

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Introduction:

The purpose of this document is to define the requirements and guidelines for leaders of conservation activities. Conservation activities include but are not limited to leading local clean ups, partnering with other local conservation groups, participating in conservation awareness activities, political lobbying, bringing conservation issues to the recreational constituency, train / mentor other volunteers, leading trips with legislators, etc. Conservation covers a wide range of activities. These activities require a certain level of education and must be synergistic with activities and positions of AMC. Leader must consult and gain approval of the Conservation Chair before leading the activity or representing the AMC. These guidelines are intended to provide high level general requirements for the most actives.

Reference Documents:

1. AMC Leadership Requirements & Guidelines (<http://www.outdoors.org/pdf/upload/leader-requirements-current.pdf>)
2. Worcester Chapter Leadership Guidelines (<http://www.amcworchester.org/leadership/forms/WorcesterChapterLeadershipGuidelinesV9.0.pdf>)

Definitions:

Location Criteria

Many conservation activities are performed on hiking trails as such, the individual must comply with the hiking criteria for the location of the activity being performed. For example, an individual who wishes to lead an upcountry conservation activity must meet the qualifications for leading upcountry hikes.

Competency levels

Unskilled Conservation Activities: Activities not requiring specialized training or skill set. These activities usually including leading local clean ups or leading a group participating in activities organized by other conservation organizations.

Skilled Conservation Activities: Activities that require additional educational training such as participation in Leave No Trace Awareness Training

Advanced Conservation Activite: Activities require an high level of understanding of AMC positions and / or demonstrated competency of the issue being addressed.

Requirements for Leaders of Conservation Activities

1. Compliance with the *Requirements for Leaders* of document 1.
2. Compliance with the *General Requirements (All Activity Leaders)* of document 2.

3. **Qualification criteria:** It is important that the activity being lead must be synergistic with the position of the AMC and the activity being lead will require a competency level commiserate with the activity being performed. The Leader must consult and gain approval of the Conservation Chair before leading the activity or representing the AMC.
4. Current *Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Certification* is recommended for most Local Conservation Activities. WFA is required for all Day and Back Country Conservation activities.
5. For activities requiring fitness or specialized skill to access the work site, such as hiking, paddling, or climbing; current leader status in that discipline (e.g. local hike leader for local hikes, 3 season hike leader for non-local hikes, etc.) or waiver from Conservation Committee chair.

Conservation Leadership Guidelines

Process and requirements those who wish to become trail leaders.

BASIC CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

- Complete an Outdoor Leadership Training course which included Conservation Module or participation in comparable training provided by Conservation Chair or other qualified trainer approved by the Conservation Chair
- Complete Leave No Trace Awareness Training
- Wilderness First Aid Certification.

ADVANCED CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

- Complete an Leave No Trace Trainer course.
- Demonstrated understanding of AMC Conservation Positions
- Demonstrated understanding of AMC's approach to conservation issues and the role of the local chapters / members.
- Wilderness First Aid Certification.