

planning calendar

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St James's Palace

5 January

Dear Antarctic Team

Congratulations on your decision to enter the Antarctic Challenge and to attempt a crossing of the 'white continent'. The Prince has asked me to pass on a message of goodwill and good fortune.

Regrettably he cannot make any financial contribution to your expedition, as you request, but is impressed by the magnificent sum of £180,000 you have already managed to raise through your own diligent efforts.

However, the Prince has suggested that you attend a meeting this coming Friday to meet a group of potential sponsors. They may be able to help in swelling your coffers. The normal practice is for a group such as yourselves to go along with a carefully worked out budget and a figure in mind which will bridge the gap between what you already have and what you need.

It is within the sponsors' power to donate between £30,000 and £100,000 but beware - they are very keen on value for money and are always looking for evidence of economic and efficient planning in any enterprise they fund. You will need to have a well-structured presentation in order to impress them and there will inevitably be some rather detailed questions on aspects of your plan.

Thank you for sending a copy of the challenge rules which I return herewith. You are upholding the noble spirit of British enterprise and adventure demonstrated so ably and so tragically by perhaps the most famous polar explorer of them all - Scott of the Antarctic.

Good luck to you all!

John Herrington-Brown

Equerry to HRH

Team
Brief

further information

Please work to the following standards.

map scale

1cm = 100km

calculating distance

Please work out distances on the map in straight lines. Then check distances through the Databank.

Eg. Choose a route, from a designated start point on Antarctica to the South Pole. To calculate the distance simply line up the two points using the ruler and measure the straight line distance between them. Use the Conversion Table (right) to convert to miles.

calculating dates

Please allow a whole day for something which requires a part of a day, or to complete one event before starting a different one.

Eg1 to cover a distance of 31 miles at a speed of 30 miles per day you must allow two days.

Eg 2 If a flight arrives on the 5th, then a connecting flight must depart on the 6th or later.

conversions

Distances 1km = 0.625 mile
1 mile = 1.6km

Weight 1000g = 1kg
1kg = 2.2lb

Speed 1 knot = 1 nautical mile per hour
eg 20 knots is a speed of 20 nautical mph.

Friday meeting Sponsors list

Professor M Whitfield Brown
Head of
Polar Environmental
Research
Cambridge University

Dr Chris P Farringdale
Human Endurance
Research Project
London University

Robin Grieg
Chairperson
Summit Oil
Company

Pat Robinson
Stoller Expedition
Foods
Manchester

rules

1

The crossing of Antarctica must be undertaken by three people using motorised sledges.

2

There must be three support staff at a specially fabricated Base Camp at the start point. This team will monitor the expedition and be responsible for its safety until it has crossed the continent.

3

A support plane must be used to carry fuel (*only fuel*) to the crossing party and to provide an emergency rescue service if required. It must be on standby for the duration of the crossing.

4

Routes across Antarctica must start at a designated start point and finish at a designated finish point.

5

Routes must pass through the South Pole.

6

The finish point must be such that it can be said that Antarctica has been 'crossed' - so you cannot return from the Pole by the same route you took to the Pole, nor can you return within a 90° angle of your route to the Pole.

7

Teams must start and finish in London and must supply dates for both.

8

The crossing must take place during the Antarctic summer.

9

Costs must be covered by your own fund-raising efforts and official sponsorship, but no borrowing is allowed.

10

As part of the challenge you must agree to re-supply food to a completely separate, manhauling expedition at a critical point in their journey.

