

WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Mentor Position Description and Selection Criteria

The Wilderness Stewardship Certificate Program (WSCP) volunteer mentor will be an expert in the area of wilderness stewardship and management, and will be vetted by the Board of Directors of the Society for Wilderness Stewardship prior to registration in the Mentor Development Training Program hosted by the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University.

Mentors should be dedicated to helping interested people better understand the policy, laws, and best practices in stewardship and management of the NWPS. Mentoring involves directing students to appropriate subjects for their written assignment in each course and capstone final project, grading and providing feedback on assignments, answering questions, communicating and encouraging student throughout their entire certificate program.

Mentors are expected to devote the time necessary for effectively supporting the mentee through timely check-ins, discussion, assignment grading, and constructive feedback. Commitment to a mentee will be documented through a mentor contract covering the mentee's progression through the course of study. Though there will be some variation, it is expected that each contract will require a one year commitment of availability on the part of the mentor.

The mentor will be encouraged to seek support and advice from fellow WSCP mentors as well as SWS, Carhart, and Eppley program staff. The mentor is expected to provide feedback on the mentoring experience when requested for the purposes of WSCP improvement and evaluation.

Requirements to be a mentor

- Knowledgeable about or experienced in wilderness stewardship within the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS);
- Submit formal request to be a mentor, including application questions and a brief resume
- Be a current SWS member.
 - If selected to be an WSCP mentor, individuals will receive a 50% reduction in SWS dues for the calendar year that they are an active WSCP mentor.
- Successfully complete the Eppley Mentor Development Training program, developmental activity and final assessment, including:
 - Successful completion of the four e-courses required of students taking the certificate in the *Fundamentals of Wilderness Stewardship* and all assessments require a score of 80% or above for satisfactory completion.
 - Successful completion of three mentor webinar sessions with our partners at the Eppley Institute at Indiana University.
- Willingness and available time to mentor 2 - 5 students per year to certificate completion in the WSCP (approximately 20 to 30 hours per student)

For more information, contact Chad Dawson (cpdawson@esf.edu) or Bob Dvorak (dvora1rg@cmich.edu).

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Mentor Position Application

Thank you for your interesting in being a mentor in the Wilderness Stewardship Certificate Program (WSCP). To apply, please complete the three following steps:

- 1) Answer the attached questions below
- 2) Provide a brief professional resume, highlighting your experience in wilderness stewardship and management
- 3) Review the estimated time commitment

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Application Questions

1. Why do you want to be a mentor?
2. What is your professional experience related to wilderness stewardship/management?
3. What is your comfort level with technology (e.g. web-based video conferencing, emails, texting, online forums)?
4. What is your time and availability to be a mentor?
5. Are you a current SWS member, or are you willing to become a member?
6. Have you taken "The Wilderness Act of 1964" e-course developed by the Arthur Carhart National Training Center?

Estimated Training Commitment

Training: 16 hours

Webinars	4 hrs
5 e-courses + assessments.....	10 hrs
Assignment (drafting a communication plan)	1 hr
Training assessment.....	1 hr

Mentoring (per mentee)

Fundamentals of Wilderness Stewardship Certificate: 13 hours

Extra courses	0
Grading	10 hrs
Consultation.....	1 hr/week
Online Forum	2 hrs

First time for each subsequent certificate: 13+ hours

Certificate e-courses	~2 hrs/e-course
Grading	10 hrs
Consultation	1 hr/week
Online Forum	2 hrs

Repeat certificates: 13 hours

Grading	10 hrs
Consultation.....	1 hr/week
Online Forum	2 hrs