



Dartmouth Outing Club First-Year Trips

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APPLICATION FOR CROO CHIEF, TRIPS 2011

Yo, fools. What's a Croo Chief?

A Croo Chief leads one of the croos. The Croo Chief was that person that guided you through your experience and seemed to know so much more about what was going on than you did.

This year is your chance to work that all-important boss-man/woman role for Trips program. Croo Chiefs are an incredibly important job. I promise it will be fun. BUT you will have way more responsibility than as a crooling (its not all about cuddling and singing anymore). As chief, you will help choose members of your croo, set the tone and attitude for the croo, which in turns helps dictate the feel of the ENTIRE Trips program. It's a big job, and honestly a little intimidating at times. But its also incredibly rewarding, so much fun, and is an amazing way to dedicate a huge amount of your time to making sure that the '15 class ('15s holy crap I know) is welcomed to Dartmouth with style. Being a Croo Chief is a great way to carry on the traditions that you love, and change those that you don't, helping make trips better every year. All chiefs are part of the Trips Directorate and, along with the Director, Assistant Director, and Trip Leader Trainers, set the tone and the policies of Trips 2011.

How many Croo Chiefs are there?

HCROO, Lodj Croo, and Vox Croo each have two chiefs. Grant Crew and Klymbing Kroo each have one chief. All Croo Chiefs are paid in my eternal gratitude and love (as in not paid -- in dollars).

What are the requirements to be a Croo Chief?

The HCROO, Lodj Croo, Vox Croo, and Grant Croo chiefs must be former croolings on the same croo. The Klymbing Kroo chief need not be a former member of Klymbing Kroo -- any climber may apply.

All Croo Chiefs MUST (absolutely MUST) be around Hanover during the spring term of 2011 and during Trips 2011 (i.e. the last week of August through the third week of September).

It's ok if a chief isn't taking classes in the spring of 2011, or even in Hanover for the whole term. The chief only needs to be able to get to Hanover on a regular basis, as there's a lot of Trips work that needs to happen in the spring in Hanover, from croo selection to retreats to capture the wild moose that's been buttered from antler to hoof to regular games of twister.



Figure 1: A typical day in the Trips office

This sounds like more fun than tying up a Barbie over a boiling pot of water! How do I apply?

Applications are **due Tuesday, January 11th at 1:11:11.11 pm (get it, 1/11/11)**. Turn in your application via blitz (email?) to 'DOC.Trips@dartmouth.edu', or in hard copy to the Trips office in Robo 103 (duplex print, save trees!).

**If you are applying for multiple positions, please turn in a separate application for each position, and please include in a copy of your answers to the 'Questions for all applications' with each application.

Your application should include the following.

- **A cover page with your name and year. Feel free to liven up the cover with an epic drawing, goofy picture, reflective haiku, finger painting, witty remark, etc. FYI - Your cover won't be part of the selection process. Its fine to leave it blank too**

Also, the cover is a great place for doodling when you get bored answering all these questions. Now you can spend time finding puppy photos on the net and still feel like you're working on your app!

- **Your D-plan through the fall of 2011.**
- **Your past involvement in Trips (what trips you have lead, etc.).**
- **The croo or croos you are applying to lead.**
- **Your answers to the questions below.**

Questions for all applications

If you are also applying to be a TLT, Safety Master, Outreach Intern, or Assistant Director, you only need to answer these questions once.

- (1) What is your favorite memory or part about trips and why is it so meaningful to you?
- (2) The Trips program is a very social, very team-oriented organization. A good sense of diplomacy and an ability to work constructively with others is a necessary skill in the Trips program. Briefly describe your experiences working in groups, both in a leadership and non-leadership capacity. Describe an experience you've had with a bad group dynamic. (What went wrong? How did you deal with the situation?)
- (3) What do you believe the purpose of trips is? Does it have a clear mission in your mind?
- (4) No more than 7 sentences about your involvements on campus

Questions for Croo Chief applicants

- (5) Being a Croo Chief is very different than being a crooling. There's a lot more work and responsibility, and less hanging out and goofing around. Knowing this, why are you applying to be Croo Chief? What can you personally bring to Trips?
- (6) If you have been on a croo before, what was your role on that croo? What part did you play in making the machine of your croo work?
- (7) When choosing your croo members what are you going to look for in your croolings? Any ideas on the tone you want to set for your croo?
- (8) What would you change about the operation of your croo if you were to become Croo Chief? What was a great part about your croo that you want to see again this year?
- (9) What do you see the purpose of your croo being in the giant machine that is trips?
- (10) If applying for Vox/Lodj/Hanover, If you were to get to create your ideal co-chief what strengths would they have to balance out your weaknesses? If applying for Grant/Klimbing what will you look for in your croolings to balance out your weaknesses?
- (11) What medical experience do you have? Have you applied this experience?
- (12) If you are applying to be Grant or Climbing Croo Chief, what climbing or paddling experience do you have?

How Croo Chiefs are selected

The Director will read all the applications and make the selections. For the Grant and Klymbing Kroo chiefs, the Director will contact folks in Ledyard and the DMC for an appraisal of each applicant's skill level and leadership ability. All applicants will be informed of the decision by February 9, 2011.

Parting Words

Being a croo chief is a huge honor and I'm so happy you're considering it. You get to help set the tone for trips 2011 which are going to be better than ever, with your help!

Yay! Apply to be a croo chief and have fun with me and the '15s! Blitz me or 'doctrips' with questions.

-Emiiy Unger, Trips Director 2011

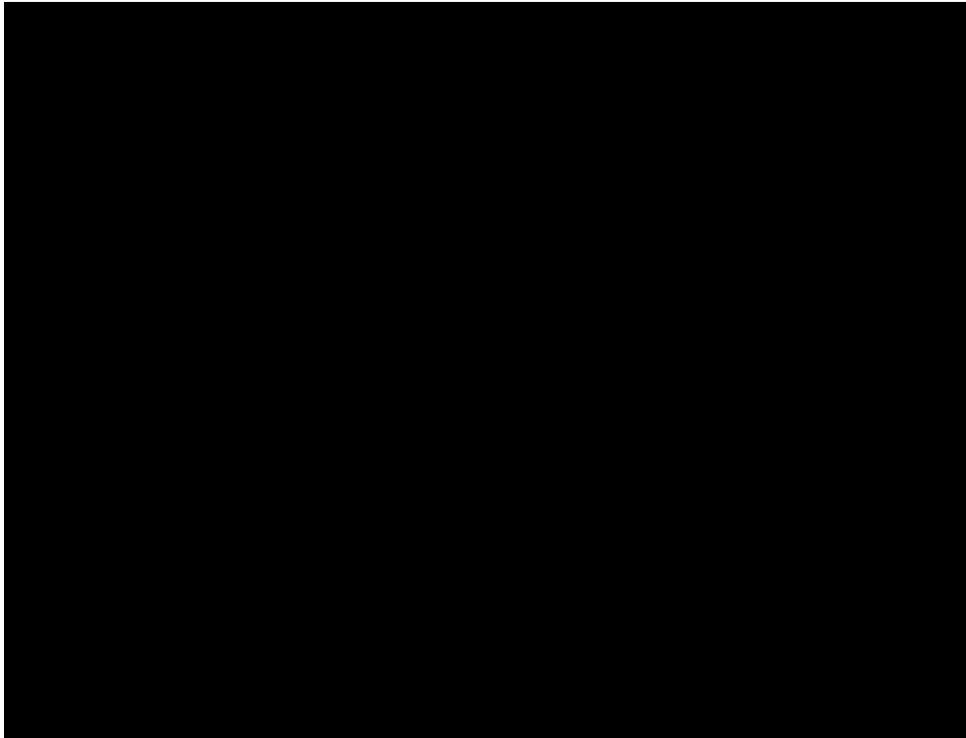


Figure 2: It'll be like this. Minus the emo undertones and angry children. And no one will be eaten.

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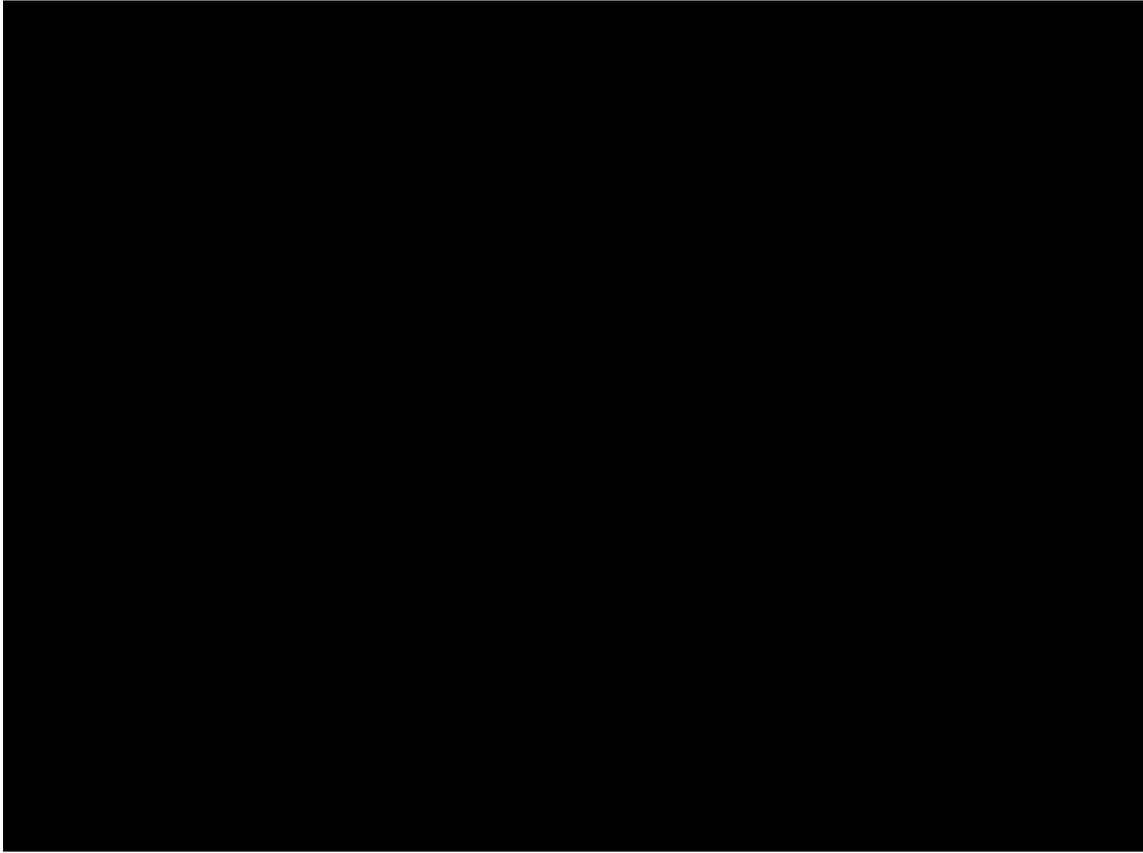


Figure 3. Klimbing Kroo