

Principles of Outdoor Leadership

Gear List Assignment

Assume that you are the leader of a City of Eugene Parks and Recreation Department one day hiking trip to a scenic mountainous area forty miles east of Eugene on the last Saturday of June. The group will consist of ten participants, all of whom are adults with little hiking experience, plus yourself and one assistant leader. The intended route is an eight mile loop at elevations ranging from 3500 to 4800 feet, including about two miles of rugged off trail travel. It is likely that the ground will be under two to four feet of snow at the higher elevations, although most of the route will be free of snow. The weather at this time of year is quite variable. Rain is not unusual, and the freezing level, which is usually above 7000' at this time of year, occasionally drops to 5000' or lower (which would bring the snow level to about 4200').

Your task is to create a gear list that will help assure that every participant (and leader) will arrive at the meeting point with every required item.

Please pay careful attention to the following requirements.

Use these headings: "Required Personal Gear", "Required Leader Gear", and "Required Group Gear".

"Required Personal Gear" includes everything the participant must have with them, including every item of clothing and everything carried. Note that items on this list **MUST** be listed under the following headings, in the following order: 1. Footwear (boots, gaiters, socks etc.), 2. Leg layers, 3. Torso layers, 4. Hand coverings, 5. Head coverings, 6. Food and water, 7. Cooking related items (stoves, fuel etc.), 8. Shelter related items, 9. Sleeping related items (bags, pads etc.), and 10. Miscellaneous items (items that do not fit in one of the above categories)..

"Required Leader Gear" includes everything each leader must have with them in addition to all items on the "Required Personal Gear" list (i.e assume the leader has all of these items, so do not repeat items on the "Required Leader Gear" list)

"Required Group Gear" includes all items that are needed for the group as a whole but are not included in the other two lists.

Under each heading list all of the clothing and equipment that you will require. Do not include any items that you do not consider to be absolutely essential! If you would allow a student to participate without the item, do not list it! Be sure to specify fabrics, styles or types, sizes or any other criteria necessary to elicit the proper response. (For example, directions to bring "long pants" may not result in the person arriving with pants that are acceptable, so you would need to specify acceptable fabric types.)

These lists should be in the form in which they would be presented to students, and should therefore be typed, free of typos and spelling errors, and professional in appearance.

Please submit a copy. Keep the original for your records. The assignment is due at the last class meeting prior to the outing. There will be significant point penalties for late submission.

In grading this assignment, points will be subtracted for missing items and for excessive (non-essential) items.

Please use this assignment to create a list that you might actually use, (with appropriate adjustments for the season, location and participants), for an actual trip!