

A message from your CCHC Outings Committee regarding sign-ups

On June 10, 2016, the CCHC Board of Directors unanimously approved a pilot program that established qualifying criteria for attending club-sponsored overnight trips. These overnight trips are quite popular and increasingly we are finding that there is a significant waiting list after sign-ups are closed. The traditional first-come, first-served sign-up method was not taking into account the volunteer contributions that many of our members make year after year by serving on the Board, or committees, or leading hikes, etc. The Outings Committee proposed a fair sign-up system that rewards high contributors and encourages members to take on various activities within the club.

Effective immediately, the following pilot program will be used to prioritize sign-ups for future club-sponsored overnights. This program will be evaluated a year from now and revised if necessary. In the meantime, questions/comments can be directed to Outings Committee Chair Karen Arntzen at arntzen5@comcast.net

Note: ALL CCHC members are invited to sign up for overnight trips. However, members who meet the following qualifications will be given priority for selection.

1. Minimum Contribution Required to Qualify for an Overnight Trip

(complete at least two of the following activities OR attend 18 hikes – during the 12-month period prior to the opening sign-up date.)

- Serve on the CCHC Board
- Serve as Knapsack and/or Extracurricular Editor or Printer
- Serve as the Sunday or Thursday Hike Coordinator
- Lead/Co-lead an Overnight Hike Trip
- Lead/Co-lead a Thursday or Sunday Hike
- Serve on a CCHC Committee
- Contribute a published Knapsack hike write-up and/or photo
- Serve as the Hike Attendance Taker

OR

- Attend 18 hikes

2. The Overnight Trip will be announced in the Knapsack with a 3-week window for sign-ups. Members must have their dues paid up 12 months prior to the opening sign-up date in order to qualify.

3. If more than the maximum number allowed on the trip happen to sign-up, a lottery will be used to determine who is selected from a list of those who qualify. Those not selected will be placed on a "priority waiting list". Those who signed up but did not qualify will be placed on a "secondary lottery list" and may attend if there are openings.

CLARIFICATIONS:

- This Qualifying Criteria System would NOT apply to overnight trips offered as Extracurricular Outings.
- CCHC-sponsored overnight trips will be announced in the Knapsack with specified opening and closing sign-up dates, allowing for a three-week window.
- The Outings Committee will confirm who meets the qualifying criteria. Hike leaders will conduct a lottery drawing if more than the maximum number of people signed up.
- A list of names will be sent to all who were selected with instructions on how to make reservations. Selectees will have an opportunity to request a roommate from the list, if desired.