AMC 20s & 30s Committee Chair

The 20s & 30s Committee Chair is a key member of the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) as well as a member of the inter-chapter 20s & 30s Affinity Group. The 20s & 30s Chair helps deepen the engagement of younger members (20- and 30-somethings) with the chapter and works with activity committees and the Executive Committee to build bridges for 20s & 30s to the chapter. The 20s & 30s Chair position has a term of two years, which can be renewed.

AMC’s 11 chapters, run by volunteer Executive Committees, support the organization’s mission on the ground by leading trips, offering outdoor skills and leadership training courses, and creating opportunities for conservation action and stewardship at the local level. These dedicated volunteers help activate their communities, often launching people on a path toward greater engagement with AMC’s mission of protecting and enjoying the outdoors.

Responsibilities:

• Organize and coordinate events and activities designed for 20- and 30-somethings, including social events. Work with other 20s & 30s to keep activities relevant and interesting to continue to build the community. AMC events are open to all, regardless of member status or age.
• Recruit a committee of enthusiastic 20s & 30s that will help with coordinating events and help keep the energy behind 20s & 30s activities. Delegate—foster a collaborative environment within this group to encourage programmatic growth.
• Encourage 20s & 30s to lead trips and make sure there is a diverse offering of activities, including “low-barrier” events (local, short-duration) that are likely to get more people involved.
• Represent the 20s & 30s Committee on the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) at monthly meetings. Collaborate with the Executive Committee to connect the 20s & 30s group with the chapter and its committees as much as possible—since this cohort is the future of the AMC, it is important to build bridges to ensure success!
• Collaborate across AMC—work with other 20s & 30s groups on inter-chapter events and foster relationships across Chapters to increase the strength of the 20s & 30s community as a whole.
• Network—the more, the merrier! Be an advocate for the group and encourage others you meet to get involved.
• Participate in 20s & 30s Affinity group quarterly calls—this is an informal group of 20s & 30s leaders (committee chairs and others) who work together across chapter lines to build 20s & 30s programs across the AMC.
• Attend the annual 20s & 30s Leaders Retreat with other 20s & 30s Chairs, focused on strategic planning and collaboration.

Preferred Qualifications/Skills:

• The 20s & 30s Chair must be a member of the AMC.
• Be friendly, welcoming, and capable of working with a diverse group of individuals.
• Be organized and a good communicator. Being 20s & 30s Chair does not mean that you have to be the most intense hiker, rock climber, biker, etc.—your job is to inspire and organize others to lead events that will help the community grow.
• Work with the AMC Volunteer Relations Department—a resource for 20s & 30s chairs, who work closely with all 20s & 30s Committees across the region.
• Be an enthusiastic promoter of the Chapter and the Appalachian Mountain Club!
• Time commitment: 1-2 hours per week

Resources, Training, & Benefits:
• The 20s & 30s Chair is supported by the Chapter Executive Committee and the Volunteer Relations Department. An annual budget allocation is made available to support the work of the 20s/30s committee.
• The Annual 20s & 30s Leaders Retreat is a great learning and networking opportunity for all 20s & 30s Chairs.
• Online trainings and resources are available on outdoors.org and on SharePoint (intranet).
• Sharepoint hosted orientation and onboarding materials.
• A monthly Volunteer Newsletter provides important updates and reminders to AMC volunteers—this includes upcoming events, guidelines, policy reminders, etc.

Points of Contact:
• Chapter Chair & Vice Chair
• Volunteer Relations Staff – volunteerrelations@outdoors.org
• 20s & 30s Affinity Group