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Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Report
21-22 September 2002

Day 1

- No problems with teamwork
 - Didn't start on time due to one of the party members pulling out on Saturday morning.
 - Didn't get to the planned campsite on Saturday night
 - Discussed with team at 3.30 p.m. that we wouldn't get to the campsite with daylight left
 - Team wasn't concerned
 - Personally felt as if hadn't achieved target
 - Discussed with some of the team about how they felt about not realizing target
 - Discussed finding suitable alternative
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Day 2

- Started well.
 - Knew would make target on Day 2
 - Not sure about how the team felt about the beginning of the day
 - Went quite well.
 - Arrived at destination at correct time. If target had been made on Day 1 would have arrived too early at destination – so it worked out well in the end.
 - One team member anxious to get there and majority of team needed a short break so decided to stop and had to overrule one team member – felt it was ok to do that.
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Highlights

Personal:

- View
- Organized it well
- Food menu and preparation went well
- Tried new ideas for food

Team:

- Achieving 2nd goal
 - Views
 - Being together as friends
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Lowlights

Personal:

- Feeling like not going to make it and not sure if wanted to carry on

Team:

- Mud
 - Coldness on Saturday night
 - Matthew not seeing pig
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1. Expedition and Duration

- 22.5 km Kohukohunui Track
 - 7 km Waharau Track 3
 - 29.5 km distance
 - 4 participants: Matthew Hook, Hayden McAllister, Sez Corney, Janelle McAllister (Expedition Leader – Bronze Participant)
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2. Purpose

- To complete the Kohukohunui Track with new Venturers that had not previously been on the track.
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3. Duration

- 2 day expedition with 1 night in tents
 - 9 hours activity on Day 1
 - 9 hours activity on Day 2
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4. Preparation, Training and Instruction

Safety Precautions

- Completed Risk Management Analysis
- Contacted the Park Ranger and discussed track, dangers, water supply, logging trucks
- Water management – increased amount of water carried by each member of the party
- Felt confident in ability and safety precautions taken

Outdoor First Aid

- Took personal first aid kits plus a Group First Aid Kit
- Felt confident to deal with any situation that arose

Environmental Care and Respect

- We were careful about litter
- There were no incidents of disrespect

Survival and Loss of Route

- All members had survival kits
- Everyone had a whistle
- Pens and Papers could leave markers
- Know how to deal with situations
- Know how to use Map and Compass
- We know to ration food and water
- Know how to find a water source
- Stay together and pitch a camp
- Wear bright coloured clothes

Clothing

- Felt confident with the personal gear list
- Everyone had warm clothing
- Everyone had polypropylene underwear for warmth

Equipment

- The equipment selected was adequate for our needs and was the right amount

Gas and Stove

- Felt confident with the use of this and other peoples use of it
- The gas was adequate for our needs with some excess planned for emergencies.

Food and Cooking

- Excellent menu
- Cooking went well and we had the right amount of food for our needs

Campcraft

- Set up well
- Did a good job under the circumstances
- Perhaps toilet area to be well defined next time

Route Finding

- There was one small issue with track markers – was negligible

Map Reading

- This was well done
- There was one small issue with where we were on the track – quickly rectified

Compass Use

- Adequate

Leadership

- Some difficulties with one team member trying to overrule leadership
- Know more about the dynamics of the team now
- Feel could handle it better on next occasion
- Overall felt confident and praised the team well

Trip Planning

- Felt that a good job had been done
- Perhaps on next occasion others in the team could assist with equipment preparation and food purchase.

Watercare

- Adequate
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5. Practice Journey

My practice journey was in the Waitakere's earlier this year

6. Safety

Worked and stuck together as a group throughout the weekend. Survival Kits and First Aid Kits were on hand if needed. Risk Management analysis done before the weekend and felt that this better prepared the journey.

7. After the Expedition

After the expedition I cleaned and checked the tents, dried and packed away. The pots were scrubbed and prepared for return to the Scout equipment. I cleaned my pack, boots and gaiters from the mud we had incurred on the journey. Sleeping bags cleaned and aired.

I would like to submit this report for assessment in respect of my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition result.

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EXPEDITION LEADER

PASSED / FAILED ASSESSMENT FOR BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

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