



Dartmouth Outing Club First-Year Trips

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APPLICATION FOR CROO CHIEF, TRIPS 2012

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 '16 class ('16s ... we're getting old) 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 2012 as well as figuring out how the heck we're going to do this schedule change stuff and make Trips awesome!!

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 2012 and during Trips 2012 (August 21 ish– September 5 ish). Chiefs may not be enrolled in summer courses.

It's ok if a chief isn't taking classes in the spring of 2012, 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 and cuddle puddles... you know, the important stuff.



Figure 1: Just because

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

Applications are **due Thursday, January 5th at 5:17 pm (again, just because)** 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, but the section marked "for all applications" can be identical

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 2012.**
- ❖ **Your past involvement in Trips (what trips you have lead, etc.).**
- ❖ **The croo or croos you are applying to lead.**
- ❖ **A reference (or two) we could talk to if we have any questions or concerns (this could be a student, professor, staff member etc... but they should have some familiarity with trips)**
- ❖ **Cover letter addressing the following (no page limit but be concise please!)**

For all applications

If you will be applying to be a TLT, Safety Master, Outreach Intern or Croo Chief, you can leave this part of your cover letter identical if you want.

Discuss the mission, philosophy and purpose of Trips and why you want to be involved in Trips 2012. What should Trips look like in 10 years? Discuss your experience working in groups both as a leader and non-leader? What is your leadership style? Briefly (I mean it!) discuss your involvements on campus.

For Croo Chief applicants

Knowing that being a Croo chief is very different than being a crooling, why do you want this position and what can you personally bring to Trips in this role? Discuss how your experience, and role on a croo will inform your work as a croo chief (if you're applying for Klymbing and Croo Chief Application

haven't been on Kroo before, talk about your experience with Trips and/or other experiences in life). What suggestions do you have to improve your croo and what works well (consider schedule change)? What are your ideas for how sophomores can be involved in your croo knowing that they will be in classes and finals for the first half of Trips? What's the overall tone you would like to set for Trips 2012, and how will your croo play into that? What medical training do you have and how have you applied it?

Vox/H/Lodj – What is your ideal co-chief like? What strengths would they have to balance out your weaknesses?

Grant/Klimbing – Discuss your paddling/climbing experience.

How Croo Chiefs are selected

The Director and Assistant Director will read all the applications and make the selections. Former chiefs or croo members may be contacted for input. 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 January 16, 2012.

Parting Words

Being a croo chief is a huge honor (and super fun!) and I'm so happy you're considering it. You get to help set the tone for trips 2012, and really redefine the croo experience around the new schedule (please consider that in you cover letter!)

Yay! Apply to be a croo chief and have fun with me and the '16s! Blitz me or 'doctrips' with questions.

-Emily Mason-Osann (Emo), Trips Director 2012

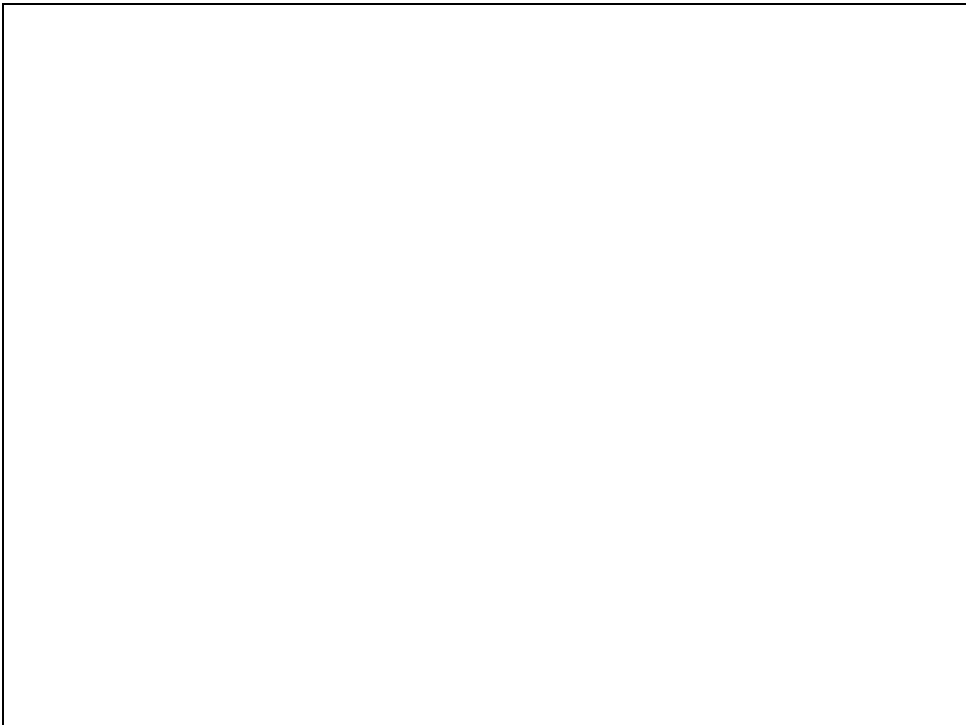


Figure 2: It'll be like this. Minus (or with) the emo (get it, because my name is Emo) undertones and angry children. And no one will be eaten.
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