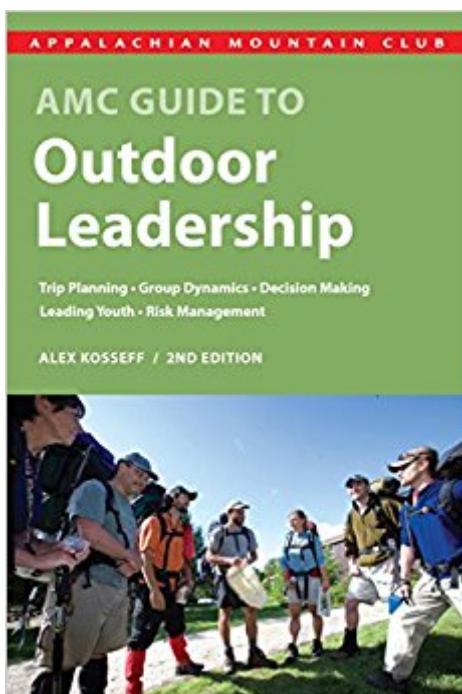


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# AMC Guide To Outdoor Leadership: Trip Planning \* Group Dynamics \* Decision Making \* Leading Youth \* Risk Management



## Synopsis

This completely revised and updated handbook details the critical skills and concepts every professional or volunteer outdoors leader needs to know. Building on the basic foundations of leadership, case studies, and his own extensive leadership experience, Alex Kosseff explores such topics as effective decision-making, group dynamics, risk management, self-awareness and evaluation, conservation, and more. Also included is a new chapter on techniques for leading and motivating youth. Comprehensive, readable, and packed with practical advice and real-life experiences, *AMC Guide to Outdoor Leadership*, 2nd edition is a must-read for anyone committed to becoming a safe and effective outdoors leader.

Inside you'll find:

- Accessible, comprehensive techniques for new and experienced leaders
- Comprehensive coverage of leadership concepts
- Advice and anecdotes from experts on decision-making, communication, risk management, and more
- Essential reading lists for further study
- 100% New illustrations and photos

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AMC's Guide to Outdoor Leadership is a clear, concise, and very useful resource for those who want to improve their outdoor leadership skills. This is a very practical guide: theoretical points are always illustrated with real-life examples. It has helped me to better understand my role and responsibilities as a trip leader, and shown me ways to improve my skills. I highly recommend it for volunteers and professionals alike.

There are a number of standard Outdoor Leadership Books. The focus of each frankly is similar with the basic concept explained... technical/practical skills, interpersonal skills and leadership skills. But that is where they change as to how this is presented. The original AMC Outdoor Leadership was one of the first in this area that was also readable. The update continues in that tradition. Nit picking....and this really applies to all of the books in this niche. They all need to consider the development of a "syllabus" of chapters or even a set of books where the study and ownership of the series completes your "education" in Outdoor Leadership. The other issue is more practical...not every one has the interpersonal skills or feel for people that is needed to be an effective outdoor leader. The last issue is Judgement... and I don't know how to teach judgement other than providing "lots" of experiences that build on each other that in the end provide a person with the context for good judgement. And then the application of that judgement within some higher level ethical context. The AMC Outdoor Leadership provides this ethical context.

I am currently reading this book along with Christian Outdoor Leadership by Ashley Denton. So far, both books are written very well. The AMC Guide to Outdoor Leadership is an easy read and makes

very helpful, understandable points. This is an excellent book for anyone in a leadership role. From Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H leaders to CEOs, school administrators, and college students in Student Government roles, this book has valuable information.

Well written and easily read. To the point but with adequate anecdotes makes for a very useful book. Excellent for those aspiring to outdoor leadership roles as well as those with significant experience leading.

I haven't gone completely through this book yet, but I have high hopes for it. What I have read so far seems solid. It seems to be written more in an anecdotal form rather than written in a lecture or "classroom" style. I found the "stories" helpful and thought-provoking.

This book is very well written, with practical examples used throughout to help make points. It would be helpful to both novice outdoor leaders as well as any with years of experience as well.

Had to use this for class. Great read. Well worth it!

Great introduction and addition to outdoor leadership classes/training

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