

AMC Leader's Quick Reference Tip Sheet For Offering a Welcoming Environment

1. Be welcoming to all, particularly those who appear new to the group or aren't assimilating as easily.
2. Assume the role of an ambassador for the club
3. Consider offering a wide range of activities-short and easier ones for occasional participants and more strenuous ones for participants who are looking for a challenge.
4. Consider associating activities with a community event.
5. Think about the terminology in your write-up; does the term 'walk' fit the description better if it's a casual meander along a rail trail?
6. Consider trail head, and meeting spots that are close to public transportation. If so, offer public transportation information in your write up.
7. Choose language and behavior that is inclusive of all viewpoints and unbiased in decision- making
8. Avoid blaming and shaming; seek out learning opportunities.
9. Protect the privacy of personal information