Outdoor Recreation Trip Leader:
UGA Outdoor Recreation trips and clinics are led by student staff that plan, lead, instruct and facilitate day and weekend activities on and off campus. Regular training is provided to new staff as well as veteran leaders. There is no requirement for a depth of prior experience, but it helps.

Description:
Trip Leaders (TLs) are responsible for the safety, risk management, and well-being of participants while engaged in trips or clinics that the UGA Outdoor Recreation programs offers. Above all else, safety must be a priority for successful trip leaders. Safety, as it pertains to the activity, the skill level of participants, and location that the trip or clinic is being held are to be of main concern. TLs must be comfortable managing a diverse group in an outdoor setting and making decisions based on informed judgment for the good of the group. TLs are expected to have a foundation of outdoor recreation experience within the activity they are leading while also being motivated to continually improve their knowledge and skill base with a variety of activities (camping, hiking, climbing, paddling, etc.). The goal of the trip leader is to provide the highest degree of professionalism, guidance, instruction, and supervision to the participants (typically beginner/novice) that are under their care while attempting to instill an appreciation for the natural resource/area they are utilizing. Group development and community building are also areas of focus for TLs.

Qualifications:
- Must have current certification:
  - American Red Cross CPR, First-Aid, AED or ability to acquire within first month of hire
  - Wilderness First-Aid and First Responder certifications are preferred (UGA offers these courses each semester)
- Must have prior experience in a particular outdoor recreation activity and technical skill to safely and competently participate in that activity (i.e. hiking, canoeing, backpacking, kayaking, rock climbing, etc.)
- Must have a willingness and ability to teach those skills to others
- Must have organizational skills to plan a trip in advance, carry out all the logistics of preparing for departure and then lead/facilitate a safe experience abiding by university policies and procedures
- Must have good communication and interpersonal skills to manage group dynamics in the field and make good decisions to manage risks and respond to emergency situations
- Must be able to drive a 12-passenger van, participate in required driver training, and comply with vehicle driver policies
- Must be able to participate in regular TL meetings, trainings, and staff expeditions
- Must be willing to learn new ideas, methods, and techniques for effective trip leading

Physical Requirements (must be able to):
- Stand/walk for long periods
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- Climbing
- Driving
- Bending/stooping
- Kneeling/squatting
- Reaching/grasping
- Pushing/pulling
- Repetitive use of hands
- Handling chemicals (stove fuel)
- Lift at least 25 lbs.
- Reading
- Strong analytical skills
- Computer skills
- Customer interaction (strong verbal, written, and listening skills)
- Attention to detail (long attention span, multiple stimuli, manage priorities)
- Other physical requirements specific to various outdoor recreational activities

Complete a Rec Sports application and return with a current resume and trip log to Lance Haynie (lhaynie@uga.edu) Ramsey 143A