The Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base New River Trek

March Webinar
Agenda

- Youth Leadership Roles
- Adult Leadership Roles
- Trek Staff Roles
- Specialty Roles on Trek
- Special Awards
- Custom Crew Tees
- BSA Tour Plan & YPT
- Q & A
- Things to Remember
Youth Leadership Roles

The Goal of the Summit is not to teach a type of leadership different than what the Scouting and Venturing programs are already training in their units. The goal is to provide a new setting and new challenges in which to utilize those leadership skills.

Specific tasks or duties may be different here at The Summit but the same type of characteristics and abilities that make a good Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or Venturing President will make a good youth leader here at the Summit.

The Youth Leadership Team is formed by:

- Crew Leader
- Chaplain’s Aide
- Outdoor Ethics Guide
Youth Leadership Roles- Crew Leader

Traits to Look for in a Crew Leader

- Live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Plan and prepare meetings and trainings designed to prepare the group for attending the Summit.
- Communicate and keep crew members informed. Informing crew members of the schedule for the week is an important role.
- Attend the Crew Leader meeting on arrival day and communicate relevant information to crew members.
- Assign tasks to crew members.
- Know the abilities of each crew member.
- Work well with the crew’s adult advisors.
- Set a good example.
- Encourage positive morale and spirit in the crew.
- Encourage interaction and positive relationships with other crews attending The Summit.
Selecting A Crew Leader

- Crew Leaders should be selected by the youth members of the crew.
- A crew made up from members of one unit may choose to extend the role of their Senior Patrol Leader or Venturing President to the role of Crew Leader for their Summit Adventure.
- We recommend that crews made up of members of multiple units elect a crew leader together. This will give the members of this new group a voice in how the group will operate.
Youth Leadership Roles- Chaplain’s Aide

- Serves as a crew morale officer and works with the Crew Leader to make sure the crew is having a positive experience.
- If the crew chooses to pursue the Summit Duty to God Award, they will help lead the group through that program.
- Facilitate a daily High sides, Low sides and Horizon Lines session.
- Attend the Chaplain’s Aide meeting.
- The Summit Provides a Protestant and Catholic chapel service every Sunday on Summit site.
- If a group wants an additional service or a service outside those traditions it would be a Crew lead service facilitated by the Chaplain’s aide.
Summit Duty To God Award

The Summit provides this optional crew lead award to help keep participants focused on one of the 12 points of the Scout Law: Reverent. Crew members must:

- Chaplain’s Aide must attend the Chaplain’s Aide meeting on arrival date.
- Attend one of the Summit’s Chapel Services or conduct a crew lead service.
- Participate in a daily devotional lead by the Chaplain’s Aide. Devotional guide provided at the Chaplain’s Aide meeting.
- Participate in a daily Thorns, Roses and Buds session.
- The Chaplain’s Aide, Crew Leader and Adult Advisor will sign off on completion of the Award.
- When Completed present the sign-off sheet at the trading post and you will be able to purchase the patch.
Youth Leadership Roles - Outdoor Ethics Guide

- Outdoor Ethics are not a set of rules designed to meet every situation you will encounter in the outdoors. Instead they are a way of thinking about how we use and impact the environment, which guides us to make the best decisions possible in the outdoors ensuring we preserve the land for others to enjoy.

- The Outdoor Ethics Guide works with the crew to ensure responsible use of the outdoor environment that is The New River Gorge and The Summit & helps the crew make informed decisions.

- The Outdoor Ethics Guide will attend a meeting on arrival night to receive resources and guidance on their role from The Summit Staff.

- Crew members with experience with the Leave No Trace Principles are a great choice for this role.

- If the crew chooses to earn The Summit Sustainability Award the Ethics Guide will help the crew through those requirements with the resources provided at the Ethics Guide Meeting.
The Summit Sustainability Award

The Summit provides this optional award program for to help educate participants about sustainability and how to make responsible choices in how they enjoy the outdoors.

- Your Crew’s Outdoor Ethics Guide must attend the Outdoor Ethics meeting held on arrival day. There you will pick up a small guidebook on Leave No Trace and hang tags for each member of your crew. (Only the Crew Ethics guide must complete this requirement.)

- Tour the Sustainability Treehouse and document at least five things that you learned. Write a pledge on the top of the Sustainability Treehouse (metal tags).

- Throughout your River Trek practice the seven principles of Leave No Trace, document at least one example of each principle.

- Share the things you have documented with your troop/crew and ask them to share what efforts they’ve made to be sustainable either at The Summit or at home.
Summit Sustainability Award Cont.

- Complete your three-hour service project session with Summit Staff.
- The Outdoor Ethics Guide, Crew Leader and an Adult Advisor will sign off on completion of the award.
- When Completed present the sign off sheet at the trading post and you will be able to purchase the patch.
Role of the Adult Advisors During the Experience

- Provide Guidance and Support to the youth leadership team.
- Meet the 2 deep leadership requirements
- Meet co-ed adult leadership requirements for co-ed crews
- Participate in the New River Trek and have fun! You’re on vacation!!!
NEW RIVER TREK STAFF AND THEIR ROLES

- **Trek Check in Host**
  Will take you through the basic arrival day check-in procedures. This will include a basic Summit Center Tour and during the tour you will meet with our registration staff to turn in paperwork and meet with our medical staff to go through a medical recheck. Your host will join you for dinner and evening program (Sunday Arrival only) but will not be on the trek with your group.

- **Trek Coordinator**
  Will greet upon arrival Day 1, help you settle into your campsite for the first night, lead you through a comprehensive trek gear shakedown and get you prepared for departure on morning Day 2. The Trek Coordinator will lead the Day 1 evening Trek Orientation meeting. He or She will be with you for the entire trek. They are a part of the Trek Staff.

- **Trek Staff**
  Will join the group on morning of Day 2 for departure. They will be with your group from departure from the Summit to arrival back to the Summit. The Trek Staff will lead, assist, guide, and support you on and off the water. Trek Staff is made up of Trip Leader (The TL), a Gear Boater, and Trek Guides.

- **Trip Leader**
  The Trip Leader (TL) has undergone all of the requirements from the WVDNR to fulfill his or her responsibilities on and off the river. They have more experience and have taken extra training courses to get to this position. The TL will provide leadership on and off water throughout trek.

- **Gear Boater**
  Oversees all things involved with the 18 foot gear boat that will accompany you along your trek. Detail oriented and a master at Tetris, they will pack, stack, and strap down everything needed for your journey onto and into a 18 foot inflatable raft. Then they row the boat downstream to campsite so your stuff is there when you need it.
TREK CHECK IN HOSTS

- Will guide you through the check in process.
- Will take you to our registration staff who will collect paper work and complete the registration process. They will also assist you in turning in your medical forms and complete a medical recheck.
- Will be trained on the processes and operations of The Summit.
- Will be trained to answer many basic questions about the Trek itself, but the Trek Coordinator and Guides will be the subject matter experts.
- Will guide you on a basic tour of the Summit Center and what will be available for you to enjoy on Day 6 when you return from your Trek.
- Will assist with the Trek equipment shakedown but the Trek Coordinator will lead this activity.
- Will attend the leaders meeting and the Trek orientation and departure preparation meeting.
- Will join the group for dinner and opening program (Sunday Arrival Only).
TREK COORDINATOR

- Will be trained on the processes and operations of The Summit.
- Has received thorough training on leading groups down The New River.
- Will provide a comprehensive trek equipment shakedown.
- Will co-ordinate with Trek Check in Host to lead them through the check in process.
- Will prepare them for the week ahead.
- Will work through the youth leadership of the group.
- Will introduce group to the Trek Trip Leader (The TL) and other Trek Guides.
- Will be at the closing program on Day 6 to present the youth crew leader with their crew’s patches. (More on this)
- Will be focused on helping to make your crews experience memorable and positive.
TREK STAFF

- Comprised of: Trek Trip Leader (The TL), Trek Gear Boater, Trek Coordinator, and Trek Guides.
- Trained to lead groups down The New River.
- Help participants improve their skills and confidence.
- Trained on the processes and operations of The Summit.
- Work through the youth leadership of the group.
- Trained and experienced on the sections of river utilized on the Trek.
- Trained in basic first aid and CPR (at a minimum) as well as Swiftwater Rescue.
- Familiar with the camping locations along the river.
- Focused on making the program patrols experience challenging, memorable and positive.
Trek Staff Organization

Trip Leader
“TL”

Trek Check in Hosts
Works for High Adventure Program and Reservations

Trek Coordinator

Trek Staff
River Guides and Gear Boater
Additional notes on Trek Staff

The Trek Coordinator IS NOT a crew leader. This is a youth led experience and the Trek Coordinator is here to be a resource for information, specific skill instruction and to encourage leadership development in the youth.
SPECIALTY ROLES ON TREK

Specialty roles will be assigned to Trek participants during their Trek. These duties are an integral part of activity and experienced based leadership and character development. Dryland Duties can include:

- Kitchen Duty
- Boat Duty
- Campsite Duty
- Etc..

Trek Staff will assist and guide you through these responsibilities with the end goal being the group taking total ownership of Trek duties on dryland in a positive and productive way. It’s our goal to have these duties be youth led and initiated but we will be there for support and instruction when needed. Duties will rotate on a daily basis throughout the group.
All Crew Members Can Be Leaders

Leadership does not require a title. Every crew member can display leadership in various ways.

- **Everyone (adult, youth, staff and participant) is responsible for health and safety. If you see an unsafe situation, help and report it.**
- By living the Scout Oath and Law you are an example to everyone.
- **Maybe you are really good at paddling. Helping another Scout with their paddling skills makes you a leader.**
- And many more...
In April of 2017, the BSA eliminated the Tour Plan Requirement. What this means:

- Your group no longer needs to apply for a Tour Plan from your Council.
- Your group is no longer required to present the Tour Plan upon registration at The Summit.
- Groups must now present evidence of current YPT training for all participants 18 years of age and over. (The Tour Plan was how this was verified in the past.)
The Custom Crew T-shirt order form is out. You should have received this form already. If you did not receive or need another form please contact Summit.Program@scouting.org
What questions do you have?
Things To remember

- Start Forming your youth leadership team.
- Make sure all trainings are scheduled and or current. YPT, WFA, Health and Medical, Merit Badge Counselor and BSA Swim Test.
- Keep paddling.
- The next webinar will be held on Wednesday April 15th 830 PM EST - Final Schedules, Overview, and Wrap up.