



OUTDOOR COUNCIL OF CANADA
CONSEIL CANADIEN DE PLEIN AIR

FIELD LEADER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION



A NEW STANDARD FOR OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

The **Field Leader** program is a revolutionary approach for training new leaders to lead in low-risk terrain. It is a powerful tool for empowering adults leaders to take children and youth outside for education and activity.

WHAT: An intensive two day experiential and inquiry based course that introduces the roles and responsibilities of the leader. Students discover the values and systems that promote high-quality low-risk programs.

The core course can be delivered for hiking, paddling or equine activities. Graduates can lead one day programs in defined low-risk and non-winter environments. Additional modules prepare leaders for winter and over-night trips.

WHY: This program fills a major gap in the available training programs. It is the first course every leader should take. The techniques, values and attitudes taught form the foundation for superior leadership no matter what the activity.

For the organization this program is the best way to provide an organization-wide culture that promotes high-quality low-risk programming.

WHERE: The course is delivered by licenced instructors across Canada. It can be delivered in your community or your facility which reduces your cost.



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COURSE OFFERED:

Field Leader Instructor Experienced outdoor leaders can apply to become instructors. Courses are taught by the Outdoor Council of Canada. Graduates may teach Field Leader courses under licence

Field Leader: For entry level leaders. Can be offered for leading Hiking, Paddling or Equine courses. Graduates able to lead one day trips in defined low-risk environments under supervision and in non-winter environments.

Winter: Extends scope of practice for Field Leader (Hiking) graduates to winter environments

Overnight: Extends scope of practice for all Field Leader disciplines to multiday trips

Maps and Compass: two modules navigation training (no pre-requisites)

Meta-Themes and Values:

- Mindful Leadership
- Participant-Centred Experiences
- Purposeful Programming
- Systematic Planning
- Team Building
- Communication
- Learning Through Reflection