



Trip Lottery Guidelines

The Trip Lottery program provides pre-planned, free, or discounted outdoor experiences, thanks to our valued partners. We plan the trip, you pick the date. To streamline our communications and allow you to plan a full year of outings that you can commit to, we are consolidating our Trip Lottery to once per year.

2023/24 Application Timeline

December 4, 2023	Applications Accepted
January 5, 2024	Applications Closed
January 9, 2024	Awards Announced

Who Can Apply?

Teens to Trails registered middle and high school outdoor clubs and co-curricular outdoor programs. Your application is a commitment to going on the trip that you win. Please do not apply if you don't feel confident about going on a trip that you win.

Thoroughly read through the Trip Lottery guidelines and trip offerings before you fill out the application form. We strongly encourage student participation.

How do I apply?

Meet with your outdoor club members before winterbreak to discuss which trips are:

- Most interesting and exciting to the students

- Feasible to accomplish with your funding and transportation

Then, fill out the 5-10 minute application with your first, second and third choice.

Application Requirements

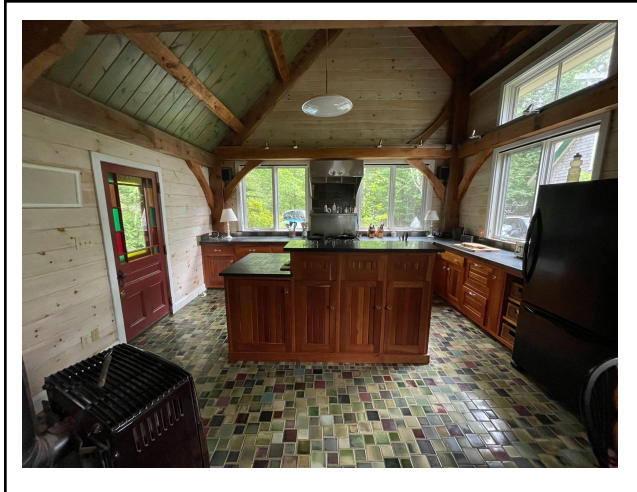
To maintain positive relationships with our generous partners, we expect those who are awarded to communicate and commit. This is important to maintain the sustainability of this program. We want to be able to offer these opportunities to clubs for years to come.

- *If you are awarded a trip but don't use it, you will not be considered for next year's Trip Lottery.*
- If you are unable to utilize the experience but give us two weeks' notice, we will offer the experience to another outdoor club. This will not penalize you from applying the following year.
- If we do not hear from you after two follow-up messages, we will assume you are no longer interested and will offer the opportunity to another outdoor club. You will not be considered for an award the following year.

Experiences

- Sea Kayaking in Casco Bay
- Two Nights at First Push Syndicate Retreat in East Orland
- Moonlight Snowshoe with L.L.Bean
- Disc Golf at Pineland Farm
- Outdoor Trips and Skills with Master Maine guide, David Butler

*****See more details below**



Two Nights at a Lakeside Retreat

Donated by: [First Push Syndicate](#)

Dates: April 26-28, 2024; May 3-5, 2024; May 17-19, 2024

Lodging at the [First Push Syndicate](#) retreat space on Alamoosook Lake in East Orland, Maine. This is a self-guided/planned trip that you can base out of a fully equipped lakeside home five minutes from Great Pond Mountain and 30 minutes from Acadia National Park.

This property has a large yard and beds to sleep 6 students and 2 advisors. The house is equipped with a fire pit, 3 bedrooms, a large kitchen, two bathrooms, and linens. Canoes and paddleboards are available with proof of ETLP or Recreational Maine Guide license.

Dates: April 26-28, 2024; May 3-5, 2024; May 17-19, 2024

Considerations: You provide transportation to East Orland and funds for food. These dates are non-negotiable. Please consider which dates are most realistic for you and your club. There is no camping allowed on the property.



Sea Kayaking Trip Portland Paddle

Donated by: [Maine Island Trail Association](#)

Guided by: Teens to Trails Program Manager, Sam Andrews

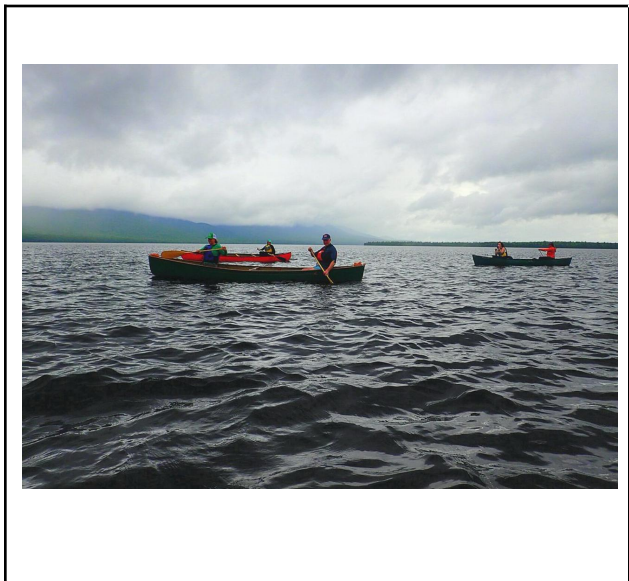
Bring your club to Portland's East End to launch on a 3-hour sea kayaking trip

to [Fort Gorges with Portland Paddle](#), guided by our Program Manager and certified Maine Sea Kayak guide, Sam Andrews! Located in Casco Bay, Fort Gorges is a 19th-century granite fort that is only accessible by boat.

This memorable trip is the best way to combine the experience of sea kayaking on the Maine coast while exploring one of the region's most exciting historic landmarks. All equipment is included; life jacket, paddles, and kayaks. You will receive a detailed packing list ahead of the planned date.

The date of this experience will be determined by the Outdoor Club advisor and Sam Andrews. This experience needs to be utilized before June 20, 2024.

Considerations: Be sure this trip is approved by your administration and you have transportation to Portland.



Outdoor Trips and Skills with Master Maine Guide, David Butler

Donated and Guided by: David Butler,
[Maine Path & Paddle Guides](#)

[Carrabec High School Trip Lottery
Award 2023](#)- Watch their video!

Join Master Recreational Guide David Butler for an outdoor experience or educational training of your choice! Please specify which offering you prefer.

- **Canoeing:** Learn canoe fundamentals; proper PFD fit, paddling position, canoe terminology, and basic canoe strokes. Along with the basics, you'll paddle together on a lake that you and David select.
- **Introduction to Winter Camping:** Learn the fundamentals of Winter Camping. This can be in person or virtual. After this session, you will better understand how to plan and prepare, an overview of a packing list, and ways to stay comfortable in the cold including shelters.
- **Snowshoeing:** Yes, it's walking on snow, but there are techniques to make it fun and comfortable in many conditions. Choose a local trail behind or near your school. Includes snowshoes for 8 people. Do you have your snowshoes? Even better! This experience will incorporate icebreakers, snowshoe basics, basic navigation, and track identification.

The date of the chosen experience will be determined by the teacher and David Butler.

Considerations: The outdoor club awarded is responsible for transportation and food costs. This award must be used by June 20, 2024. This trip is available in York, Cumberland, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, and Androscoggin counties.

Time Frame: 1-5 hours

Blackout dates: 2/2-4; 2/17-21; 6/7-9



Disc Golfing at Pineland Farms

Donated by: [Evergreen Credit Union](#)

Guided by: Cole Rowland

Location: Pineland Farms, New Gloucester

Join another outdoor club to learn the rules, etiquette, and how to play disk golf! No experience is required.

Two clubs awarded will play one supported round on the Minute Man course, then enjoy a lunch provided by Pineland Farms in New Gloucester. The schools are welcome to play an additional round following lunch. Everybody who participates will receive a disc courtesy of Evergreen Credit Union and Thought Space Athletics. Students with their own discs are encouraged to bring them!

Considerations: The outdoor club(s) chosen is responsible for transportation to Pineland Farms. You will need to choose between a few dates to join another outdoor club on this trip. Maximum 10 people.



Photo: Tide to Pine

Starlight Snowshoe with L.L.Bean

Dates: February 9 and 26, 2024, *these dates cannot be changed*

By the light of the evening sky, L.L.Bean's expert instructors will lead you and your Outdoor Club on a unique outdoor excursion through the snow-covered landscape. In this [Starlight Snowshoe](#), they'll give a brief demonstration of snowshoeing basics, then help you improve your technique on the easygoing terrain. Along the way, they'll share their knowledge of the plants and wildlife that thrive in the winter environment. After enjoying the scenery and refreshing winter air, you'll be treated to rich hot cocoa and some tasty snacks. We'll also provide all the necessary snowshoeing equipment for this exceptional adventure.

Location: Fogg's Farm, 11 Desert Rd, Freeport, ME 04032

Time Frame: 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Considerations: Please be sure you can attend on these dates. They cannot be changed. The Outdoor Club is responsible for transportation for this experience. Maximum 10 participants.

Final Report

Our organization appreciates and thrives when you share photos, quotes, and gratitude from your Outdoor Club members with our valuable supporters. We ask that you provide these three deliverables after your awarded trip:

- Share any photographs from the experience, as willing
- 2-3 quotes from your students
- A personal Thank You to our supporters, please contact Samantha@teentotrails.org for their information.

