



## ***Bushwalking Leader Skills Assessment Weekend: Information***

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Travel:** Organised amongst trainees (a participants list is sent out when registrations close)

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**Meet:** Saturday morning at the car park opposite the Mt Bryan Hotel at 9 am. Mt Bryan is 10 minutes north of Burra, check your map! Estimated time from central Adelaide is 2.5 hours.

**Return:** Sunday, late afternoon.

**Location:** North of Burra.

**Cost:** **\$165.00**, which must accompany booking form.

Place secured with full payment.

**Maps:** **You will need to purchase a *CAROONA 1:50,000*** sheet. (The Scout Outdoor Centre has them in stock - remember to make use of your 10% discount which you are entitled to as a Bushwalking Leadership trainee).

**Requirements:** Candidates should be prepared for a two-day and one night bushwalk. You are to be appropriately equipped with clothing, equipment and food for this location and period of time. Surplus camping equipment will be rationalised at the beginning of the exercise. You should NOT assume that you will be sharing shelter and rations with specific peoples and must therefore be totally self sufficient in these aspects. Access to a water supply will be arranged late on Saturday afternoon. You should assume no other access to water until the end of the process on Sunday afternoon.

**Assessment:** This will include assessment of your skills in the following areas:

1. Navigation skills and techniques.
2. Incident Response.
3. Camp/bush Craft. (See attached list)

**Format:** You will be walking in a small group of other candidates accompanied by an Assessor. A small booklet will be supplied for you to fill out during the assessment.

# Bushwalking Leadership Certificate

## Skills Assessment Guidelines

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### Navigation

- a. Use of 6 figure grid references.
- b. Converting grid bearing to magnetic and be able to walk on it.
- c. Transect bearing - intersection of magnetic bearing to handrail on map.
- d. Back bearing - know how and when to use, demonstrate use.
- e. Identify main features on maps - various contour line interpretation, use of key.
- f. Conversion between GN, TN and MN.
- g. Use of handrails, catching features and striking out points.
- h. Preparation of a route card and to be able to follow such a route.
- i. Time and distance estimation.

### Incident Response

Candidates should be able to respond appropriately to the following range of incidents in terms of the aspects outlined below.

(i) Hyper/hypothermia, (ii) Asthma attack, (iii) blisters, (iv) sprained ankle, (v) cuts and contusions, (vi) unconsciousness, (vii) member(s) of the party missing, (viii) group lost, (ix) abdominal and muscular cramps, (x) epilepsy, (xi) diabetes, (xii) snake bite.

- a. Appropriate response towards group.
- b. Appropriate casualty treatment and care.
- c. Ability to formulate several strategies in response to incident.
- d. Ability to evaluate strategies and select the most appropriate.
- e. Provision of appropriate group first aid kit, emergency and repair kit.

### Camp/Bush craft

- a. Ability to rig emergency shelter.
- b. Ability to evaluate appropriate and inappropriate clothing. Use of layering principle.
- c. Appropriate siting of camp.
- d. Ability to adjust a person's pack.
- e. Use of a non-pressurised fuel stove.
- f. Knowledge and selection of appropriate day walk kit.
- g. Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of equipment in terms of weight, load carrying and personal choice.
- h. Water requirements and treatment.
- i. Use of appropriate minimal impact camping techniques.
- j. Rationing.