



2018 Crew Leadership & Skills Training Application

The Ice Age Trail is one of only 11 National Scenic Trails in America. The Trail is a thousand-mile footpath that meanders from Potawatomi State Park in Door County to Interstate Park in Polk County. The Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc. (IATA) <https://www.iceagetrail.org/> is a nonprofit organization comprised of volunteers and members who's mission is to create, support, and protect a thousand-mile foot trail tracing Ice Age formations across Wisconsin — the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

The Mobile Skills Crew (MSC) <https://www.iceagetrail.org/mobile-skills-crew-events-gaylord-nelsons-vision-60th-anniversary/> initiative is a "trailbuilding is people building" program of the IATA. The MSC mission is to educate and empower volunteers to build, maintain and steward a premier footpath known as the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Mobile Skills Crew projects take place throughout the year across the state.

Crew leadership is part of a larger effort that entails managing, supervising, and inspiring a small group of multi-generational volunteers who each bring a wide range of skills, experiences, individual motivations and physical stamina to the team. Crew Leaders must have a strong commitment to building sustainable trail and helping others work safely and have a positive experience while doing quality work.

The 2018 Crew Leadership/Skills training will take place **Wednesday April 25 5pm through Sunday noon, April 29**. Base camp will be near Cross Plains, Wisconsin. We ask that new CL/S recruits attend the full training session and arrive no later than 5pm Wednesday. To bolster your application, we suggest viewing "Trail Safe" <https://www.nps.gov/iatr/trail-safe.htm> *Trail Safe!* consists of eight video lessons, each ranging in length from 18 to 40 minutes long. Viewing the entire eight lesson series will take approximately three hours. Watch them over the course of multiple days, or "binge watch" in three hours—it's up to you—but please watch them in numeric order from Lesson 1 through Lesson 8.

Please return your completed application to tim@iceagetrail.org by **Sunday, March 31**. Tim will call to discuss your interests and Trail program / MSC objectives upon receiving your application.

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Email: _____

1. Are you a member of the Ice Age Trail Alliance? Yes No
2. Have you worked with a volunteer group(s) previously? Please explain.

3. List any special skills, experiences, and interests that you feel will benefit the Ice Age Trail and the experiences of other volunteers.

4. Are you willing and physically able to hike up to three miles with a backpack and tools and do eight hours of physical labor in variable weather conditions? If so, please comment.

5. Lodging accommodations generally consist of group/individual tent camping with minimal facilities. Are you willing to accept this style of accommodation? If so, do you have reliable gear for use in variable weather conditions? Alternative accommodations are the responsibility of participants.

6. MSC Events are attended by a wide range of people: volunteers who are associated with the IATA and/or who may be totally new to the Ice Age Trail; by IATA staff, community organizations and people of all ages from all walks of life. Are you willing to work in a team environment of this nature? Please comment.

7. There can be a substantial time and travel commitment involved with MSC. Please comment on your availability, and why you want to be part of the IATA Mobile Skills Crew effort.

8. Do you have any physical conditions, such as allergies or heart, respiratory, back, vision or other conditions that may affect your ability to do trail work? If so, please comment.

9. Please list your current occupation and any relative employment experiences.

10. Please indicate your food preference as: Vegetarian_____ Non-Vegetarian_____
Do you have any special dietary concerns?

11. In the case of emergency, who should be contacted? Please provide a day and evening telephone number.

12. How many "Trail Safe" lessons have you watched? Please comment.

13. What is your most memorable outdoor experience?

14. Please describe what you think the expression "Trail Eyes" means.



Thank you for your interest/support of the Ice Age Trail Alliance! Please contact us at 608.798.4453 or tim@iceagetrail.org if you have any questions.