

## Backpack Write-up for Trail Blazer & Web

The write-up should be your attempt to “sell” your backpack to the desired audience. That means you should consider the purpose for your trip and what type of people you would like to participate. It will not be the only communication with potential participants. You should provide enough information about your trip to attract attention and yet do some basic screening. So describe some highlights of the trip as a carrot, but also note any special physical requirements.

When people contact you to express interest, you can screen them via questions and/or with an application.

Once you have done any necessary screening, you can provide additional information (if necessary) via the trip prospectus or other means. So you don’t have to provide ALL DETAILS in the initial write-up.

There is no form for the write-up, but here are some suggestions of what information to include:

- Month Dates (Days) Title – Class: this is required and will be the header line in the bulletin & on the web
- see the [Backpack Trip Rating Guide](#) on the web to determine the Class (rating)
- some of perks & highlights so you can SELL the trip to the audience that you want
- location & brief description
- purpose of the trip
- emphasize the points that will convey your picture of the trip to the kind of people you would like to accompany you
- expected or required physical condition or facts such as mileage and/or elevation to convey that
- total mileage or average mileage per day
- # of BP days
- # of layover days
- travel plans
- deadlines
- constraints
- who should they contact & how

Here is an example:

### **May 1-2 (Sat-Sun) North Lake backpack - Class C**

North Lake is west of Mt Defiance. 12 miles round trip with 3800 foot elevation gain. This will include a strenuous hike up to a nice little wooded lake. Maximum 12 to register. We can take the same trail back down or climb up to the ridge above the lake for a loop trail which may include Green Pt Mountain. Must register with leader.

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