



## **Job Description: ROPE Trip Leader**

**Supervisor:** Assistant Director, Outdoor Programs

### **Description**

ROPE Trip Leaders are responsible for the overall facilitation of an assigned trip. Leaders are expected to create and foster meaningful environments for trip participants, while simultaneously ensuring the mental and physical safety of each individual. This position requires interpersonal communication skills, the ability to think critically and the flexibility to work both independently and with a co-instructor.

### **Specific Responsibilities**

1. Uphold professionalism and remain available to participants 24 hours a day throughout the duration of the trip.
2. Adapt to unforeseen circumstances in the event that program activities need to be altered.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of group dynamics by facilitating group activities, guiding discussions, and properly debriefing an experience.
4. Properly fill out all required paperwork before and after each trip.
5. Retain the information given during training by practicing skill set on personal time.
6. Teach and abide by “Leave No Trace” outdoor ethics on all outdoor trips.
7. Learn and teach specific camp craft skills (tents, stoves, backcountry cooking, etc.) to ROPE trip participants.
8. After one year of training, fulfill the requirement of running one weekend trip or two day trips each semester.
9. ROPE Trip Leaders beyond their first year of training are required to assist with training newer classes of volunteer trip leaders.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

1. Must have a passion for the outdoors and outdoor recreational programming.
2. Must have general knowledge of outdoor programming and services offered by ROPE.



3. Must be able to attend all required training meetings and training trips.
4. Must have willingness to learn and practice new outdoor skills and activities.
5. Must be able to think independently and make decisions for everyday and emergency situations.
6. Must have knowledge of Rice Recreation Center program areas and program offerings.
7. Must have a positive attitude and interact well with ROPE trip participants.
8. Must have the ability to earn a CPR, First Aid, and Wilderness First Aid Certifications.

### **Benefits**

1. Leadership training including group management skills, judgment and decision making, risk management, environmental ethics and expedition behavior.
2. Technical leadership training including kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, caving, backpacking, basic camping skills and wilderness medicine.
3. Free ROPE membership, equipment rentals, and outdoor trips when space is available, training materials, and outdoor equipment and apparel.
4. Leave No Trace Trainer, CPR, First Aid, and Wilderness First Aid certifications.
5. Valuable volunteer experience and service opportunities.