



Job Description – Fire Leader (Adventure)

Overview

You will lead a group (“Fire”) of approximately 12 Young Explorers (YEs) with a second (Science) Fire Leader. The Adventure Fire Leader is responsible for the adventurous activities of the Fire during the expedition, within the parameters set by the Chief Mountaineer (or equivalent).

Profile

Necessary Skills

- Significant personal mountaineering experience (or environment-specific equivalent)
- Experience of managing group safety in the mountains
- An enthusiasm for expeditioning and the ability to convey this to our Young Explorers
- Adventure First Aid Qualification (weekend training course provided free of charge by BSES)

Desirable Attributes

- Mountain Leader, Sea Kayak Level 2 or equivalent relevant qualifications
- An interest in youth development and experience of working with young people

Responsibilities

Pre Expedition

- Attend training weekends (2 to 4 weekends in the 6 months prior to the expedition)
- Contribute to planning, Risk Assessments, expedition-specific guidelines and similar as appropriate and directed by Chief Leader, particularly in your area of expertise
- Plan the Fire’s adventure activities in liaison with second Fire Leader and Chief Mountaineer (or equivalent)

On Expedition

All responsibilities for your Fire in the field are shared with the second Fire Leader, except those which pertain directly to your expertise (e.g. mountaineering / kayaking)

- Responsibility for, and pastoral care of, YEs in your Fire group
- Overall responsibility for safety and adventurous activities of the fire assisted by the Science Fire Leader
- To train the YEs in the methods necessary to live and operate in the environment
- Carry out the planned adventurous activities and facilitate any scientific projects
- All leaders, must regard it as a priority to ensure the safety of each and every member of the expedition at all times
- To manage a feedback and review process with the YEs in the Fire following the structure provided by the BSES
- Where an Assistant Leader is attached to your Fire, to give them responsibility as appropriate, oversee their actions and provide learning opportunities

Post Expedition

- To produce an Adventure Report (1 page) for those activities where you have been in charge
- Contribute to Expedition Report, Annual Gathering presentation and expedition feedback as appropriate and directed by Chief Leader