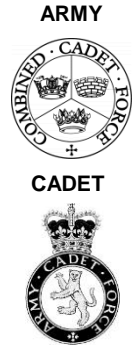




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CADET FORCE ADULT VOLUNTEER (CAV) EXPEDITION 2013 – EXERCISE DRAGON  
VENTURER QUEST

**CAV Expedition 2013**

Conscious that the ACF/CCF Cadets have had several overseas expeditions organised for them every 2 years it was apparent that there were no high profile expeditions being organised that specifically targeted the ACF/CCF Adult Instructors as a means to incentivise and enthuse them to engage in a value added experience on their pathway towards AT qualifications.

**Participation**

The team will consist of 9 x CAVs, male and female, plus 3 x qualified leaders/instructors. Total 12 x personnel. Applications would be open to all ACF/CCF (Army) CAVs. There would be no selection process or pre-training. Participation would be based on the applicants having met a specific level of pre-expedition mountaineering experience and personal competence. The application process would be open and fair across the whole ACF/CCF (Army).

**Concept**

This is the first time dipping our toes in the water to stimulate CAVs to participate in a high profile expedition and therefore the concept is to plan an expedition that is inspirational, suitably challenging and a remote mountain experience.

**Proposal**

To plan and organise a mountaineering expedition specifically for ACF/CCF(Army) CAVs to the Ladakh region in India to ascend Stok Kangri 20,083ft over an 17-day period, UK door to door, approx 10-27 August 2013 depending on flight schedules.

**Cost**

The cost for each person to participate in the expedition estimated on current prices is 2K. Total expedition cost 24K.

## **Personal Contribution**

The personal contribution for each participant on the expedition is dependent on the generosity of the grants from the various funding sources however this is estimated as a minimum of £1200.00 which is a bargain price!

## **Timing**

Mindful that there is an ACF/CCF Cadets expedition to Africa in 2012 well into the planning stage by planning a CFAV expedition in 2013 it does detract any media attention from the Cadets expedition and neither would it compete for the lines of funding.

It provides the expedition Leader with essential 18 months lead in time for the planning and staff work. The expedition JSATFA will need to be submitted to HQ 5 Division SO2 AT Desk Officer for political clearance by March 2012. The lines of funding and grants will need to be agreed in principle prior to the JSATFA submission to prove the financial viability of the expedition.

As August is the prime holiday period the 18 month lead in time optimises the window of opportunity for maximum participation and allows CFAVs to plan for the expedition in their diaries. It also allows the participants the opportunity to pay their personal contribution into the expedition fund over a period of time rather than a lump sum.

August is the optimum best month for mountaineering in India.

## **Authorisation**

The expedition has received authorisation from LF-PSC-Cadets Branch.

The expedition will be subject to High Risk/Remote clearance from HQ 5 Division SO2 AT via HQ ATGA.

## **Advertising**

ACF and CCF (Army) units are requested to give this prestigious expedition the widest distribution within their geographical area of responsibility.

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