

CTPC Theory of Leadership

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: *mastery of level 2 skills in target discipline. ACA L2 skill assessment preferred.*

Next Step:

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

Topics Covered

We will cover fundamentals of on-water leadership: leadership styles, decision making, group management, communications, planning, risk mitigation, environmental issues, rescue management, etc.

Details and Requirements

This half day class is typically taught off-water in a classroom setting using an interactive group style with multi-media presentations and discussions. This class is structured to be taught in conjunction with an on-water leadership class in the chosen discipline (kayak, canoe, SUP) followed by an on-water assessment. Prerequisites reflect the skills needed to pass the leadership assessment.

Basic Equipment classroom or sheltered area with sufficient seating for class; projector and whiteboard/flipchart; available restroom facilities required; refreshments are recommended.

Personal Equipment this is not an on-water class, the candidate should come dressed casually unless on-water hard-skills class is to follow immediately – then have on-water clothing & gear available. Students should bring note-taking supplies or equipment unless provided their organization.

Special Requirements

This is an upper level class intended for trained/experienced paddlers in the chosen discipline (kayak, canoe, SUP) and venue (coastal, flatwater, river) who have motivation to responsibly lead groups in on-water excursions. Training focuses on leadership elements and soft skills with the presumption that essential paddling skills are largely present.

Costs and Fees

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