README for Climbing Club

Climbing has been something I have done in at least some capacity since high school. Although I did not have the network, guidance, or resources to pursue climbing, I enjoyed doing it. When I was in college, my brother and I would occasionally go to The Rock Club, the local climbing gym in New Rochelle to climb. A year after he graduated, an upperclassmen started the rock climbing club. The club would raise funds through the college and use this funding so that students could go to The Rock Club to climb after classes for a much affordable price. This was a great thing to do, and not only opened opportunities for us to climb, but also to learn more about climbing. When the upperclassmen who started the club graduated, he selected someone else to run the club. The trouble is that he did not take any actions required for the club to operate. Seeing this, I stepped in as president, and was able to receive and use funding to keep the deal we had going with the climbing gym. At this time, I also convinced other club members to take a top rope and lead climbing class.

Although none of us were particularly versed in the world of climbing, I wanted to start pushing the club towards having institutional knowledge, and to have the ability to go climbing outdoors, and not need to pay for classes such as top rope and lead if members wanted to learn more about climbing. In an effort to start this vision for whoever would take the club after me, I made a goal to get the climbing club to climb with a guide service in the Shawangunk Mountains, a world class climbing destination just two hours north of New York City. I was able to appropriate funds, make a budget and plan, and get the club up to go out doing multipitch trad climbing for the first time. While we would have to learn a lot to be able to go out and do this ourselves, I hope I inspired the next generation of students who were in the climbing club to keep learning and furthering their abilities through the climbing club.