



Australian Canoeing Award Scheme 2008

Assessment project

Flatwater Guide

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 flatwater paddle with a group of six novices in an area of your choice. You are the head guide for all aspects of the trip.

You have a qualified assistant. Please submit the following:

Part 1: Trip 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, capsized 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.

Log Book

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	Kayak	Group	Where	Conditions/Notes
1 January 2006	Sea kayak	Commercial guiding 4 persons	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:

- three guided flatwater activities of at least three hours duration as an observer under training or as an assistant Guide
- one overnight program as an observer under training or as an assistant Guide.