IOP TA and Outdoor Leadership CAM Application

1. Why do you hope to be an IOP TA next year? Are outdoor leadership skills important to you? What do you hope to accomplish?

2. As part of the CAM (and as a TA), you must go on all three IOP trips and demonstrate leadership on each of those trips. Can you commit to attending all trips?

3. What will be your two greatest strengths? How do you plan to use those strengths to benefit the program?

4. What will be your two biggest weaknesses? How do you plan to overcome those weaknesses?

5. As part of your CAM, you must put together a portfolio of your experiences, writing, learning, struggles, goals, etc. You will have to gather and organize materials all year long. Are you organized enough to complete that process? Or how will you become more organized?
6. As a TA, you will be asked to set and clean climbing routes in the rock room. How difficult will this be for you? Explain why.

7. As a TA, you will be asked to help teach orienteering (including setting up an urban orienteering course). How comfortable are you with teaching orienteering? How do you plan on improving your own orienteering skills?

8. Next year, the TA team will be in charge of making an IOP DVD that includes pre-interviews, trip action from each of the three trips, classroom English discussion, in-city PE work, and post-interviews. How comfortable are you working with film-editing software, or how will you learn to use the software?

9. Teenagers in the U.S. read less and less. How will you encourage the IOP students to read their assignments next year? How will you be a positive influence? What are your ideas?

10. You will be asked to organize a small weekend trip next year (a trip including three students, a participating adult volunteer, and yourself). This could be a rafting trip, a climbing trip, a two-day backpacking trip, a mountain biking trip, a road biking trip, etc. Are you capable of organizing a small trip (finding the adult volunteer, transportation, food, money, maps, itinerary, etc.)?

11. What ideas do you have for the IOP? What would you like to see or do next year?