

Mission 5: 'Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.'

TASK MISSION:

To use the rope system to complete the campsite in darkness.

BRIEF:

Explorers are now safe and have been busy setting up camp - they watch with remorse as Endurance sinks into the sea. The camp is nearly complete but nightfall is close. Before nightfall hits, explorers need to make their camp safe and practical. At night, it's easy to get disorientated and lost even within a few metres. Teams need to prepare and be able to continue working when the imminent darkness hits. Have your explorers got what it takes to survive their first night on the ice?

SUGGESTED OUTCOMES:

- Have the will to succeed.
- Use self-discipline and control.
- How to compete in tasks against others.
- How to make an honest choice.

BY THE END OF THE TOPIC:

- Able to articulate strengths and needs.
- Understand you can learn from making mistakes.
- Know you need to have facts before judgments are made.
- Able to take time to solve problems and find solutions.

RESOURCES:

COJO Box, string, blindfolds and cones, Jenga blocks and assorted objects.

RESPECT target character behaviours:

Self-discipline, honesty, determination, self-reflection, positivity and decisiveness.

ACTION PLAN!

Explorers have decided splitting into two groups will increase their chances of survival.

As darkness is descending on them, teams are provided with ropes to help find their way on their mission.

ACTIVE DUTY!

To ensure explorers are able to navigate their way around base camp during nightfall, each team is to create a route of ropes from the tip of the iceberg to their camp destination.

Once secured, and an assortment of items are placed on the ground by the rope line, explorers put their blindfold on – night time has arrived!!

Explorers navigate their route without the gift of sight picking up the debris they have left around the camp in their hurry to get it complete before nightfall!

Following the completion of their own route, teams must attempt the navigation of each other's rope system, without talking!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Phew! Camps are constructed and explorers are safe.

Team de-brief. To include:

What did you find hardest about doing the mission?

Identify what the team did to ensure they located all of the debris littering the camp.

How did you feel when you could/could not communicate verbally? Which other methods of communication did you use?

Did you make any mistakes? How would these experiences help you if you were to do this mission again?



CHALLENGE:

- Add obstacles to each route.
- Alternate leaders of each group whilst in transit.

SUPPORT:

- Allow some explorers sight.
- Shorten the route.
- Restrict debris to find.

"Difficulties are just things to overcome, after all." Ernest Shackleton