

CTPC Theory of Leadership

Thoughts

What skills and considerations are needed 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 Training & 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 priorities, protocols and management, etc. This course is similar to the off-water portion of ACA Day Trip Leader Training.

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. Please bring:

- A sense of humor
- A spirit of adventure
- A sense of responsibility
- Interest in learning advanced skills
- Dedication to leading others

Costs and Fees

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