

What Does It Take To Run A VCC Trip??

I've never spoken to a member who's led a trip yet that said they didn't enjoy the experience. Indeed, that is why you see the same trip leaders' names over and over... they like doing it!

But let's not wear them out... we need new leaders. Let's share the load. It might look a bit intimidating when you first consider leading a trip. Yes, there are several things to consider when one plans a trip. But ... there is very good news on two fronts:

We have a tried and true method for planning a trip.

We have experienced leaders who are very willing to help and will not let you fail!

We have an extensive resource list of trips to choose from--- favorites from the past and possible new trips--- and we are always looking for new ideas, and new leaders.

How it works:

The Trip Planning Committee identifies trips we'd like to have on the schedule and begin forecasting/planning those about 6 months in advance. We ask for members to step up and lead the trips. We schedule at least two trips per month and try to add more in our busier months. We occasionally schedule overnight, multiple day trips, but those take considerable planning and coordination, and are more suitable for our experienced "pros" (bless them for all that work). We have historically taken July and August off... it's hot! and we need a break.

How to get started:

The leader begins by saying, "**Yes, I'll try it.**" A new leader always has experienced leaders available for advice and help as they wish.

You get started by filling out our simple "LEADER'S TRIP PLANNING GUIDE".

The Trip Planning Guide takes you through steps necessary to gather information from the trip venue and the restaurant you may use or recommend. This includes reminders of things you may need to consider, so all the bases are covered for a fun and successful trip.

Next Steps:

Writing a narrative about your trip. This is what you see in a trip announcement (much of it is gleaned from their website) and have no fear, we can help you with that.

Planning a route that is off the beaten path. (Unless it makes sense to take the major highways.) Again, have no fear, we have folks who can help you with that.

Determining the trip cost. Taxes and gratuities are a consideration, but have no fear, we will help you with that. The final price is always approved by the VP of Trip Planning

So, as you've read, it is a step-by-step thing ... You have help ... You'll have fun ... Your trip fee is covered by the Club as our "Thank You".

If you would like more information, see the leaders page on the website for contact information on the VP of Operations