



## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



### **37.98.1817 EXPEDITION: WATER REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) A program shall have and follow written policies and procedures on expedition water requirements. At a minimum they must consist of the following:
  - (a) Youth must have access to potable water while hiking.
  - (b) The program shall provide each youth with six quarts of potable water a day, unless a youth's weight exceeds 150 pounds, then one additional quart of potable water must be provided for every 25 pounds of body weight over 150 pounds.
  - (c) Youth must have access to one additional quart of water for every five miles hiked.
  - (d) Staff shall encourage each youth to consume at least three quarts of potable water per day.
  - (e) In temperatures above 80° F, adequate water must be available for coating each youth's body for the purpose of cooling when needed.
  - (f) Water must be available at each expedition camp site. Water cache location information must be verified by field staff before the group leaves expedition camp each day.
  - (g) Expedition groups may not depend on aerial drops for water supply. Aerial water drops must be used for emergency situations only.
  - (h) Water taken by staff or youth from a natural source and used for drinking or cooking must be treated to eliminate health hazards.
  - (i) Each group must have a supply of electrolyte replacement, the quantities to be determined by group size and environment conditions.

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