

Trekkers Waiting List Application

Date: _____

Please fill out the entire application and return to:
TREKKERS, INC. – 41 Buttermilk Drive, Thomaston, ME 04861

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State ME Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Explain why you are interested in participating in the Trekkers program.

2. What do you hope to gain personally from participating in the Trekkers program?

3. Please describe one of your favorite memories in the outdoors?

Trekkers Agreement

Trekkers Partnership with the Schools: Trekkers has worked as a liaison between the schools and the families of Trekker students throughout its 20-year existence as an organization. It is our goal to check in with the schools as a way to provide extra support for your son or daughter during possibly difficult academic and/or behavioral times. This way Trekkers can meet with the schools, students and families to help rectify the situation in a timely manner. With this in mind, please sign below to grant Trekkers permission to check in with the teachers, principals and the guidance department staff of RSU #13 on behalf of your son or daughter if and when academic, behavioral, and/or emotional needs arise.

Trekkers Chemical Free Policy: I/we agree to abide by the **Chemical Free Policy** of Trekkers while participating on the trip. This means that I will not take any drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any kind on the trip. If I am found with the above-mentioned substances I understand that there will be consequences to my actions, including the possibility of me being sent home at the parent/guardian's expense and not being invited to participate in future Trekkers activities.

Trekkers Photo/Video Release Policy: We hereby allow Trekkers to use photographs, videos or images of me/my child for appropriate promotional materials.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Student

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions about the application process please feel free to call Don Carpenter at 594-5095. Thanks so much!

Trekkers Waiting List Policy

Eligible students who *complete* the Teen Trekkers program in 7th grade will be invited to participate in every program offered to their Trekkers class for their remaining years in middle school and high school, as long as they are enrolled in some kind of formal education. If, after offering the next core program to current Trekkers students there are more than three openings available for that class/team's program, Trekkers will invite the students who are on the waiting list for that particular grade according to our waiting list policy below. If after offering an opening to all the students on the waiting list there are still slots available, Trekkers will open the program to non-Trekkers on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note: Except for the 7th grade program, the waiting list will only be activated under the following circumstances:

1. If a student moves out of the six communities that Trekkers-currently serves, **or**
2. A student decides that he/she no longer wants to participate in Trekkers at any time after their 7th grade experience, **or**
3. The number of participants for a particular program drops below 17 students (which happens from time to time because students might have a conflict during particular expedition dates).
4. The Program Manager determines that there's enough time left in the planning process before the expedition takes place to bring in a new Trekker.

Once the number of participants drops below 17 for a particular class' program, Trekkers will invite the next person from the waiting list who matches the gender of the student who is leaving or not participating in the program from that class. If Trekkers finds that it no longer has any students left on the waiting list who match the gender of the student leaving, Trekkers will go to the next person on the waiting list for the opposite gender. In other words, if a boy drops out of Trekkers, Trekkers will first look to the waiting list to see if there is a boy on the waiting list from that class. If there is no longer a boy on the waiting list for that class, Trekkers will invite the next girl on the waiting list.