Interested in becoming a leader?

Contact our Committee Chair (listed on the right side of this page) to begin the discussion about [leading trips](https://www.mountaineers.org/blog/what-does-it-mean-to-be-a-mountaineers-leader) for The Mountaineers and obtaining your [Sea Kayaking Leader Badge](https://www.mountaineers.org/membership/badges/leader-badges/sea-kayak-leader). Our committee requires the following:

Graduation from the Mountaineers Sea Kayaking Course or having been granted the badge via the equivalency process.

Having paddled for at least one year after graduation from class or granting of equivalency and completing at least three trips with the Mountaineers.

A recommendation from two trip leaders.

Leading two supervised trips, including pre-trip planning, sign ups, leading the trip, dealing with on the water group dynamics, and completing a trip report. Each trip must be done under the watchful eye of a sponsoring leader who is listed as a mentor and each trip must be mentored by a different leader.

Nominees will be evaluated in several areas including but not limited to: ♦ Leadership skills ♦ People skills ♦ Sea kayak paddling and handling skills ♦ Judgement ♦ Knowledge of potential risks, including those associated with group trips such as weather and currents ♦ Trip planning ♦ Safety ♦ Emergency procedures

*B. Leader Criteria*

1. Nominee shall be a graduate of the Mountaineers Sea Kayaking Course or have been granted

equivalency by the committee.

2. Nominee shall have paddled for at least one year after graduation from class or granting of

equivalency and completed at least three trips with the Mountaineers.

3. Nominee must be recommended by two trip leaders.

4. Nominee must *lead* two *supervised* trips including pre-trip planning, sign ups, leading the trip,

dealing with on the water group dynamics, and completing a trip report. Each trip must be done

under the watchful eye of a sponsoring leader listed as a mentor. Each trip must be mentored by a

different leader. The leadership coordinator has a current mentor list.

5. Nominee must be approved by two-thirds vote of the committee members present at the meeting

wherein the nominee’s name is presented for approval.

6. Nominee will be evaluated in several areas including but not limited to:

♦ Leadership skills

♦ People skills

♦ Sea kayak paddling and handling skills

♦ Judgement

♦ Knowledge of potential risks, including those associated with group trips such as weather and

currents

♦ Trip planning

♦ Safety

♦ Emergency procedures

***B. Removal From Leaders List***

1. Persons may be removed from the leaders list based on:

♦ Personal request of that individual.

♦ Not leading a trip for three years,

♦ A two-thirds vote of the committee members present at the meeting wherein the nominee’s name is

presented for removal.