

Calendar of Events

April 10, 2024

2024-2025 National Park Trust College Ambassador Program Info Session

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

National Park Trust Is Looking For 2024-2025 College Ambassadors! Join the National Park Trust to learn more about their College Ambassador Program and the application process.

Are you connected to students who love parks and the outdoors? Would your program benefit from increased funding for outings? How about free gear to get more students outside? If so, the National Park Trust College Ambassador Program is for you!

The National Park Trust is looking for pairs of college ambassadors to lead initiatives on their college campuses that increase outdoor recreation, awareness, and stewardship within their campus community.

Check out these school and ambassador resources:

\$2,500 for each college/university to support ambassador outings throughout the academic year.

\$1,000 stipend for each ambassador.

Each school will receive a 15-person outdoor gear bank that the school will keep for future school-related outdoor activities.

Each ambassador will receive a National Park Trust Ambassador t-shirt, a water bottle from Hydro Flask, National Park Trust swag, and more.

Each ambassador pair will receive materials for tabling events and outreach.

***The deadline to apply is Friday, May 17, at 11:59 pm PST.*

February 28, 2024
- April 10, 2024

NOLS online leadership development course

<https://www.nols.edu/en/courses/segments/leadership-development-online-course/>

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST

Laura Hansen, 5853555021

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Join us for Charting Your Path: NOLS Leadership Development Online Course. Come learn (or refresh) NOLS leadership principles from field faculty from the comfort of your home or office. All you need to bring is a cup of coffee, maté, or hot chocolate. This course might be a great fit for you if you want to accelerate your ability to motivate and inspire teams, turn vision into action to drive team outcomes, and get out of your comfort zone and learn from others. Open to both NOLS alumni and folks new to NOLS! We'll meet Feb 28, March 13, March 27, and April 10 for 3 hours, 9-12 pm PT / 12-3 pm ET via Zoom.

https://nols.edu/en/courses/segments/leadership-development-online-course?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=online_leadership

March 6, 2024
- April 3, 2024

Viristar's Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

<https://courses.viristar.com/>

11AM UTC-5

Jeff Baierlein, 206 473 8050

info@viristar.com

The course is a combination of five real-time video-conference sessions, spaced one week apart, and independent work periods between live sessions.

Live Sessions

Wednesday, Mar 6, 11:00 a.m. UTC-5

Wednesday, Mar 13, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4 (daylight savings time)

Wednesday, Mar 20, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Mar 27, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Apr 3, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Independent work occurs between Live Sessions.

Refer to the time zone conversion chart to see the date and time the course occurs for your time zone.

Outcomes

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Valuable for

Program Coordinators/Managers, Risk Management officers, Risk Management/Safety Committee members, members of Boards of Directors, executive leadership.

Course Format

The course is composed of five live video-conference sessions and three independent work periods:

Live sessions. Five live, video-conference sessions, occurring the same day and time each week, for five consecutive weeks. These include structured real-time small-group and large-group discussions and participant project presentations.

Independent work. Between live video-conferences, there are four-week-long independent work periods for individual and remote small-group activity. This work includes:

Review of pre-recorded slide presentations with presenter video

Completion of readings

Participation in online discussion forums

Participation in interactive video-based decision-making activities

Completion of writing assignments (including writing risk management plan outline and strategic improvement plan content)

Peer review of select classmate writing content

Completion of organizational self-assessment of risk management

Completion of online worksheets

Participation in online risk decision-making role-playing scenario

Structured analysis of case-study examples

Completion of quizzes and final exam

Independent work is anticipated to take a minimum of 10-12 hours per week.

March 19, 2024
- March 21, 2024

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March 19, 2024
- March 21, 2024

Managing an Adventure Program: CCM Training

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This workshop is designed to help adventure professionals not only manage a program effectively, but also to develop the ability to think critically and proactively about its many facets and details.

The workshop is intended for anyone who has primary responsibility for the management of a challenge course: program directors, risk managers, athletic directors, and lead training staff. It is ideal for anyone who is in charge of the operations of an adventure program using a challenge course.

This workshop prepares challenge course practitioners for Challenge Course Manager Certification, which is optional. You must register for the test separately.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS WORKSHOP WILL:

Be introduced to the areas of program design, safety and risk management, staff development, industry standards, certification, and industry trends.

Review ACCT standards and important issues related to emergency procedures, medical screening, insurance, liability, peer review, and local operating procedures.

Develop a critical eye for all aspects of a program -- from overall safety to quality programming.

Gain a historical perspective on challenge course practices and procedures.

Engage in dialogue and problem solving that provides an opportunity to share experiences with others in the field.

\$540.00 Includes registration, workshop manual, and lunches during the workshop.

March 20, 2024

Using Mentoring and Networking to Build Your Career

01:00 PM - 02:15 PM MST

Rachel Franchina,
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Once you have a degree and some job experience, how do you move to the next level? Is training and professional development enough? This webinar features a panel of outdoor recreation professionals from government, nonprofit, private, and academic backgrounds. Panelists will share their experiences with mentoring and networking and how it helped them - and how they helped others - learn more about themselves and how to move forward in their careers.

Learning Objectives

*Participants will understand the what a mentor is and how to identify for a mentor
Participants will be able to identify qualities of a good mentor as well as watch-outs in a mentor-mentee relationship*

Participants will understand the value of networking in furthering professional development goals

Panelists:

Margaret Bailey - Advisor, CHM Government Services

Michael Bradley - Department Chair, Arkansas Tech University

Parker McMullen-Bushman - Founder, EcoInclusive Strategies

Bob Ratcliffe - Retired, National Park Service

March 22, 2024

Challenge Course Manager Certification Exam

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130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Challenge Course Manager certification exam is for those individuals who are responsible for program management at their site (program directors, challenge course managers/coordinators, etc.)

In addition to passing the certification test, candidates will also have documented a minimum of 30 hours of training in topics specific to program management. We recommend High 5's Managing an Adventure Program workshop.

Candidates also must have completed Level 2 Certification and have a minimum of 500 hours of program experience.

Testing is conducted in a ¾ -day workshop format and includes both a written and practical exam.

For more information on our certification program, including sample test questions, re-testing policies, study guides, and a self-assessment form - [Click Here](#).

\$275.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the exam

March 27, 2024

The Importance of Building Relationships and Embracing Public Participation

01:00 PM - 02:15 PM MST

Rachel Franchina,
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For decades, skills such as empathy, team building and even leadership have been deemed "soft skills" and framed as less valuable than technical skills. Research and empirical evidence now shows that these skills are more critical to effectively working with others whether within your organization or with partners, stakeholders, and users. This session introduces two recently released products of the Interagency Visitor Use Management Council focused on the critical task of developing desired conditions for the planning and management of public lands and waters in the United States. The first product is the guidebook for developing desired conditions, and the second product is a supporting paper that takes a deep-dive into the topic of public participation and how it intersects with desired conditions development. This webinar will explore the foundations for the concept of 'desired conditions', including why they are needed, what they are, and how they can be developed in various social and ecological contexts. Further, we will explore fundamental principles of public participation, discuss different types of public participation, and provide ideas for what should be considered as practitioners approach the task of developing desired conditions with the help of the public. While this webinar is focused on the tangible and discrete outcomes of desired condition statements, we discuss how such outcomes are reliant and facilitated by good processes that promote relationship building such as promising influence, honoring diverse voices, committing to accessibility, and showing humility.

Learning Objectives

*Define soft skills and why they are critical for outdoor recreation professionals.
Understand the general need, definition, and process for developing desired conditions.
Recognize the complexity of developing desired conditions within varied social and ecological contexts.
Understand the gamut of considerations for preparing, launching, and executing a public participation campaign for desired condition development.*

Presenters:

*Aleks Pitt, National Park Service Midwest Region Director of Planning
Dr. Chris Armatas, USFS Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute
Dr. Lee Cervený, USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station*

Leave No Trace for Outdoor Leaders: Teaching Tools for Responsible Recreation

01:00 PM - 02:45 PM EST

Leave No Trace for Outdoor Leaders: Teaching Tools for Responsible Recreation The Subaru/Leave No Trace Teams provide proven, research-based skills and education for getting outside in an environmentally sustainable way. Topics in this virtual workshop include:

Overview of Leave No Trace principles, practices, and ethics, including both the hows and whys behind the importance of practicing Leave No Trace. Leave No Trace guidelines to practice, promote and share whether in the backcountry, front country, your favorite local parks, or in your everyday life.

Tips, tools, and best practices for effectively communicating and teaching Leave No Trace to others (both online and in-person), including interactive activities and techniques such as Authority of the Resource, if applicable.

Programs and resources of the Leave No Trace organization and ways to get more involved.

Designed for outdoor educators, guides, adventure program trip leaders, and park and recreation staff who will gain skills and knowledge to incorporate Leave No Trace into their work as well as teach Leave No Trace to all experience levels and in varied environments.

NOTE: Participants who are new to Leave No Trace or have not had Leave No Trace training in recent years are encouraged to participate in a Leave No Trace introductory program or complete the self-paced (~30 min.) Leave No Trace 101 Online Course in advance at <https://learn.lnt.org/courses/101>

April 3, 2024
- May 1, 2024

Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

<https://courses.viristar.com/>

11:00 am UTC+8

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Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

Online Training Course for Outdoor Professionals

April 3 - May 1, 2024

The course is a combination of five real-time video-conference sessions, spaced one week apart, and independent work periods between live sessions.

Five live online sessions:

Wednesday, Apr 3, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Apr 10, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Apr 17, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Apr 24, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Independent individual and group work occurs between live sessions.

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April 3, 2024

Project Management for Effective Planning and Design Results

01:00 PM - 02:15 PM MST

Rachel Franchina,
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Effective project management is critical to a successful planning and design process, and this presentation will outline best practices to keep campground projects on budget and on schedule. Using case studies, we will describe an effective process for taking a campground project from the earliest feasibility phase all the way through design, construction documentation, permitting, and bidding.

What type of recreational experiences does your existing or proposed campground offer compared to others in the area? Given the site's natural features, what is the recreational potential and what are the potential constraints? What are campers' expectations for the level of amenities and character given the market context? Are there significant threats to the project (e.g. permitting issues, community opposition, cost), and how can they be addressed?

Learning Objectives

Learn project management best practices for planning & design projects

Learn strategies for managing the design and permitting process with a multi-disciplinary team

Learn the value of a collaborative approach between the client and consultant team

Learn tips for proactively identifying project threats and contingency planning

Presenters:

Patrick Olstad - Landscape Architect, SE Group

Isaac Sims - Landscape Architect, U.S. Forest Service

April 5, 2024

Humanergy's First Friday Leadership Workshop: Group Decision Making

Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education

1100 N Main St

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Tiffany Funk,
tiffany@humanergy.com

The first Friday of every month we will host a free conversation/workshop on leadership. We'll give you helpful tips and tools you can implement right away! Send a link to this page to your peers so they can join too. We look forward to seeing you there! The first Friday of every month at 12pm EST/9am PST on Zoom - link will be emailed to you. If you've already registered for one then you are on the list. Live events will be recorded.

April 12, 2024

Level 2 Challenge Course Certification Exam

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Candidates for the Level 2 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam will possess an advanced level of program knowledge and advanced competencies in the area of facilitation and technical skills including all low and high challenge course elements.

Participants considering Level 2 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification will have taken a minimum of 85 hours (this includes the 50 hrs. from Level 1 Certification) of training based upon attendance at a High 5's Beyond Basics four -day workshop (or equivalent training).

Qualifications to take the Level 2 Test are listed on our website here.

Testing includes specialty skill areas such as challenge course rescues and a written and practical test. The written test must be passed with a score of at least 80%. Participants must show mastery of all practical skills. Testing at this level takes place over a one- day period. Level 2 certification must be renewed every three years.

For more information on our certification program, including sample test questions, re-testing policies, study guides and a self assessment form - [Click here](#).

\$225.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the exam

April 16, 2024
- March 18, 2025

Humanergy's Virtual High Impact Leadership Training (Series 39)

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM EST

Tiffany Funk,
tiffany@humanergy.com
Session Dates/Topics

- 39-1 | 04/16/2024 *Front Line Leadership: 50 DOs for Everyday Leadership*
- 39-2 | 05/21/2024 *Effective Communication: Mutual Understanding*
- 39-3 | 06/18/2024 *The Legal Aspects of Managing People*
- 39-4 | 07/16/2024 *Understanding Yourself: Emotional Intelligence & Myers-Briggs*
- 39-5 | 08/20/2024 *Effective Meetings & Time Management*
- 39-6 | 09/17/2024 *Building a High-Performance Team: What Great Teams Do Great*
- 39-7 | 10/15/2024 *Selecting & Evaluating Talent*
- 39-8 | 11/19/2024 *Resolving Conflict: Transformative Discussions*
- 39-9 | 12/17/2024 *Alignment, Delegation & Accountability*
- 39-10 | 01/21/2025 *Coaching: Developing & Motivating People to Perform at Their Best*
- 39-11 | 02/18/2025 *Navigating Change: Create & Sustain Commitment*
- 39-12 | 03/18/2025 *Applying Your Organization's Policies and Procedures*

April 22, 2024
- April 26, 2024

Adventure Basics: Level 1 Training

Brattleboro

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 5083142885

amartino@high5adventure.org

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Our five-day Adventure Basics training is your gateway to adventure education and challenge course programming skills. Participants will learn both the basic technical skills of operating a challenge course as well as the facilitation skills essential to sequencing a program to maximize learning outcomes with participants.

Adventure Basics provides an important first step for both understanding the flow and interplay of a group experience and for learning the skills to run an effective challenge course program. This workshop will help you prepare and review for the Level 1 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam. (Testing is optional: you must register for the exam separately.)

THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

Essential challenge course skills for the operation of low and high challenge course elements including spotting skills training, equipment use, knot tying, belay skills, and risk management techniques plus standard operating procedures

A wide variety of icebreakers, warm-ups, cooperative games, and problem-solving exercises

How to create a positive environment for learning, positive group norms, and reflection/processing techniques

Curriculum development ideas: selecting and sequencing activities for optimal outcomes with different groups.

\$795 includes registration, workshop manual, and lunch during the workshop.

April 24, 2024

2024 Inclusive Summit
Virtual | Anywhere
10:00 AM - 04:30 PM EST

WHAT IT IS: AORE is hosting this one-day summit to provide attendees with a wider recognition of exclusionary practices within outdoor recreation and education and to help them gain better understanding of how they can actively work to make change as leaders in the industry.

This year will look a little different, as we will share on demand content (3 videos and a workbook) to watch and work through before our live workshops.

WHEN IT IS: We will provide on demand content for you to review before our live workshops. You can expect those materials on April 12 (or upon registering if you register after April 12). We will host our live workshops on April 24.

WHO IS IT FOR: People who facilitate outdoor recreation and education programs. If you guide, train or encourage people to get outdoors, this Summit is designed for YOU!

WHY ARE WE DOING IT: AORE is hosting this summit to provide attendees with a wider recognition of exclusionary practices within outdoor recreation and education and to help them gain better understanding of how they can actively work to make change as leaders in the industry.

WHERE IT WILL BE: Online! You will have time to work through three on demand videos with a workbook before our live sessions, which will be offered through Zoom. We strongly recommend that attendees treat this professional development opportunity like they are participating at an in-person event by prioritizing the time for participation and by reducing distractions.

Learn More Here!

May 1, 2024
- October 31, 2024

Green Mountain Adventure Challenge
West Dover Inn
108 Route 100
West Dover, VT 05356
09:00 AM - 09:00 PM EST
Philip Gilpin, 8024645207
philip@vermontime.com

The Green Mountain Adventure Challenge is an epic real-world action adventure quest. Uncover the legend of a secret world hiding in plain sight among Vermont's mystical Green Mountains while solving a labyrinth of mysterious clues and mind-bending puzzles. You will explore ancient mountain valleys, reveal historical tales, and experience true adventures. Each person you encounter, every sign you see, might be the key to unlocking the next step of your journey.

This is a real challenge based in real history complete with real world outcomes if you succeed. There is no guarantee you will solve it. Once you begin, you can take as much time as you need to complete it; it is not a race. The average time is 2-3 days.

WHEN IS IT?

Adventure season is open May 1 - October 31. You can register today, then begin the adventure any day during the season. Return as often as you need to complete it.

WHERE IS IT?!

The adventure takes places in Dover, Vermont and surrounding towns.

May 1, 2024
- May 29, 2024

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Dates

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Five live online sessions:

Wednesday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, May 8, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, May 15, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, May 22, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, May 29, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

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May 4, 2024

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May 6, 2024
- May 9, 2024

National Outdoor Recreation Conference
Tahoe Blue Event Center
75 U.S. 50
Stateline, NV 89449

8:30 AM (5.6.24) - 10:00 PM (5.9.24)

Candace Gallagher, 530.645.3096

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WHY ATTEND?

NORC is the premiere conference for outdoor recreation professionals with opportunities for learning, networking, and field-based case studies. During each conference, we create a program that inspires, challenges, and empowers the broad community of outdoor recreation professionals.

The 2024 National Outdoor Recreation Conference is in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

WHO ATTENDS?

NORC brings together over 400 people that include recreation resource planners, land managers, policy makers, tourism and destination stewardship partners, researchers, consultants, innovators, and leaders in outdoor recreation.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

This year's conference promises to be an engaging 4-day format filled with workshops, several tracks of concurrent sessions, and a stellar lineup of keynotes.

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- May 9, 2024

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May 11, 2024

Level 1 Challenge Course Certification Exam

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Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Level 1 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam is appropriate for practitioners who facilitate adventure activities including lead--up games and initiatives, low and high challenge course elements.

Participants considering Level 1 Practitioner Certification will have taken a minimum of 50 hours of training. We recommend a High 5 Adventure Basics five- day workshop and one other skills-based workshop of 1 to 2 days in length.

Testing includes a written and practical test. The written test must be passed with a score of at least 80%. Participants must show mastery of all practical skills. Testing at this level takes place over a one- day period and must be renewed annually.

\$200.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the exam

May 13, 2024
- May 14, 2024

Advanced Technical Skills: Level 2 Review

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This session allows the skilled challenge course practitioner to review and add to their foundation of technical skills. Emphasis is on practicing and improving technical skills while developing what we call a "quiet competence" as an adventure practitioner.

At the beginning of the first day participant's specific needs will be assessed and then factored into the daily agenda. The content of this workshop builds upon the content from Beyond Basics Level 2 workshop and also provides a framework for you to review and prepare for the Level 2 Challenge Course Certification testing. (Testing is optional and requires separate registration).

PARTICIPANTS MAY REVIEW AND PRACTICE:

Basic and advanced knot-tying skills.

Basic course inspection and maintenance.

Basic and advanced rescue procedures.

Facilitator self-belay techniques for challenge course access, set-up, descent options, and gear retrieval.

Specialty element operation review such as Flying Squirrel, Pamper Pole/Plank, Zip Wire, Rappel, Giant Swing as needed.

Development of a critical eye for all aspects of your program via problem-solving scenarios based upon real challenge course incidences

\$379.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the workshop

Prerequisite: Beyond Basics Level 2 workshop or equivalent training experience within the past 2-3 years.

May 15, 2024

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\$225.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the exam

May 16, 2024
- May 17, 2024

Spotters Ready: Low Challenge Course Elements Programming

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

amartino@high5adventure.org

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Low challenge courses provide programs with many creative programming options. Come and explore this valuable group development tool. Participants new to the field will learn the technical, facilitation, and safety management skills required for a quality low elements challenge course program.

Seasoned practitioners will leave with new ideas and variations for using low challenge course activities.

Participants will:

Be introduced to foundational adventure theory. Including a variety of warm-up activities, problem-solving games, trust sequences, to better prepare your participants for maximum engagement.

Learn and practice operational skills such as spotting techniques and requirements, standard operating procedures (SOP) and variations, daily element inspection and disabling of low elements.

Experience and practice techniques for maximizing the challenge course experience including different ways to present and frame activities, sequencing and scaffolding of skills, altering the level of difficulty/challenge, accommodations for differing abilities & processing/reflection techniques.

May 16, 2024

Outdoor Rec Connect

Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

nationaloffice@aore.org

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Pre-register for the event to get access information.

May 20, 2024
- May 23, 2024

Beyond Basics: Level 2 Training

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

Review of Level 1 skills: knot tying, proper use and maintenance of equipment, belay skills

Self belay techniques for challenge course access, set-up and gear retrieval

Risk management

Emergency action plans

Accident prevention and basic rescue procedures

Specialty element operations as needed such as Flying Squirrel, Pamper Pole/Plank, Zip Wire, Rappel, Holy Cow Swing.

\$750.00 Includes registration, workshop manual and lunches during workshop

PREREQUISITE:

Adventure Basics Level 1 workshop or equivalent training experience within the last 2-3 years. We can help you determine if this workshop is right for you.

May 21, 2024
- May 23, 2024

NOLS Risk Management Training for Administrators

Meeting URL sent to participants after registration

Between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. MT each day.

NOLS Risk Services, 3073321223

risk_services@nols.edu

NOLS Risk Management Training for Administrators - December 12-14 Online

In this training, you'll evaluate your organization's risk management practices and build a comprehensive risk management action plan. NOLS doesn't just teach operational risk management - we practice it every day. This means you learn a current and responsive risk management framework informed by our experience managing wilderness programs for 58 years and counting. You will:

Learn a structured approach to designing or refining a risk management plan.

Analyze your approach to risk oversight, curriculum, staff hiring and training, field support services, and emergency planning.

Participate in exercises to help you evaluate your approach to staffing, contracting, and serious incident response.

The training culminates in an in-depth emergency scenario. You will leave the training having written a personalized action plan.

You'll also receive the following tools:

Risk Management Action Plan Workbook

NOLS Crisis Management Template & NOLS Wilderness Medicine Protocol Package

Resource examples include a risk release, health form, orientation checklist, transportation policy, and more.

Prepare to manage uncertainty. Sign up today!

May 24, 2024

Level 2 Challenge Course Certification Exam

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

amartino@high5adventure.org

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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\$225.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the exam

May 30, 2024
- June 2, 2024

Beyond Basics: Level 2 Training

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

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Self belay techniques for challenge course access, set-up and gear retrieval

Risk management

Emergency action plans

Accident prevention and basic rescue procedures

Specialty element operations as needed such as Flying Squirrel, Pamper Pole/Plank, Zip Wire, Rappel, Holy Cow Swing.

\$750.00 Includes registration, workshop manual and lunches during workshop

PREREQUISITE:

Adventure Basics Level 1 workshop or equivalent training experience within the last 2-3 years. We can help you determine if this workshop is right for you.

June 3, 2024

Level 2 Challenge Course Certification Exam

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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June 5, 2024
- July 3, 2024

Risk Management for Outdoor Programs
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Risk Management for Outdoor Programs
Online Training Course for Outdoor Professionals
June 5 - July 3, 2024

Dates
June 5 - July 3, 2024

The course is a combination of five real-time video-conference sessions, spaced one week apart, and independent work periods between live sessions.

Five live online sessions:

Wednesday, Jun 5, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8
Wednesday, Jun 12, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8
Wednesday, Jun 19, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8
Wednesday, Jun 26, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8
Wednesday, Jul 3, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Independent individual and group work occurs between live sessions.

Outcomes

Gain critical knowledge of best practices in outdoor program risk management

Learn procedures, systems, and plans essential to meeting key outdoor safety standards

Understand how to apply successful risk management strategies to adventure programs, experiential education, wilderness expeditions, and outdoor trips

Valuable for
Program Coordinators/Managers, Risk Management officers, Risk Management/Safety Committee members, members of Boards of Directors, executive leadership.

June 7, 2024

Humanergy's First Friday Leadership Workshop: Transformative Discussions 2

Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education

1100 N Main St

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Tiffany Funk,

tiffany@humanergy.com

The first Friday of every month we will host a free conversation/workshop on leadership. We'll give you helpful tips and tools you can implement right away! Send a link to this page to your peers so they can join too. We look forward to seeing you there! The first Friday of every month at 12pm EST/9am PST on Zoom - link will be emailed to you. If you've already registered for one then you are on the list. Live events will be recorded.

June 20, 2024

The Science Behind Leave No Trace

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Leave No Trace is grounded in science and research and has been since its origins in the field of recreation ecology. This has evolved over the years as recreation-related impacts and associated monitoring has incorporated human dimensions of natural resources, striving to understand how and why humans cause impacts and, ultimately, how to influence behaviors to decrease recreational-related impacts. Leave No Trace continues to inform educational programming through research, and this talk highlights recent studies and associated implications for educating outdoor recreationists. New initiatives and future research priorities will also be discussed.

July 3, 2024
- July 31, 2024

Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

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Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

Online Training Course for Outdoor Professionals

July 3 - July 31, 2024

Dates

July 3 - July 31, 2024

The course is a combination of five real-time video-conference sessions, spaced one week apart, and independent work periods between live sessions.

Five live online sessions:

Wednesday, Jul 3, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Jul 10, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Jul 17, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Jul 24, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Jul 31, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

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Outcomes

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July 8, 2024
- July 12, 2024

Adventure Basics: Level 1 Training

Brattleboro

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 5083142885

amartino@high5adventure.org

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Our five-day Adventure Basics training is your gateway to adventure education and challenge course programming skills. Participants will learn both the basic technical skills of operating a challenge course as well as the facilitation skills essential to sequencing a program to maximize learning outcomes with participants.

Adventure Basics provides an important first step for both understanding the flow and interplay of a group experience and for learning the skills to run an effective challenge course program. This workshop will help you prepare and review for the Level 1 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam. (Testing is optional: you must register for the exam separately.)

THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

Essential challenge course skills for the operation of low and high challenge course elements including spotting skills training, equipment use, knot tying, belay skills, and risk management techniques plus standard operating procedures

A wide variety of icebreakers, warm-ups, cooperative games, and problem-solving exercises

How to create a positive environment for learning, positive group norms, and reflection/processing techniques

Curriculum development ideas: selecting and sequencing activities for optimal outcomes with different groups.

\$795 includes registration, workshop manual, and lunch during the workshop.

July 17, 2024

Reading the Rapids of Sexism & Sexual Harassment

02:00 PM - 04:30 PM EST

As a higher-ed administrator and outdoor professional, Emily has created a training session along with the A-DASH Collaborative to understand the intricacies, stories, and approaches to diminishing sexism and sexual harassment in outdoor industries. Initially focusing on the culture of professional raft guiding, the training will consist of:

Sexual harassment statistics and realities in the outdoor industry

Story-informed examples to bring statistics to life

Increasing personal awareness of sexism and its impact on interactions

Behavior-based change to support sexual harassment-free work environments

Different learning styles will be addressed through presentation, scenario work, and content take-aways.

Suggestions for future learning to continue growth and awareness will be provided.

Meet Your Presenter

Emily Ambrose, Trainer / Consultant / Coach / Owner, Engage Coaching & Consulting, LLC.

Emily Ambrose, MS, ACC (she/hers), has dedicated her professional career and personal life to leadership development, training, facilitation, diversity, inclusion, and equity work. Currently and for over 15 years, Emily has been working at Colorado State University in the Lory Student Center and raft guides in the Grand Canyon during the summer. She is owner of a Engage Coaching & Consulting, LLC, a founding member of the A-DASH Collaborative, a facilitator for the Office of Inclusive Excellence, a Safe Zone facilitator, and taught for 14 years in the President's Leadership Program and Key Plus. Emily lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico & Fort Collins, Colorado and enjoys salsa dancing, her community, her partner, and her fur babies.

July 18, 2024

Outdoor Rec Connect

Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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July 30, 2024
- August 2, 2024

Beyond Basics: Level 2 Training

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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PREREQUISITE:

Adventure Basics Level 1 workshop or equivalent training experience within the last 2-3 years. We can help you determine if this workshop is right for you.

August 3, 2024

Level 2 Challenge Course Certification Exam

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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August 7, 2024
- September 4, 2024

Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

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Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

Online Training Course for Outdoor Professionals

August 7 - September 4, 2024

Dates

August 7 - September 4, 2024

The course is a combination of five real-time video-conference sessions, spaced one week apart, and independent work periods between live sessions.

Five live online sessions:

Wednesday, Aug 7, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Aug 14, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Aug 21, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Aug 28, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Sept 4, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Independent individual and group work occurs between live sessions.

Outcomes

Gain critical knowledge of best practices in outdoor program risk management

Learn procedures, systems, and plans essential to meeting key outdoor safety standards

Understand how to apply successful risk management strategies to adventure programs, experiential education, wilderness expeditions, and outdoor trips

Valuable for

Program Coordinators/Managers, Risk Management officers, Risk Management/Safety Committee members, members of Boards of Directors, executive leadership.

August 14, 2024
- August 15, 2024

Advanced Technical Skills: Level 2 Review
130 Austine Drive, Suite 170
130 Austine Drive, #170
Brattleboro, VT 05301
09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
Anthony Martino, 8022548718
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This session gives the skilled challenge course practitioner the opportunity to review and add to their foundation of technical skills. Emphasis is on practicing and improving technical skills while developing what we call a "quiet competence" as an adventure practitioner.

At the beginning of the first day participant's specific needs will be assessed and then factored into the daily agenda. The content of this workshop builds upon the content from Beyond Basics Level 2 workshop and also provides a framework for you to review and prepare for the Level 2 Challenge Course Certification testing. (Testing is optional and requires separate registration).

PARTICIPANTS MAY REVIEW AND PRACTICE:

Basic and advanced knot-tying skills.
Basic course inspection and maintenance.
Basic and advanced rescue procedures.
Facilitator self-belay techniques for challenge course access, set-up, descent options, and gear retrieval.
Specialty element operation review such as Flying Squirrel, Pamper Pole/Plank, Zip Wire, Rappel, Giant Swing as needed.
Development of a critical eye for all aspects of your program via problem-solving scenarios based upon real challenge course incidences
\$379.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the workshop

Prerequisite: Beyond Basics Level 2 workshop or equivalent training experience within the past 2-3 years

August 16, 2024

Level 2 Challenge Course Certification Exam

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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September 4, 2024
- October 2, 2024

Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

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11:00 am UTC-4

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Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

Online Training Course for Outdoor Professionals

September 4 - October 2, 2024

Dates

September 4 - October 2, 2024

The course is a combination of five real-time video-conference sessions, spaced one week apart, and independent work periods between live sessions.

Five live online sessions:

Wednesday, Sep 4 , 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Sep 11, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Sep 18, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Sep 25, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Wednesday, Oct 2, 11:00 a.m. UTC-4

Independent individual and group work occurs between live sessions.

Outcomes

Gain critical knowledge of best practices in outdoor program risk management

Learn procedures, systems, and plans essential to meeting key outdoor safety standards

Understand how to apply successful risk management strategies to adventure programs, experiential education, wilderness expeditions, and outdoor trips

Valuable for

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September 11, 2024
- September 12, 2024

Advanced Technical Skills: Level 2 Review

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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PARTICIPANTS MAY REVIEW AND PRACTICE:

Basic and advanced knot-tying skills.

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Basic and advanced rescue procedures.

Facilitator self-belay techniques for challenge course access, set-up, descent options, and gear retrieval.

Specialty element operation review such as Flying Squirrel, Pamper Pole/Plank, Zip Wire, Rappel, Giant Swing as needed.

Development of a critical eye for all aspects of your program via problem-solving scenarios based upon real challenge course incidences

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Prerequisite: Beyond Basics Level 2 workshop or equivalent training experience within the past 2-3 years.

September 13, 2024

Level 2 Challenge Course Certification Exam

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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September 19, 2024

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01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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September 23, 2024
- September 27, 2024

Adventure Basics: Level 1 Training

Brattleboro

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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Adventure Basics provides an important first step for both understanding the flow and interplay of a group experience and for learning the skills to run an effective challenge course program. This workshop will help you prepare and review for the Level 1 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam. (Testing is optional: you must register for the exam separately.)

THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

Essential challenge course skills for the operation of low and high challenge course elements including spotting skills training, equipment use, knot tying, belay skills, and risk management techniques plus standard operating procedures

A wide variety of icebreakers, warm-ups, cooperative games, and problem-solving exercises

How to create a positive environment for learning, positive group norms, and reflection/processing techniques

Curriculum development ideas: selecting and sequencing activities for optimal outcomes with different groups.

\$795 includes registration, workshop manual, and lunch during the workshop.

September 28, 2024

Level 1 Challenge Course Certification Exam

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

Anthony Martino, 8022548718

amartino@high5adventure.org

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Level 1 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam is appropriate for practitioners who facilitate adventure activities including lead--up games and initiatives, low and high challenge course elements.

Participants considering Level 1 Practitioner Certification will have taken a minimum of 50 hours of training. We recommend a High 5 Adventure Basics five- day workshop and one other skills-based workshop of 1 to 2 days in length.

Testing includes a written and practical test. The written test must be passed with a score of at least 80%. Participants must show mastery of all practical skills. Testing at this level takes place over a one- day period and must be renewed annually.

\$200.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the exam

October 2, 2024
- October 30, 2024

Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

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Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

Online Training Course for Outdoor Professionals

October 3 - October 30, 2024

Dates

October 3 - October 30, 2024

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Five live online sessions:

Wednesday, Oct 2, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Oct 9, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Oct 16, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Oct 23, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

Wednesday, Oct 30, 11:00 a.m. UTC+8

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Outcomes

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Valuable for

Program Coordinators/Managers, Risk Management officers, Risk Management/Safety Committee members, members of Boards of Directors, executive leadership.

October 7, 2024
- October 10, 2024

Beyond Basics: Level 2 Training

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

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Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Beyond Basics is an advanced challenge course operations training. It's designed to help practitioners reinforce and improve the requisite technical skills needed to effectively operate a low and high element challenge course program. Emphasis will be on developing a deeper understanding of challenge course systems and cultivating a critical eye for risk management. This workshop prepares challenge course practitioners for the Level 2 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam. (Testing is optional, you must register for the test separately.)

THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

Review of Level 1 skills: knot tying, proper use and maintenance of equipment, belay skills

Self belay techniques for challenge course access, set-up and gear retrieval

Risk management

Emergency action plans

Accident prevention and basic rescue procedures

Specialty element operations as needed such as Flying Squirrel, Pamper Pole/Plank, Zip Wire, Rappel, Holy Cow Swing.

\$750.00 Includes registration, workshop manual and lunches during workshop

PREREQUISITE:

Adventure Basics Level 1 workshop or equivalent training experience within the last 2-3 years. We can help you determine if this workshop is right for you.

October 10, 2024

Critical Incident Simulations- Facilitating Training for Effective Response

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

We already know that practice and role plays make for highly effective training for outdoor educators. Critical Incident practices are no exception and can provide a lived-experience foundation to respond to difficult situations as they occur in the field. In this session, you will learn how to facilitate your own Critical Incident Simulation, including assessment of training needs, crafting of a scenario to actualize learning objectives, logistic organization and outreach, coordination with outside agencies, social media simulation, and debriefing. Examples of actual simulations will be presented and a review of incident command structure will be discussed.

October 11, 2024

Level 2 Challenge Course Certification Exam

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

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Brattleboro, VT 05301

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Candidates for the Level 2 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam will possess an advanced level of program knowledge and advanced competencies in the area of facilitation and technical skills including all low and high challenge course elements.

Participants considering Level 2 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification will have taken a minimum of 85 hours (this includes the 50 hrs. from Level 1 Certification) of training based upon attendance at a High 5's Beyond Basics four -day workshop (or equivalent training).

Qualifications to take the Level 2 Test are listed on our website here.

Testing includes specialty skill areas such as challenge course rescues and a written and practical test. The written test must be passed with a score of at least 80%. Participants must show mastery of all practical skills. Testing at this level takes place over a one- day period. Level 2 certification must be renewed every three years.

For more information on our certification program, including sample test questions, re-testing policies, study guides and a self assessment form - [Click here](#).

\$225.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the exam

October 17, 2024

Outdoor Rec Connect

Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

nationaloffice@aore.org

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Pre-register for the event to get access information.

October 21, 2024
- October 25, 2024

Adventure Basics: Level 1 Training

Brattleboro

130 Austine Drive, #170

Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Our five-day Adventure Basics training is your gateway to adventure education and challenge course programming skills. Participants will learn both the basic technical skills of operating a challenge course as well as the facilitation skills essential to sequencing a program to maximize learning outcomes with participants.

Adventure Basics provides an important first step for both understanding the flow and interplay of a group experience and for learning the skills to run an effective challenge course program. This workshop will help you prepare and review for the Level 1 Challenge Course Practitioner Certification exam. (Testing is optional: you must register for the exam separately.)

THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

Essential challenge course skills for the operation of low and high challenge course elements including spotting skills training, equipment use, knot tying, belay skills, and risk management techniques plus standard operating procedures

A wide variety of icebreakers, warm-ups, cooperative games, and problem-solving exercises

How to create a positive environment for learning, positive group norms, and reflection/processing techniques

Curriculum development ideas: selecting and sequencing activities for optimal outcomes with different groups.

\$795 includes registration, workshop manual, and lunch during the workshop.

October 29, 2024
- October 31, 2024

Managing an Adventure Program: CCM Training

130 Austine Drive, Suite 170

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Brattleboro, VT 05363

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This workshop is designed to help adventure professionals not only manage a program effectively but also to develop the ability to think critically and proactively about its many facets and details.

The workshop is intended for anyone who has primary responsibility for the management of a challenge course: program directors, risk managers, athletic directors, and lead training staff. It is ideal for anyone who is in charge of the operations of an adventure program using a challenge course.

This workshop prepares challenge course practitioners for Challenge Course Manager Certification, which is optional. You must register for the test separately.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS WORKSHOP WILL:

Be introduced to the areas of program design, safety and risk management, staff development, industry standards, certification, and industry trends.

Review ACCT standards and important issues related to emergency procedures, medical screening, insurance, liability, peer review, and local operating procedures.

Develop a critical eye for all aspects of a program -- from overall safety to quality programming.

Gain a historical perspective on challenge course practices and procedures.

Engage in dialogue and problem solving that provides an opportunity to share experiences with others in the field.

\$540.00 Includes registration, workshop manual, and lunches during the workshop.

November 1, 2024

Challenge Course Manager Certification Exam

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09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Challenge Course Manager certification exam is for those individuals who are responsible for program management at their site (program directors, challenge course managers/coordinators, etc.)

In addition to passing the certification test, candidates will also have documented a minimum of 30 hours of training in topics specific to program management. We recommend High 5's Managing an Adventure Program workshop.

Candidates also must have completed Level 2 Certification and have a minimum of 500 hours of program experience.

Testing is conducted in a ¾ -day workshop format and includes both a written and practical exam.

For more information on our certification program, including sample test questions, re-testing policies, study guides, and a self-assessment form - [Click Here](#).

\$275.00 Includes registration, and lunch during the exam

November 12, 2024

- November 13, 2024

LGBTQ Outdoor Summit

YMCA of the Rockies

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM MST

Hannah Malvin,

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OUT There Adventures and Pride Outside are dedicated to providing relevant, inclusive opportunities outdoors for the LGBTQ community. We are excited to host the fifth LGBTQ Outdoor Summit--a chance to come together with representatives of the outdoor industry, conservation community, environmental education, and more to discuss the state of the LGBTQ community and the outdoors and look for opportunities to work together to support equity and social justice outside.

December 19, 2024

Outdoor Rec Connect

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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