

Middlebury Mountain Club Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Mountain Club or MMC.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the MMC shall be to sponsor and encourage outdoor activities and to promote special campus activities (e.g. presentations and community events) in the spirit of responsible outdoor awareness.

Article III: Membership

- Section 1
- A. *Active:* A member of the Middlebury College community who is a regular participant in MMC events.
 - B. *General:* Any member of the Middlebury College community.

Article IV: Officers

- Section 1
- Officer Board:* There shall be an Officer Board that shall be called The Skyline. The Skyline shall be responsible for the management and execution of the MMC's activities.
- All officers are to be Middlebury College students. Officers are elected from a majority of the active membership who attend elections each year. These elections are annual or as needed, but must be before March 15. Positions may not be shared by more than one person during a semester but terms may be shared to accommodate such things as study abroad and graduation. In addition to specific position responsibilities, all Skyline members are expected to have a college van license, be willing to assist with projects outside of his/her position, attend all weekly Skyline meetings, and participate in an annual Skyline retreat. In general, Skyline members are strongly encouraged but not required to be an MMC guide.
- A. *President:* The President shall preside at all Skyline meetings. The president shall be the official spokesperson of the MMC. It is also the responsibility of the President to attend the activities fair, send out weekly voicemail messages, assist other Skyline members in goal setting for the semester, act as a link between the Skyline and the MMC advisor, oversee the budget, acts as a liaison between the MMC and the Finance committee, maintain the MMC constitution, and assist with scheduling. In order to be the President, candidates must have been part of the Skyline for at least two semesters prior to running.
 - B. *Head Guide:* The Head Guide shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and assist in overseeing all aspects of MMC tripping. MMC tripping responsibilities include scheduling and presiding at guide meetings, ensuring that guide seminars are going out, maintaining MMC van key lists in security, updating the MMC guide handbook, and debriefing trips after they return to campus. The Head Guide should also work with other officers, such as cabins and trails, in a Guide Weekend to take place early in the semester. In order to be the Head Guide, candidates must have outdoor experience and be a MMC guide.
 - C. *Gear and Boathouse Managers:* Two people shall fill the Gear/Boathouse Manager position. While both work collaboratively, one should have a focus on boats and the other on general gear. Both Gear Managers shall attend weekly gear hours, organize and maintain all MMC gear and buy new gear as needed.

- D. *Climbing Coordinator*. The Climbing Coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining/logging existing climbing gear, work with the Head Guide to encourage climbing guide training, facilitate climbing guide seminars, assist the Head Guide in maintaining the climbing section of the guide handbook, and buy new climbing gear as needed.
 - E. *Outreach Coordinator*. The Outreach Coordinator shall maintain current outreach programs established in the community (e.g. with local schools, with campus organizations). They may also pursue new programs based on their interest and an interest within the community.
 - F. *Cabins and Trails Coordinator*: Cabins and Trails Coordinator shall maintain and manage Worth Mountain Lodge which includes acting as the liaison between the MMC and the Snow Bowl Manager, coordinating reservations and conducting periodic checks of the cabin. Additional responsibilities include maintaining Cooley Glen Shelter and the Colin O'Neill '97 Trail, promoting trails projects throughout the year, and helping in a Guide Weekend in the beginning of each semester. This person should have experience with or great interest in trail maintenance work.
 - G. *Polar Bear Coordinator*: Polar Bear Coordinator shall be responsible for the logistical requirements of Polar Bears i.e., reserving vans, finding drivers, obtaining funding, and organizing schedules and larger Polar Bear events. The Coordinator must maintain the Polar Bear binder, updating contents such as swimming hole maps and guidelines.
 - H. *Social Coordinator*: The Social Coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the organization of all traditional MMC social events (e.g. the Fall Pumpkin Tumble and Spring Flaming Flamingo) as well as incorporating local music (bluegrass, contra) into such events. In addition the Social Coordinator shall develop new projects as they see fit as well as develop relationships with the Commons or other co-sponsor groups.
 - I. *Presentations Chair*. The Presentations Coordinator shall arrange for speakers, slide shows, student presentations and other entertaining/educational presentations relating to adventures and experiences in the outdoors. They will be responsible for organizing a mountain club film festival, to be held in the Spring semester, which highlights the outdoor accomplishments and interests of the community.
 - J. *Communications Chair*. The Communications Chair primary responsibility is to facilitate the communication of all MMC events and meetings to the community. They shall be responsible for maintaining the MMC website and email distribution lists. This person shall also be responsible for the MMC board in the mailroom as well as advertising all MMC sponsored events such as presentations, social events, and outreach activities. They are responsible for collating/coordinating a calendar with all the MMC events and activities. At the beginning of the Fall and Spring Semester after the guide meeting, this person will work with the head guide in publishing a trips brochure that will highlight MMC trips for that semester and will be distributed to the community. Furthermore, they will be responsible for the MMC publication Beyond the Gap, to be published at least once per year.
- Section 2 *Subgroups*: There shall be groups whose objectives within the club concentrate on specific areas related to club interests, (e.g. guides or event committees)
- Section 3 *General Membership*: Each member of the Middlebury College community is considered a general member of this organization.

Article V: Election of the Board

- Section 1 *Membership:* The Board shall consist of the officers of the MMC.
- Section 2 Board members will be elected by 2/3 quorum of active members. A simple majority is needed to win.
- Section 3 Election of Board members for the following year must be held by March 15.

Article VI: Meetings

- Section 1 The Skyline board shall have weekly meetings, open to the MMC membership, to organize and plan MMC events.
- Section 2 At the beginning of every semester, there will be a guide meeting to discuss and plan MMC trips.

Article VII: Committees

Guides

- Section 1 Types of guides: hiking, winter, water, and rock and ice climbing
- Section 2 Requirements for becoming a guide:
- A. Must have gone on at least one MMC overnight trip.
 - B. Must be certified in Wilderness First Aid **before** going on the guide seminar
 - C. Guide Overnight Seminar (tailored to the type of guide that you seek to become)
 - D. Must have CPR certification
 - E. College 15-Passenger Van License or Mini-Van License if not eligible for 15-Passenger Van
 - F. Co-lead a trip with a current guide (you must do this **after** completing all other steps within the same semester as guide seminar)
- Section 3 Current guides becoming other types of guides (i.e. a hiking guide becoming a water guide)
- A. Once a person becomes a winter/water/climbing guide, he/she is automatically a hiking guide as well.
 - B. A hiking guide must go on a skill specific guide seminar in order to become a winter/water/climbing guide.
- Section 4 Requirements for MOO/FOO! Leaders to become MMC guides
- A. MOO: Attend a skill bridge course (a day seminar of the MMC policy for taking out trips including such skills as signing out the MMC vehicle, Trip Sign-Out Sheet in Security, renting gear, etc.) MOO Climbing and Canoeing guides will become MMC Climbing and Water guides respectively.
 - B. FOO!: FOO! Leaders must still take a guide seminar however, their FOO! Trip can count as their hiking/winter guide co-lead
 - C. College 15-Passenger Van License or Mini-Van License if not eligible for 15-Passenger Van
- Section 5 Expectations of MMC Guides
- A. Must have current WFA and CPR certifications
 - B. He/she must lead at least 1 trip per semester to remain a guide, otherwise he/she will have to retake a guide seminar
 - C. Specialty guides (winter/water/climbing) must lead at least 1 trip in their specialty per semester, otherwise he/she will have to retake a guide seminar

Section 6 The president has power to appoint subcommittees as necessary.

Article VIII: Advisor

Section 1 The membership agrees to maintain an advisor from the faculty or staff, as required.

Article IX: Affiliations

Section 1 The MMC considers itself a neighbor and friend of the Green Mountain Club and the Adirondack Mountain Club

Article X: Discrimination Policy

This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the *Middlebury College Handbook* concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the *Middlebury College Handbook* will immediately become policies adopted by the Middlebury Mountain Club.

Article XI: Ratification

Section 1 The constitution must be ratified by two-thirds majority of the active membership.

Section 2 The Constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee

Article XII: Amendment

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