

Stanford Alpine Club VSO Constitution

Article I. Name of Organization

Stanford Alpine Club

Article II. Organization Description

The Stanford Alpine Club has a strong history of alpine excellence at Stanford University and beyond. It was founded in 1946. In the 1980's it went dormant. This constitution represents the revival of the Stanford Alpine Club in 2002.

The Stanford Alpine Club promotes the safe enjoyment of alpinism (rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, ski mountaineering, etc.) in the Stanford Community. It organizes safety focused instructional trips; plans trips, meetings and other events of interest to members; and provides a forum for members to plan more ambitious personal (not club sponsored) expeditions.

Article III. Eligibility for Membership

Membership is open to all members of the Stanford Community who, for safety reasons, have successfully demonstrated working knowledge of basic safety skills. The current version of these skills may be found in the Alpine Club skills check-off form. The alpine club runs regular introductory classes so that aspiring members can learn these basic skills.

Active Members: To be considered active, a member must:

1. Be a Stanford Student (As per OSA policy)
2. Pay any dues
3. Have a signed waiver on file
4. Demonstrate a working knowledge of basic safety skills either by having them signed-off on the skills check-off form during the current academic year or by using/demonstrating these skills during a club sponsored trip during the past 12 months.

Additional Skills: Additional skill check-off levels/areas may be defined as needed to ensure adequate experience among instructional trip leaders, for safe individual participation on more advanced trips, and for qualifying for access to gear.

Skill Level Expiration: Both basic and additional skill check-offs must be kept active by using or demonstrating them on club sponsored or personal trips. Skills expire if not used or demonstrated for 12 months. Expired skills require checking-off again. Skill check-offs can also be revoked due to misconduct or unsafe behaviors. If an individual's basic skill check-off expires or is revoked, their membership becomes inactive.

Non-Active Members: Non-active membership is for members of the Stanford Community who are only interested in in-town club activities and/or receiving the Stanford Alpine Journal. Non-active dues will be reduced, and non-active members are not required to maintain their safety skills check-offs. Non-active members do not have access to gear or trips.

Affiliated Participants: Members of the greater Stanford Community who are ineligible for membership because they are not currently members of the student body can still be involved in the club as affiliated participants. Affiliated participants may not hold offices, vote, or lead club-sponsored trips, but are encouraged to participate as advisors (technical, expeditionary, historical, or organizational). Stanford alumni who have demonstrated the spirit of the Alpine Club are especially encouraged to participate as affiliates.

Article IV. Officers

Only active *student* members may serve as officers. (As per OSA policy)

A. Titles and Responsibilities

President: Coordinates all club activities. Runs club meetings. Oversees and assists other officers in their duties. Delegates responsibility as necessary.

Secretary: Oversees the maintenance of membership list and skills check-off forms for all members. Keeps minutes of meetings. Oversees electronic communications such as e-mail lists and web pages. Oversees the regular publishing of the Stanford Alpine Journal, including trip reports, stories, announcements, and other features of interest to members. Oversees the research, reporting and recording of overall history of the Alpine Club including current and past activities of the club and of any Stanford groups and individuals who demonstrated the spirit of the Alpine Club during periods of club inactivity. Delegates responsibility as necessary.

Treasurer: Keeps accurate records of accounts. Handles dues, purchases, reimbursements and other money matters. Works with the gear coordinator to handle gear purchases.

Gear Coordinator: Oversees the storage, check-out, inventories, and maintenance of any club gear. Works with the treasurer to handle gear purchases.

Additional Offices: May be created and ended by the group as needed.

B. Elections

Officers are elected by a simple majority vote of active members.

C. Removal Process

Officers may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of active members. If an officer is removed, elections for that office will be held immediately to finish out the term.

D. Length of Terms

Officer Terms run for 1 year from May to May.

Article V. Dissolution of Organization

A. Disposition of Uncommitted Funds

Any uncommitted funds will be divided equally between Stanford Outdoors member organizations.

B. Disposition of Property

Any property will be given to Stanford Outdoors member groups as appropriate. For example, any backpacking equipment/resources would be given to the backpacking focused member group. If there were more than one backpacking focused member group, backpacking equipment would be divided equally between the backpacking focused groups. Any non-discipline-specific property will be divided equally among all Stanford Outdoors member groups.

Article VI. Procedure to Amend Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of active members.