Global Adventure

General Statement

It is the policy of the board that organization-sponsored Global Adventures operate under consistent organization-wide rules and guidelines.

Global Adventure Defined

Any organization-sponsored Global Adventure available to all qualified members which meets the following criteria:

Optional extensions before or after defined Global Adventure are not considered part of a Global Adventure.

All proposals must include a detailed budget and plan, which are submitted to the Global Adventures Committee Chair and the Accounting Manager of The Mountaineers.

North American

- Under 10 days duration and over $1000 total cost per person; in North America. – Proposal submitted to **Global Adventures Committee Chair and Accounting - Committee approval is NOT required;**

- 10 days or more duration **or** $1500 or more total cost per person; in North America – **Global Adventures Committee approval is required**;

International

- Leave North America – **Global Adventures Committee approval is required;**

Exchange

- Host/visit members of foreign outdoors organizations **– Global Adventures Committee approval is required.**

Purpose

To encourage, facilitate and ensure safely led and soundly financed Global Adventures while extending to the world the purpose of The Mountaineers: "To explore, study, preserve, and enjoy the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest and beyond."

Activities

Should be relevant to existing Mountaineers activities. Cultural experiences are encouraged.

Organization Rules and Climbing Code

Organization rules, standards and climbing code shall be adhered to as appropriate. Activities shall follow guidelines of relevant activity committees.

Global Adventure Proposal

Along with leaderlist verification of a relevant activity committee chairperson, a potential leader shall submit a proposal, including detailed budget, to the Global Adventures Committee Chairperson along with a statement of his or her qualifications.

The proposal shall follow Global Adventures Committee guidelines.

Global Adventures Committee

The Global Adventures Committee shall consider a proposal's cost, dates, location and activities in order to ensure a safe, financially

responsible and diversified program. It may approve the proposal with or without modifications, or reject the proposal.

Approval

A Global Adventure must follow the guidelines set forth and be approved by the Global Adventures Committee.

Publicity

Announcements in The Mountaineers' publications and website shall state total price, deposit amount, due dates, qualifications, degree of difficulty, housing, transportation, food, and whether any leader expenses are borne by participants. Anticipated expenses not included shall be also stated.

Leadership

Leaders must be on the leaders list of a relevant activity committee.

Licensed travel agents shall not lead more than one (1) Global Adventure in a calendar year.

Participation

Criteria

Must be technically and physically qualified for the particular trip;

Shall be current members of The Mountaineers with liability waivers on file at the Program Center;

All course requirements must be met at the time of registration;

The leader shall make the final decision whether or not to accept a participant.

Children (Under 14)

Policy must be established by a relevant activity committee or branch.

Parents

Parents or legal guardians shall supervise their children at all times.

Part-time Participation

Part-time participation shall be at the discretion of the leader.

Financial Arrangements

Board Policy

The Global Adventures program shall be self-supporting and all expenses of a specific Global Adventure are to be paid by the participants as presented in the Global Adventure proposal.

Each participant shall be charged a Organization Service Cost to cover a Global Adventure's Organization expenses.

Participants shall be notified in advance if the price includes some leader expenses.

Accounting Role

Disbursements of monies and handling of accounts by the Accounting Department shall be under the authorization of the chair and the leader**.**

Contracts

Contracts to be signed by the leader require approval of the Executive Director or designated officer of the Organization.

Cancellation

An administration fee as well as non-recoverable expenses shall be assessed each person canceling a reservation. The fee will be remanded to the Mountaineers.

Insurance

Liability Insurance	Guide or trekking services must show assurance of liability insurance.
Medical Insurance	The leader can require participants to have an adequate insurance policy covering sickness, accidents and evacuation. Participants are responsible for notifying their insurance company.
Trip Cancellation Insurance	Insurance for trip cancellations can be included in the cost at the discretion of the leader. Participants who cancel a reservation are responsible for notifying their insurance company once the leader finalizes unrecoverable trip expenses.