



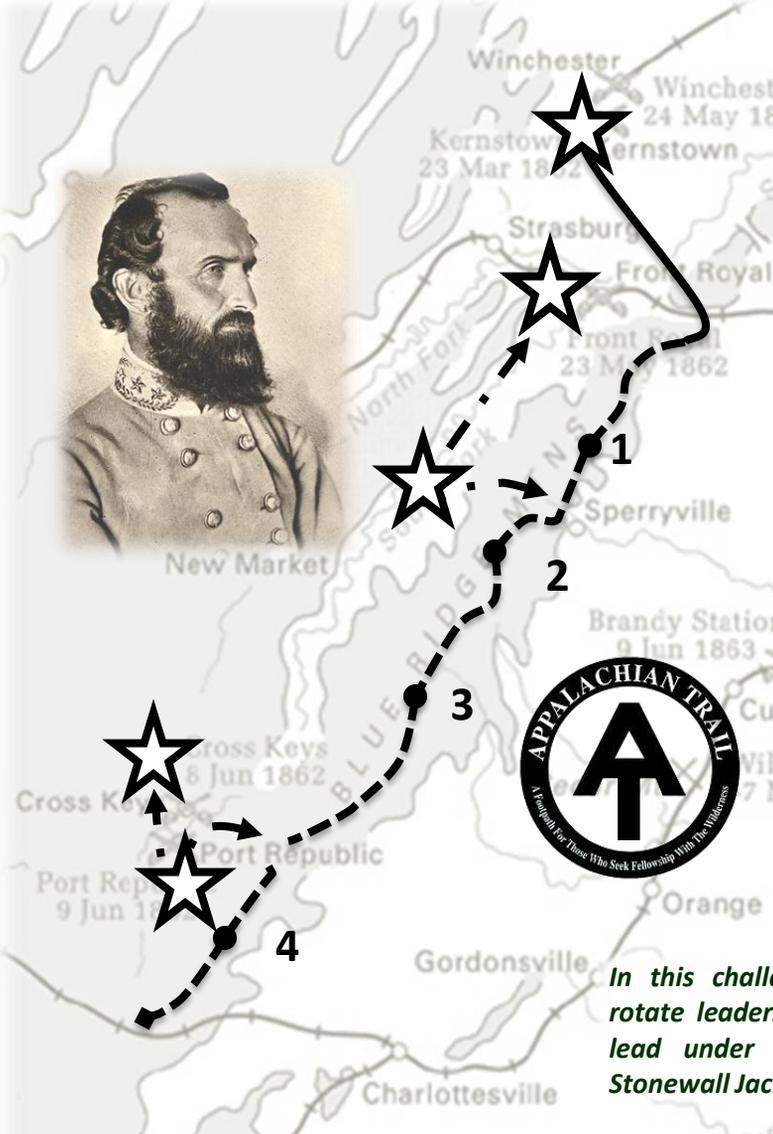
Looking for 20 men and women out of 4,000 mids to spend a week with us on the Appalachian Trail...



Leadership in the Shenandoah Valley

Campaign Hike on the Appalachian Trail – 99.5% need not apply

11 – 16 March 2012



Time	Activity
11 March - Fieldcraft: Travelling Light	
1700-1900	USNA to Shenandoah Valley
1900-2200	Valley Campaign Intro Encampment
12 March - Fieldcraft: Land Navigation	
0700-1200	Kernstown
1200-2000	Hike Front Royal to trail camp #1
13 March - Fieldcraft: Leave No Trace	
0700-1000	Hike to Thornton Gap (211)
1000-1500	Motor march to Front Royal and back
1500-2000	Hike to trail camp #2
14 March - Fieldcraft: Woods, Fuels, Tools	
0630-1730	Hike to Big Meadows trail camp # 3
1830-2230	Old Warrior Campfire
15 March - Fieldcraft: Wilderness Medicine	
0600-1100	Hike to Swift Run Gap (33)
1100-1400	Motor march to Port Republic
1400-2000	Hike to trail camp #4
16 March - Fieldcraft: Ropes, Knots, Bridging	
0700-1200	Hike to extract near Rockfish Gap (64)
1200-1600	Movement to USNA

In this challenging leadership experience, midshipmen rotate leadership roles as they explore their capacity to lead under expeditionary field conditions simulating Stonewall Jackson's "Foot Cavalry" movements of 1862.

Purpose: Exercise the applied leadership, decision-making, and communication skills of prospective officers against the backdrop of Jackson's 1862 Valley campaign. 100 miles of hiking in 100 hours.

Method: Midshipmen break into small-groups, each with their own retired U.S. Marine infantry advisor, and hike the Appalachian Trail from Front Royal to Waynesboro Virginia while learning leadership, field craft, and operational art.

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Why should I go on this staff ride?



1. To better prepare myself for service as a Naval Officer in body, mind, spirit
2. To learn from past leaders who shaped our Nation's history
3. To experience and explore the Appalachian Trail while making lifetime memories
4. To learn new field skills that will help me better prepare myself to teach others



*Patterned after the
Royal Marine Adventure Program and
the Philmont Rayado Program*

