

Foothills Snowshoe Leader Standards

Before you can sign up to lead a Mountaineers snowshoe trip, you must be on the leadership roster and have been awarded a snowshoe leader badge. Leadership qualities, group and individual safety, experience, and level-headed decision-making are four major components to successful leadership. Therefore, we have minimum requirements for those interested in becoming a volunteer trip leader (see below).

For the level you would like to lead, if your experience appears close to (or exceeds) these guidelines, please email the Chair for an application and/or discussion.

Note: Depending on the season and volunteer availability, the review process may take weeks to complete. All applications are subject to Snowshoe Committee approval. The Committee reserves the right to hold or reject any application for any reason.

Criteria	Basic Snowshoe Leader	Intermediate Snowshoe Leader
Current Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certification, or equivalent	★	★
Current Wilderness Navigation certification	★	★
AIARE Level 1 certification	•	★
Winter Camping certification, or equivalent	•	★
Snowshoe Instructor Experience	Basic	Intermediate or Snow Scramble
Assistant Leader Experience	•	•
Minimum Mountaineers experience as a snowshoeing participant, or equivalent	min 6 trips over at least 2 seasons	min 8 trips, including min 3 intermediate trips, over at least 2 seasons
At least one year's experience as a trip leader in another Mountaineers activity (min 3 trips) OR Minimum of 2 mentored snowshoe trips	★	★
Completion of "Becoming a Mountaineers Leader" eLearning Course (if this is your first Mountaineers leader badge)	★	★

• recommended ★ required

Equivalency Notes:

WFA certification: Wilderness First Responder (WFR) and Mountaineering Oriented First Aid (MOFA) are equivalent.

Winter Camping: Completion of the Basic Alpine Climbing Course is equivalent.

Trip Experience: Nordic ski trips are considered equivalent to Basic snowshoe trips. Winter scrambles, glacier climbs, and backcountry ski trips are considered equivalent to Intermediate snowshoe trips.