

What is BOLT?

The *Brown Outdoor Leadership Training* program is designed to foster the exploration and practice of leadership styles, the relationship between leadership and community, and to help leaders identify ways in which the dynamics of a BOLT group are analogous to the dynamics of any group or community to which they belong.

We also aim to establish a community of support for sophomore and new transfer students.

The program begins with a shared wilderness experience and continues on campus with a variety of activities with your group and through all-BOLT events.

As a BOLTer you will learn and possibly teach technical outdoor skills, such as: setting up a proper campsite, low impact camping and living in and with nature, backcountry cooking.



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What is the time commitment for BOLT?

As a BOLTer, you would return early to campus in the Fall in order to participate in a required pre-trip meeting then go on a 5-day hiking trip in the White Mountain National Forest Area of New Hampshire.

After this, BOLT provides a year-round program, in which groups ideally commit to at least one hour twice a month to their BOLT group through the Fall semester to continue to have fun and strengthen the bonds that begin from working together as a team on the trip.

What kind of previous experience do I need to have?

Bolt accepts people with every experience level. Your leaders complete 130 hours of training in the Spring prior to the trip and are wilderness first aid or wilderness first responder certified.

How are the BOLT groups decided?

One goal that we have for BOLT is to bring together members of the Brown community that have never met before to expand your support network. Every effort is made to keep participants who were friends from previous years, roommates, and/or students from the same freshman unit out of the same BOLT groups, so each group starts with a "clean slate" in learning to work together as a team. 40 leaders and 120 BOLTers are placed into 16 hike groups.

For transfers, this is a great way to get to know a small group of students well over the five days and to learn more about Brown.



Applications

We save 5 spots held aside for new transfer students for the fall trip and will hold these spots until August 1st. (The deadline for new, spring transfers is in April.) Please send your application in early.

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How are the BOLTer selections made?

BOLTers are selected with consideration on the content of their application and interest level. An effort is also made to include a diverse group of students in the program.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the trip is filled; so, the earlier we receive your application the higher the chance you have to be accepted.

Transfer Applicants

Please know that you will need to move into your on-campus room on Saturday prior to the trip in order to participate in the Pre-Trip meeting on Sunday. We will return in time for you to participate in Transfer Orientation, which begins on Saturday, September 5, 2009.

Transfer students who have questions about orientation or their academic program may speak with Dean Maitrayee Bhattacharyya or another Dean within the Dean of the College Office.

The Dean of the College Office: 401-863-9800

What will you need?

First, an application, of course.

Once selected to participate....

Medical Forms and Waivers

All students participating in the BOLT program are required to fill out a medical form, an assumption of risks form and a waiver. Copies of these forms are available on our website under mailings.

Equipment

You can bring your own equipment or Bolt can provide you with some of the required equipment such as rain gear, a sleeping pad, sleeping bag, and backpack. A copy of the equipment list is available on our website under mailings. *The important dates for the program are included in this document.

Costs

For BOLTers: The contribution is \$395 financial aid is available on an individual basis by emailing our program director: shelley_adriance@brown.edu .

Checks payable to: "Brown University" w/ the memo line stating BOLT

Dates: August 29 – September 6, 2009

Saturday – Move-in, 8am-4pm w/Res Life

Sunday – Pre Trip Meeting, 12-6 pm (required)

Monday – Friday White Mountains, NH

Friday – 7-9 pm banquet in Leung Gallery

Saturday – new transfer orientation begins

Sunday – Gear Clean-up 10 am -2pm (as much as you are able to participate in this, please do)

Questions?

Please feel free to email or call us with questions that you may have. One of our student managers will be happy to talk with you more about the program.

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