

SMU Outdoor Adventures (OA) is one of the Best Leadership Development Programs on Campus! We change lives and positively impact others. SMU OA transcends recreation and focuses on preparing future leaders for life after SMU, while maintaining a close knit community. Whether designing and delivering outdoor recreational trips and workshops, mentoring and instructing peers, or working shifts at the Rental Shop and Climbing Wall, the SMU OA Leader is positively impacting the lives of others. We get to do this using fun, exciting and challenging activities like rock climbing, backpacking, canoeing, caving and more. And did we mention it's paid?

Outdoor experience is not the most important qualification; what is important is true motivation, a passion for the outdoors and the desire to teach others and grow. Training and development opportunities are made available through student programming. Leadership opportunities are available year-round (if desired) extending throughout the university career or as long as is desired and is beneficial to the individual and the program. Leader training takes time, energy, commitment and dedication.

Applications are typically accepted at beginning of the semester or academic year, however, hiring of leaders will be determined by program needs.

Interested in gaining life-long transferable leadership skills?

Application Process:

Submit an application through [HANDSHAKE](#)

Application is reviewed by the Peer Hiring Committee.

Interview by Hiring Committee follows.

Interview by program administrators follow, then hiring happens.

To become a Trip Leader, one must complete the Outdoor Leadership Training (OLT) trip run by the OA professional.