18 Leadership Skills

_____ **Strategic leadership.** Vision … “seeing the forest” … planning ahead … doing the right things to pave the way for continued success for the organization.

_____ **Tactical leadership:** Detail orientation … understanding the “trees” and how to find your way through the forest. Practicality. Getting the job done.

_____ **Motivational ability:** Inspiring people; bringing out the best in them.

_____ **Team-building:** Including the ability to avoid burn-out in veterans and to engage new volunteers

_____ **Organizational ability:** Including follow-through and multi-tasking

_____ **Project management:** Keeping the train on the track

_____ **Problem-solving:** Leading positive brain-storming sessions that define the problem once—not ten different ways (that’s hand-wringing)—and focus on solutions

_____ **Communication ability:** The agility to adjust to the audience and situation

_____ **Perseverance:** Hanging tough under stress and prevailing against long odds

_____ **Realism:** Knowing when to hold ‘em and when to fold ‘em

_____ **Prioritization:** Ability to prioritize team objectives and allocate resources accordingly

_____ **Personality:** This is an intangible that can be anywhere on the personality spectrum; it’s what makes people enjoy working with you and follow your leadership

_____ **Creativity:** Thinking outside the box, sometimes even throwing the box out altogether

_____ **Discipline:** Coloring inside the lines; insisting that others do so as well

_____ **Delegation:** Trusting your teammates (even when you think you could do a better job yourself). Knowing your limits and putting your time where it counts most.

_____ **Talent development:** Personnel analysis, matching personnel to tasks

_____ **Unstoppable positivity:** Refusal to be defeated; the attitude that failure is not an option

_____ **Decisiveness:** Knowing when it’s time to act and doing so. Not being impulsive, but when you do act, doing so with authority and conviction