

RIVERBUG TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS CONCEPT

Aim:

To develop & establish riverbug training programs and qualifications for the private, club and commercial sectors.

Overview:

Riverbug courses would offer training for all levels of riverbugging. Courses and qualifications are made up of unit clusters which can be achieved either as a certificate of attendance (training) or an assessment (for qualifications). The units reflect the skillsets required relative to the different courses and qualifications; Introduction to riverbugging, Rescue, Instructing etc..., with each unit made up of separate elements and their respective competencies. A unit for "Introduction to Riverbugging" for example, contains elements like: Safety, Paddling Skills & Equipment. Units are made up of various elements with their respective competencies (eg. Paddling Skills include competencies like: demonstrate effective paddle strokes, paddle a riverbug on its edge etc...)

Riverbug Units

RIVERBUG 1

Introduction to Riverbugging on whitewater up to Class III

Elements:

- Principles of riverbugging
- Basic riverbug techniques
- Understanding river dynamics
- River safety
- Trip planning
- Navigation in whitewater
- Simple play moves
- Care of riverbug and equipment

RIVERBUG 2

Advanced Riverbugging on whitewater. up to Class IV

Elements:

- Eskimo roll
- Advanced paddling techniques

RIVERBUG RESCUE

Riverbug specific rescue techniques and rescue management (aimed at private paddlers, guides and instructors).

Elements:

- Risk analysis/management
- Safety planning
- Rescue techniques
- Rescue management
- Emergency procedures.

RIVERBUG GUIDING

Client management for riverbug tours and instruction on white water up to Class III (aimed at trip leaders, guides and instructors).

Elements:

- Equipment
- Trip planning
- Client analysis
- Briefing
- Group management
- Safety & Rescue
- Trip reporting

RIVERBUG INSTRUCTION Level 1

Instruct Clients on whitewater up to Class III (aimed at guides and instructors).

Elements:

- Equipment
- Trip planning
- Client analysis
- Briefing
- Group management
- Safety & Rescue
- Trip reporting
- Demonstrate and explain riverbugging techniques

RIVERBUG INSTRUCTION Level 2

Advanced riverbug instruction for courses on white water up to Class IV.

Elements:

- Equipment
- Course planning
- Client analysis
- Briefing
- Group management
- Safety & Rescue
- Trip reporting
- Demonstrate and explain riverbugging techniques

ASSESSMENT MODULE

Assess Riverbug Unit candidates for competency against unit benchmarks

Elements: Assessment plan, assessment methods, demonstrate assessment skills, competency benchmarks, re-assessment.

- Assessment plan
- Assessment methods
- Demonstrate assessment skills
- Competency benchmarks
- Assessment reporting
- Re-assessment

FIRST AID

Provide first aid and life support in the outdoors.

Elements:

- Accident management
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Evacuation

Riverbug Qualifications

RIVERBUG GUIDE

Qualified to lead riverbug tours on up to Class III white water.

Unit clusters:

- RIVERBUG 1
- RIVERBUG RESCUE
- RIVERBUG GUIDING
- FIRST AID

RIVERBUG INSTRUCTOR Level 1

Qualified to lead riverbug tours and instruct riverbug courses on whitewater up to Class III.

Unit clusters:

- RIVERBUG 1
- RIVERBUG RESCUE
- RIVERBUG INSTRUCTING Level 1
- FIRST AID

RIVERBUG INSTRUCTOR Level 2

Qualified to lead riverbug tours and instruct riverbug courses on whitewater up to Class IV.

Unit clusters:

- RIVERBUG 2
- RIVERBUG RESCUE
- RIVERBUG INSTRUCTING Level 2
- FIRST AID

RIVERBUG ASSESSOR

Qualified to assess and report Riverbug Units.

Unit clusters:

- RIVERBUG 2
- RIVERBUG RESCUE
- RIVERBUG INSTRUCTING Level 2
- FIRST AID