

Trek Group Leader



C5 Youth Foundation Of Southern California

C5 Youth Foundation of Southern California is a five-year leadership development program. C5LA recruits high-potential, socio-economically disadvantaged youth from under-resourced areas of Los Angeles and provides resources, support, opportunities and experiences that enable them to realize their potential so they may actively seek higher education and grow into tomorrow's leaders.

The second-year summer experience, the Bridges Backcountry Trek for incoming sophomores is a seven-day backpacking trek in the Teton and Rocky Mountain ranges. The Trek experience is their next challenge that builds upon their first year at Camp Paintrock. C5LA students as a group choose their route, plan their meals and delegate roles amongst each other. This outdoor experience pushes the young people to apply leadership skills in different environments and situations.

Role and Expectation

The role and expectation of the Trek Group Leader is to guide and mentor high school sophomores on their Bridges Backcountry Trek summer programs. Guides provide an experience that:

- Develops self-confidence
- Develops maturity and responsibility
- Is fun and memorable

Staff members are responsible for developing the leadership, decision-making and teamwork skills of C5LA participants.

Additional Duties

- Uphold the C5LA mission, facilitate development activities and execute C5LA program curriculum
- Provide continuous development of students through structured regular mentor-student interaction
- Communicate to students their responsibility as C5LA representatives
- Adhere to and enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures pertinent to outdoor environments and activities
- Observe participant behavior, assess appropriateness, and apply appropriate behavior management techniques
- Facilitate the exposure to and appreciation of the outdoors and respect of nature and animals as described in the principles of Leave No Trace
- Support National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) personnel in communicating outdoor living skills
- Some duties may be reassigned and other duties may be assigned as required

Qualifications

- Ability to develop, execute and supervise a safe and challenging program that meets the organization's goals
- Some type of formal completed or in-progress post-secondary education
- At least 18 years of age and one year removed from high school
- Ability to relate to teen groups at various life stages
- Ability to supervise and work with participants in various activities and environments
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance under flexible circumstances
- Good show of character, integrity, adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control
- Strong capability to live away from home for an extended period (two one-week sessions, on-call 24 hours a day) in a high-energy capacity and maintain mental and emotional presence
- Physical ability and stamina to fulfill specific responsibilities in outdoor summer environment (including tasks such as lifting equipment, climbing, hiking, instructing and managing participants in variable weather environments)