfort level. In order to best serve you please advise us of any personal issues when registering so that we can prepare in advance for special paddling equipment. Let us know in confidence of any medical issues prior to the start of class. We can accommodate most concerns.

Costs and Fees

Class Fee	Boat and Gear Rental	CTPC Participation Card
Inquire	Inquire	Available on request