INTRODUCTION

The Department of Student Life will sponsor two TRED programs: Community Service and Wilderness. Each TRED program selects and trains its leaders to meet its own needs. This application is only one part of the TRED Leader application process. Consult the handout designed for the specific TRED program that interests you for the remainder of the application details (such as interview or additional questions). Completed applications are due no later Tuesday, March 28 at midnight. All applications need to be submitted via TRED page on SGA Lynx platform.

What is Wilderness TRED?

For more than thirty years, Wilderness TRED has been creating adventurous beginnings for student & community development at UVM by providing first year UVM students the opportunity to explore wilderness living skill development with the support of upper class leaders and peers. TRED is designed with challenge and fun in mind for leaders and participants alike. This special wilderness-based orientation program offers the opportunity to build long-lasting friendships, initiate self-discovery and explore the people and landscapes of Vermont and the North Country. Wilderness TRED programs include: Hiking, Biking, Canoeing, Sea Kayaking, White Water Kayaking, Climbing and groups for Transfer & ALANA students.

Wilderness TRED Leader Position Description

Wilderness TRED leaders work in teams to provide an engaging group experience, introducing incoming UVM classmates to the wilderness areas of Lake Champlain, the Green Mts. and the Adirondacks.

As a TRED leader, your primary responsibility will be to teach wilderness living skills to “Trekkies” & to provide and maintain safe, healthy and supportive group function. It is our expectation that your skill, guidance and experience as a UVM student will provide Trekkies with a meaningful learning opportunity as the newest members of our community. Wilderness TRED leaders will be trained and supervised by Assistant Director of Student Life for Outdoor Programs, John Abbott.

Specific Leadership Activities Include

- Working with your co-leader to build relationships with and serve as a resource for students assigned your TRED group.
- Provide a physically and emotionally safe group environment.
- Role modeling good expedition behavior while making sound judgments and decisions.
- Facilitate group discussion regarding the value of wilderness based experience and travel.
- Using “teachable moments” to relate wilderness living skills to TREKKIES.
- Participation in comprehensive 5-day wilderness leadership training prior to TRED.
- Securing appropriate wilderness medical certification prior to leading TRED (WFA minimum).

2017 Wilderness TRED Programs

Hiking

Conditions of Employment
(What you Provide…)

• Prior wilderness & leadership experience. Ability
Wilderness TREK Programs

**Hiking**
Hiking TREK groups will travel in the Green Mts. along the Long Trail.

**Biking**
Biking TREK will travel the secondary roads of the Lake Champlain Valley.

**Canoeing**
Canoeing TREK will travel the lakes and rivers of the Adirondack Park of NY state.

**Sea Kayaking**
Sea Kayaking TREK will travel the islands of Lake Champlain, arriving in Burlington.

**Whitewater Kayaking**
Whitewater TREK groups paddle in VT and New York state.

**Climbing**
Climbing TREK will explore the crags of Vermont and the Adirondacks.

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**Conditions of Employment**
(What you Provide…)

- Prior wilderness & leadership experience. Ability to assume leadership roles and responsibility for safety of peers.
- A positive, flexible and energetic attitude.
- Commitment to diversity, communication, group facilitation and interpersonal skills.
- Current (WFR) Wilderness First Responder (leaders) or (WFA) Wilderness First Aid certification (assistant leaders). Also current American Red Cross Adult CPR.
- **Ability to commit to TREK full-time with no other commitments from August 12th-24th, 2017. No exceptions!** Leaders living in residential halls can move into their rooms on Friday, August 10th.

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**REMUNERATION**
(What We Provide…)

- Three time returning Wilderness TREK leaders will receive $500, second time leaders $450 and first time leaders will receive $400 for their commitment to TREK.
- Great wilderness leadership opportunity, training & professional resume builder.
- Chance to share your unique and diverse UVM experiences with incoming students!
- Amazing working environment (Green Mts., Lake Champlain and Adirondacks)!
- Housing and meals provided while on campus and during training.
- Excellent day on the ropes course!
- Did we mention abundant prestige?
- A free UVM Wilderness TREK Leader T-shirt!

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Applications due:** by midnight Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Interviews: March 29th – April 8th, 2017.
- **Hiring notification:** Monday, April 10th.
- There will be a gathering and dinner for all hired TREK staff in late April. Once staff are selected, a date and time will be chosen, suitable for all.

**QUESTIONS?**
If you have questions about the Wilderness TREK program or leader positions, please contact Student Life, Outdoor Programs at 656-2060 or via e-mail at jdbabbott@uvm.edu. You can also visit the Department of Student Life in Davis Center #310.

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**WILDERNESS_TREK_LEADER_APPLICATION**
The Wilderness TREK Leader application contains several pages and is available on the SGA Lynx site. Applications must be completed in full by midnight on Tuesday, March 28th, 2017.

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*Thank you for applying for a Wilderness TREK Leader position!*