



## 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 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 Mt. Vernon Wilderness of Washington in the Pacific Northwest. The Trek experience is their next challenge that builds upon their first year at Camp. C5LA Participants as a group make route decisions, plan their meals and delegate roles amongst each other. This outdoor experience pushes them to apply leadership skills in different environments and situations, all while learning outdoor living skills.

### 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 program. The role of the Trek Group Leader is to:

- Supervise a group of up to ten teens in partnership with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) wilderness guides for seven days in the backcountry
- Facilitate C5LA participant development activities and deliver C5LA program curriculum
- Support NOLS personnel in delivering lesson on outdoor living skills

Trek Group Leaders provide an experience that develops self-confidence; develops maturity and responsibility; and is fun and memorable.

### Duties

- Provide continuous development of students through structured regular mentor-participant interaction and check-in's
- Adhere to and enforce appropriate safety and emergency procedures pertinent to outdoor environments and activities
- Facilitate the exposure to and appreciation of the outdoors and respect of nature and animals as described in the principles of Leave No Trace
- Facilitate the distribution and responsible use of backcountry equipment
- Chaperone group through airport and to NOLS basecamp by bus

### Qualifications

- Ability to develop, execute and supervise a safe and challenging program that meets the organization's goals
- At least 18 years of age and one year removed from high school
- Physical ability and stamina to fulfill specific responsibilities in outdoor summer environment (including tasks such as carrying 50+ lbs. backpack, climbing, hiking 20+ miles, instructing and managing participants in variable weather environments)
- Good show of character, integrity, adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance under flexible circumstances

### Other Considerations

- Salary encompasses training days (including CPR if needed), room and board, and all travel from Los Angeles
  - Salary: \$1,000 per session
  - Session 1: June 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Session 2: July 20<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Session 3: July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Location: Pacific Northwest, Mount Vernon Wilderness in Washington state
- Staff sleep in tents at basecamp and in the backcountry
- COVID-19 vaccination required for all staff