

CRITERIA AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UIAA YOUTH COMMISSION APPROVED YOUTH ACTIVITIES

To help UIAA member associations the UIAA Youth Commission has developed criteria and recommendations for international youth events. Youth events organized by member associations that meet the criteria can be approved by the UIAA Youth Commission for inclusion on the UIAA calendar as a UIAA approved event.

The UIAA Youth Commission coordinates events, holds good practice seminars, and provides training opportunities for organisers of international events. Reports from previous events and seminars, and the official calendar of youth events are published on the UIAA website (www.uiaa.ch).

Criteria for UIAA Youth Commission approved youth activities

The UIAA Youth Commission welcomes requests for inclusion in the calendar for youth activities that reflect the values of the UIAA, such as respect for equal opportunities and protection of the environment (e.g. as described in the UIAA Summit Charter).

1. The organizing federation of the youth activity must:

- Be a Member Association of the UIAA.
- Have liability insurance that includes youth activities
- Accept full responsibility for the project and the safety of participants.
- Apply for approval on the UIAA Youth Commission application form.
- Ensure that leaders for the activity are appropriately qualified and experienced.
- Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age and experience of the participants.
- Ensure that some of the organizers and leaders speak good English and if possible the language of the expected visitors.
- Within 2 months of the activity being completed provide UIAA YC with a report including a list of the leaders with their mountaineering qualification and a list of participants (names, addresses and countries / federations represented).

2. Other Recommendations

- Apply well in advance so that the UIAA YC has an opportunity to consider your proposal.
- Have within the leaders of the activity a medically trained or qualified person with first aid equipment.
- Inform the media about the project.
- Offer some extra support to participants from low income economies.
- Send all participants, participating federations and other UIAA Member Associations a copy of the report and photographs.

3. Conclusion

Let's go together safely to the mountains! For your group make sure you have the right:

- Objective.
- Weather and conditions.
- Leaders.
- Equipment.

ADDENDUM:

Required Documentation:

- Invitation with standard application format,
- Detailed programme,
- Mountaineering professional/technical qualifications of activity leaders,
- Application form

(For 2009 Federation applicants should contact: anne@thefreeclimber.com or Zdenka Mihelic: Zdenka.Mihelic@siol.net. The application form should be available 6 months prior to the event being held.