

	<p>Scouts Australia Queensland Branch Brisbane North Region</p> <p>ANNUAL MAY EXPEDITIONS VENTURE</p>	<p>REGION OFFICE: Cnr Sicklefield Rd & Shand Street ALDERLEY Qld P.O. Box 430 ALDERLEY Qld 4051 Tel: (07) 3354-3532</p>
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SPECIFIC INFORMATION CIRCULAR

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OUTDOOR 1 AWARD (Bushwalking)

Apr04

The following gives specific details for the Outdoor 1 Award, gained through Bushwalking, by using the Brisbane North Region May Expeditions Venture.

Passport Scope. To encourage Venturer Scouts to develop existing interests or to undertake new recreational activities. The outdoor activity may be a hobby or something entirely new and may be followed individually or with a group. Undertake an outdoor activity and understand the rules/safety standards and skills involved in the activity.

Requirements, skills or knowledge

The following items are essentials for enjoyable bushwalking. Evidence of some items may need to be demonstrated to the examiner either before or during the outing (ie skill in compass use, or gear carried), or included in the final report to the examiner (ie menu, appreciation of the Australian outdoors).

1. Map and compass
 - Basic route planning
 - Reading maps in relation to terrain (ie spurs, ridges and valleys, etc)
 - Following compass bearings in areas of restricted visibility (ie dense scrub)
 - Check on requirements to hike in state forests or national park areas as well as vehicle access for being picked up and dropped off.
2. Menu.
 - Plan menu for bushwalking with respect to cooking facilities, fire restrictions, availability of water, food weight to be carried, and minimum water requirements
3. Tentage.
 - Decide whether to use tents or flys, depending mainly on weather conditions.
4. Clothing and Footwear.
 - Decide on most efficient and practical style of clothing and footwear.
5. Equipment and Gear
 - Select a pack with comfort, strength, efficiency and appropriate carrying capacity in mind.
 - Choose a sleeping bag that is both effective and appropriate, depending on prevailing weather conditions. Select cooking and eating equipment, which is suitable and practicable for the chosen menu, group size, cooking facilities and fire restrictions.
6. Safety equipment.
 - List safety equipment, and both individual and group first aid equipment to be carried.

7. Escape routes.
List possible escape routes in case of injury or severe inclement weather.
8. Before regular bushwalking, a practice walk or hike should be undertaken. This allows the applicant to check that his/her choices of pack, clothing, footwear, tentage and menu are reasonably correct for a longer bushwalking outing.
9. Ensure that all Scouting paperwork, (ie C4s and C5s) are completed correctly. Copies of these forms must be carried, even though they have been previously submitted to the May Venture Leader or coordinator. Entry/camping permits for State Forests and National Parks would also normally be required to be carried.

Award Specifics

1. Ensure that all Outdoor 1 Award paperwork, for each Venturer attempting the award, has been completed and approved prior to commencing the May Venture Expedition, including contact by each Venturer with the approved examiner..
2. A suitable date is to be set between each Venturer and the approved examiner for submission of the final report, taking in to consideration school, work and other Scouting commitments.
3. A report (preferably written) of preparations and personal feelings during the bushwalking outing, and NOT an expedition log, would be the usual means of reporting to the examiner. Descriptions of the countryside, scenery, weather and walking conditions would be appropriate inclusions.

NOTE: For any further information, or to negotiate any special requirements for applicants with educational challenges, contact the current approved examiner, ARC George Rowlinson on 3350-4947.

Original Mar99/GCR

Update – change of examiner May00/GCR

Update – Ensure prior contact with examiner, and set target date for submission May01/GCR

Minor Amendments – Apr04/GCR