

BOLD & GOLD Levels of Leadership



1 EXPLORER.....

These beginner level, week-long trips teach you all the basics of camping. Enjoy s'mores, campfires, and majestic views on these fun-filled introductions to camping, hiking, and either backpacking or outdoor rock climbing. Over the course of your journey you'll learn wilderness cooking skills, low impact travel, and appreciate the beauty of the moon and stars. You'll go home with amazing new friends and memories for a lifetime.

2 ADVENTURER.....

Become skilled in the art of outdoor travel! These one and two-week trips are a step up from the Explorer Level and give you the opportunity to rock your outdoor game. You will learn backcountry navigation, water treatment, Leave No Trace, and so much more, while adventuring on more challenging terrain or the open waters of the Puget Sound!

3 CHALLENGER.....

These one and two-week intermediate trips take you to places that many people never venture to. You will become a seasoned traveler in some of the most breathtaking places in the Pacific Northwest. These courses offer challenging and fun backpacking trips covering much of the Olympic Coast and some of the more remote and incredible places in the Cascade Mountains. The Challenger Level also provides opportunities to visit the epic rocks of British Columbia, where you will rock climb with highly experienced instructors on world class terrain.

4 VOYAGER.....

You will become a highly proficient backpacker or rock climber on these longer two and three-week adventures. Learn new skills and test yourself on a mountaineering course, see three incredible national parks during a multi-week backpacking trip, or experience the Olympic Coast like few ever do. On Voyager Level trips you'll develop your personal leadership style and take ownership of your experience. These life-changing adventures look great on a college application or resume and offer skills to help you succeed in school and beyond.

5 TRAILBLAZER.....

The last progression before our final Leader in Training Level, Trailblazer, is intended for young people looking for the next physical and mental challenge. These trips offer some of the most intensive leadership development with opportunities to gain service hours on the Olympic Coast, summit Mount Baker and explore the interior of the Olympic Peninsula. You don't have to be an expert as long as you have the desire for adventure!

6 LEADER IN TRAINING (LIT).....

The goal of the LIT program is to transition BOLD & GOLD alumni from participants to instructors. LIT members develop leadership, group management, and wilderness technical skills through a series of trainings and experiential opportunities. LITs mentor younger participants on BOLD & GOLD trips and contribute to the leadership team on a one-week backpacking or rock climbing trip. As an LIT, you will gain wilderness and outdoor skills, a competitive edge as a leader, and an opportunity to experience the beauty of Washington's natural world- all while changing lives and introducing young people to the outdoors.