

Requirements for Investiture Expedition & Log

- To become an invested Rover it is a requirement that you organise and participate in one expedition of at least 2 nights. This expedition is to be of a personally challenging nature.
- At least 6 weeks prior to departure, you are to talk to your sponsor to discuss your initial ideas about the trip. This would include, date, place, resources needed, etc.
- At least 4 weeks prior to departure, you are to present the details of your expedition to the invested rovers for approval. Your proposal should include:
 - Date,
 - Place,
 - Map references,
 - Route (a CLEAR description),
 - People going,
 - Emergency contingencies,
 - Menu
 - Gear list
 - Any special resources required, e.g. permits, qualifications etc.
 - A brief justification why you consider the trip to be of a personally challenging nature.

An A1 MUST be completed and submitted to the appropriate people at this stage.

- At the completion of the trip, a log is to be submitted to the invested Rovers. This is to be done within 4 weeks of completion of the expedition. A narrative (not a log) should also be written for submission on to the crew website and/or the editor of the group newsletter.
- Approval of the expedition and log is at the discretion of the invested Rovers.

Expected Inclusions in an Expedition Log

The following is a list of items that should be detailed in an expedition log:

- Date of expedition
- Location
- People involved
- Route - including map references
- Menu
- Resources taken
- Narrative of where you went, what happened along the way, and any interesting things that were found (e.g. unmarked cliffs, shortcuts, dense bush, etc.)
- Retrospective analysis – this should be an open analysis of what was meant to happen compared to what did happen and also give suggestions of ways to avoid any problems and/or make the expedition easier for future trips. This can be in terms of the route, menu, resources, people (number & type), etc.

Additional Notes:

It should be noted that one of the main reasons for writing a log is so that it can be used as reference material for anyone considering to an expedition in the future. That is, if someone considering an expedition reads your log, they should be given some idea as to what they can expect along the way and ideas about how to make the trip more enjoyable and to help them avoid possible problems.

The *narrative* to be submitted for publication can be (and often is better if it is) different to your *log*. Although it may be in the form of a log, the narrative should be far more light hearted and amusing for people to read. It is here that you bring out some of the jokes and really funny things that may have happened on the trip. Try and cut these out of your official log.