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| STEPS IN TRIP LEADING | LEADER SKILLS NEEDED |
| 1. Plan the trip: (plan B option for weather changes)

-choose a route- check tides, currents weather-assign SK level-plan for lunch and break stops, Emergent bail out places, local auth. contacts-etc. - MULTI DAY: camp sites. Water refill. Shuttle car w/ water re-supplies cached on route?  | General Leadership, target audience of paddlersSpecific SK leadership: equipment, skills neededPaddling judgement (“Can I rescue in the likely conditions”, and “Can I be rescued by my assembled group?” |
| 2 Post the trip on the web -describe trip -List requirements in gear and skill -etc. | mountaineer web skills |
| 3. Screen Paddlers- Charlie Michel template\* I refuse paddlers I am not comfortable with by saying “ I don’t think I have the leader skills to safely get you through this trip”  | communication skills, assertiveness skills |
| 4. Pre- scout trip ahead of time when possible - check for local and recent knowledge of area | Paddling skills social skills |
| 5. Day of trip : Check weather changes - Pre launch beach talk and equipment check:encourage paddlers to speak up with any issues during trip: (hypothermia, blisters, overwhelmed by conditions) ( - assign lead & sweep, tow belt, VHF & radio check)* Signals, CLAP rules
 | Evaluation skills and adaptive skillsGroup leadership skills  |
| 6. Group Mangement - Handling laggers, speed demons - monitor for trouble, “put out fires when they’re small” -monitor for traffic and developing weather | Paddler / social skillsseafairing & VHF skills |
| 7. Trip End -at take out assure everyone has gear and running vehicle. Assign credit where needed for paddlers. - post trip talk (issues, suggestions) - close trip on the web  | Group Leadership skills |