



There are many 'styles' of leadership. Hopefully 'your' style is a combination of what is shown below. This very brief handout is only a taste of leadership. Go on line - Do some reading - Improve your skills.

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Prepare and organize.
Let your group know what you expect of them and what they can expect of you.
Stay connected to your group and seek their input.
Use your group's strengths and encourage responsibility.
Take stands on issues clearly and directly.
Work to stay calm and focused.
Endure hardship positively.
Help others when they need it and ask for help when you need it.

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Take responsibility for yourself.
Take responsibility for your own learning.
Risk saying what you think.
Own what you say.
If it needs doing, do it.
Enjoy your surroundings.
Maintain a sense of humor.
Help others learn and succeed.
Be kind.
Push yourself.
Admit your mistakes.
If it is not safe for the group, don't do it.
Participate and observe.
Learn from your experience.

Caring Leadership - Outdoor Leadership, Technique, Common Sense & Self-Confidence by John Graham © 1997 pg 75

Putting yourself in other's shoes.
Being vulnerable.
Listening.
Putting caring into action.
Following through.
Letting go of judgements.
Caring for beginners.
Correcting with caring.
Acknowledging others for their strengths and contributions.
Caring for yourself.

Decision-Making Strategy - Outdoor Leadership, Technique, Common Sense & Self-Confidence by John Graham ©1997 pg 57

Start by stopping - take a break; center yourself.
STOP - THINK - OBSERVE - PLAN
Make a preliminary scan of options.
Look for unconventional options; develop 360-degree vision.
Get the best information you can about each option.
Use this information to define the risks and benefits of each option.
Assign a relative weight to each risk and benefit, in order to compare them to one another.
Pick the option whose benefits most outweigh its risks.
Implement the decision.
Adjust your decision to reflect new information.