

Australian Canoeing Award Scheme 2014

Assessment project

Overnight Camping Endorsement



Introduction

This assessment task must be completed as part of your assessment. It must be your original work. You have six weeks from the conclusion of your practical assessment to submit your project and log book.

Projects should be concise and easy to follow from a practical point of view. Point form is acceptable.

Assessment Task

You are to prepare for an overnight paddle with a group of six novices in an area of your choice appropriate to your Instructor or Guide qualification. You are the head guide for all aspects of the trip.

You have a qualified assistant. Please submit the following:

Part 1: Activity preparation

Prepare:

- Hazard identification and risk management program for the trip
- A detailed navigation plan for the trip including main route, stops and contingencies
- Basic contingency plans in the event of environmental, human or equipment failure
- An equipment list for the trip (include all equipment including safety and communications for an overnight trip)
- A list of permits and licenses required for the trip
- A briefing in point form to be delivered prior to departure, to include route, group spacing, actions in the event of sickness, group split, capsize or other emergency
- A basic campsite briefing (food handling, minimal impact, equipment stowage).

Part 2: Pre-trip Checks

Assume it is the evening before the trip. Look at the Bureau of Meteorology site <www.bom.gov.au> and write down or print out the forecast for your trip. Analyse how these conditions will affect your trip and outline any changes or precautions you might take.

Logbook:

Log books may be in a variety of formats including journals, formula style or electronic. All log books for assessment should be verified by a third person. An example as a guide for log information:

Date	Craft	Group	Location	Conditions/notes
1 Jan 2014	Sea kayak	Guiding 4 x people	Clyde River: Nelligen to Big Island Return	Light NE winds: 5–8kn Warm day 28°C max Mr Smith cut leg on oysters getting out of kayak.

For assessment you will need to produce a verified log showing over the previous two years at least:

- in at least three different contexts in a range of conditions, e.g. guided tour, fitness paddles, personal paddle or paddle with friends
- at least two different overnight trips
- at least one self contained overnight trip
- three guided activities of at least three hours duration and one overnight program as an observer under training or as an assistant Guide or Instructor.