

CT AMC Mountaineering Committee

Leader Certification

To be considered for certification, all new leaders must possess at least 2 of the 4 following qualifications:

1. Possess co-leading experience with the CT AMC Mountaineering.
2. Attended training session(s) with AMC Mountaineering or another recognized educational organization.
3. Attended AMC Leadership Training Workshop.
4. Possess experience as a Mountaineering Trip Leader with another organization.

In addition, all Leaders must exhibit the Standards for Trip Leaders for the activities they are certified to lead.

The Mountaineering Chair shall have the authority to determine if a person meets the qualifications for certification as a Leader for any type of trip based upon input from that person on the required Mountaineering Trip Leader Application Form.

The Mountaineering Chair, or a person so designated by the Chair, shall maintain a roster of all Members of the Mountaineering Committee and their current certifications as Trip Leaders. Once a person is certified as a trip leader, that certification shall remain in effect unless a period of three years pass within which that person does not lead any activity or club trip.

These Standards For Certification shall take effect thirty days after being ratified by a meeting of the Mountaineering Committee called for that purpose with two weeks notice given by E-mail to all persons on the list. At this meeting, two thirds in attendance must approve of the rules, with at least fifteen people voting yes. These rules may be modified by use of the same schedule.

Standards for Trip Leaders

Top Rope Rock Climbing Trip (Evening Top Rope):

Qualifications

- Leader must be a Member of the AMC in good standing.
- Leader must be over 18 years of age, and have been currently climbing for at least two seasons.
- Leader must understand and know proper set up of top ropes.
- Leader shall be proficient in belaying and repelling.

Responsibilities

- Leader, or another qualified person designated by leader, shall inspect all top rope set-ups and/or assist any person setting up a top rope who is not certified to do so.

Lead Rock Climbing Trip (Day Trip):

Qualifications

Leader must meet all qualifications for a Top Rope Rock Climbing trip, plus
Leader must have a minimum of two years current experience leading roped climbs.

Responsibilities

Leader has the same responsibilities of Top Rope Rock Climbing Trip, emphasizing the following:

It is not the duty or responsibility of the leader to insure that any person who chooses to lead a climb is capable of undertaking that climb successfully.

Top Rope Ice Climbing Trip:

Qualifications

Leader must meet all qualifications for a Top Rope Rock Climbing Trip, plus
Leader must have a minimum of two years current ice climbing experience.

Responsibilities

Leader, or another qualified person designated by leader, shall inspect all top rope set-ups and/or assist any person setting up a top rope who is not certified to do so.

Lead Ice Climbing Trip:

Qualifications

Leader must meet all standards for a Top Rope Ice Climbing Trip and for a Lead Rock Climbing Trip, plus
Leader will have a minimum of two years current experience leading roped ice climbs.

Responsibilities

Leader has the same responsibilities of Top Rope Ice Climbing Trip, emphasizing the following:

It is not the duty or responsibility of the leader to insure that any person who chooses to lead a climb is capable of undertaking that climb successfully.

Weekend Trip:

Qualifications

Organizer shall be a Member of the AMC in good standing.
Since participants engage in many diverse activities, climbing, hiking, biking, boating, etc. the leader is not required to be certified for any specific activity.

Responsibilities

Trip leader will make arrangements for group campsite or other accommodations and shared meals or happy hours, as the leader deems to be appropriate or necessary.

Bouldering Trip:

Qualifications

Leader must be skilled in Spotting and understand Crash Pad placement.

Appalachian Mountain Club Connecticut Chapter
Mountaineering Trip Leader Certification

is certified to be a Leader for the following types of Mountaineering Trips.

Type of Activity	Mountaineering Chair Approval
Top Rope Rock Climbing _____	_____
Lead Rock Climbing _____	_____
Bouldering _____	_____
Top Rope Ice Climbing _____	_____
Lead Ice Climbing _____	_____
Weekend Trip _____	_____
Hike / Backpacking _____	_____

Date of Certification _____