

Volunteer FAQs

What does it mean to be an active volunteer?

As a volunteer, you will provide valuable assistance to our experienced guide staff and offer social engagement for our participants, on a variety of different outdoor activities throughout the year. If you have a love of the outdoors, a passion for working with diverse populations, and a willingness to learn new skills and assist others, then you should sign up to volunteer!

Do I need to have specific skills to volunteer?

We ask that our volunteers are comfortable in the outdoors, practice sound judgment, and have some background or personal experience in the activities we offer.

Do I need to have any certifications to volunteer?

Yes, volunteers must have *active/current* First Aid/CPR certifications before they are able to volunteer with us.

How old do I need to be to volunteer?

You must be at least 18 years old to volunteer on trips.

Do I need to pass a background check to volunteer?

Yes, you must pass a background check to be able to work with our participants.

What different outdoor activities would I get to help volunteer with?

Summer Activities: Kayak, raft, canoe, paddle board, hike, camp, or climb

Winter Activities: XC ski, snowshoe, hike or climb

How often will I need to volunteer?

We ask that volunteers commit to a minimum of 3 programs/trips/events over the course of a year to remain active with us.

What if I missed or am unable to attend the Volunteer Orientation, can I still volunteer this season?

Unfortunately, we ask that all first time volunteers attend a Summer or Winter Orientation prior to volunteering with us. That way you'll receive all of the necessary onboarding materials and information prior to your first volunteer day. If you missed the most recent orientation, please opt in to our newsletter to receive updates regarding our NEXT volunteer orientation.

What should I bring to a Volunteer Orientation?

Please come prepared to orientation with a driver's license, current First Aid/CPR certifications, and an open mind!

I attended the Summer Orientation, will I need to attend the Winter Orientation to be able to volunteer for winter trips?

No, one orientation is enough to be able to volunteer with us throughout the year.

I've attended a Volunteer Orientation and I've completed all of the onboarding materials, what are my next steps?

Once you've completed all of your onboarding paperwork, please contact us at info@awloutdoors.org and we'll go ahead with arranging you for an upcoming trip!

What do I do if I've become inactive and I want to begin volunteering with AWL again?

Unfortunately, if we haven't heard from you in a while then your information may need to be updated or renewed. Please sign up to attend the upcoming Volunteer Orientation and we'll get you set up with the necessary onboarding materials again.

Are there other ways to get involved with AWL, other than volunteering for outdoor trips/programs?

Yes! Since we are a small nonprofit, our volunteers can help in many ways indoors too! There are opportunities to volunteer your time and skills to ongoing projects that include, but are not limited to: marketing, event planning, fundraising, and more!