

FAQ FRIDAY #2



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will the [Camp Flash harness](#) be acceptable for the expedition?

A: YES.

Q: How many sets of maps will each team get?

A: When a team gets new maps along the course, they will only get one set. In other words, teams will not be given spares.

Q: If we pre-ship our Rubbermaid gearboxes to Fiji and they arrive before us, will we have access to them when we land prior to the race?

A: YES. Competitor Relations can provide you the shipping address and instructions. Once you arrive into Fiji and check in with Competitor Relations at the Pullman Resort, we can deliver any gear that arrived at our warehouse to the Pullman Resort.

Q: Can we use kites or sails for the paddling sections?

A: NO. The use of auxiliary sails or kites is prohibited at Eco-Challenge Fiji. The only sail that may be used during the expedition is the one provided on the Camakau outrigger canoe.

Q: Will the Camp ALP Racing harness be acceptable for the expedition?

A: NO.

Q: The [Suunto MC-2G](#) In Global Compass is functional as both a compass and signaling mirror. Can this be acceptable for both the signaling mirror and compass required by the mandatory gear list?

A: YES. This compass as described confirms that it is also designed as a signaling mirror.

Q: Will any boat require the use of double paddles.

A: NO. Double paddles will not be required. Because of the design and configuration of these boats, our Ocean Leg Coordinator, Colin Philp is not recommending using kayak paddles for either outrigger.

Q: Will the [Petzl Altitude Harness](#) be acceptable for the expedition?

A: NO.

Q: Rappel gloves can be leather palm and not full leather I assume?

A: YES.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I would like to ask you about the Mountain House Food item. We plan to purchase about \$2000 worth of Mountain House food. Do you recommend shipping it directly to the Eco-Challenge warehouse in Fiji or to your warehouse in California to be forwarded to Fiji?

*A: Due to strict Fijian biosecurity measures on allowing certain foods from certain countries to enter their country, it would be smart to have your Mountain House items sent to the Eco-Challenge warehouse in California so that it can be shipped to Fiji with our Mountain House order. This would likely streamline your team's order through Fijian Biosecurity Customs under the Eco-Challenge-approved shipment. Please send your Mountain House order to the following Eco-Challenge warehouse address **AND HAVE IT ARRIVE BEFORE JUNE 24**. Also, please give Competitor Relations advance notice that you will be doing this so that we can alert our warehouse of your arriving shipment.*

Eco-Challenge Warehouse:

Eco-Challenge c/o MASTERPIECE:

Cal Coast Packing & Crating

2040 E. 220th Street

Long Beach, CA 90810

Q: Can you tell us the make and model of the SUPs so that we can get one to train on?

A: The dimensions of the SUPs will be 335 x 81 x 15.2cm (11' x 32" x 6"). We will not be providing the make and model.

Q: Will you provide more guidelines on race jerseys? Can you please provide visual examples of what to expect?

A: We will provide this information once it is ready.

Q: When will you provide team numbers?

A: More information on this will be provided at a later date.

Q: Will maps, passport and guidebook be printed on water resistant paper?

A: NO. As is listed in the Mandatory Gear List, make sure you have a Waterproof Bag for these items.

Q: Can you provide lodging recommendations for a nice team base camp? We will do our own researches but it would be great to have you input and suggestions on this.

A: We can't provide or suggest any other lodging besides what's already been provided in the newsletter.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will we be able to try the Camakau outrigger canoes before the race?

A: NO. However, you will be able to see the Camakau at Competitor Registration on dry ground. There will be Camakau sailing instructors at Registration who will be teaching the teams how to raise the mast and sail as well as shunting the sail.

Q: For the OutThere Pro Deal, the email bounced back when I tried to reach out. What is the correct email?

A: The correct email is: Mike@OutThereUSA.com.

Q: Are there any updates with the TAC rental car? Do we get a discount?

A: YES. Most vendors have agreed to a 20% discount for Eco crews for RAV4 size vehicles. The discounts are automatic. The ones that have not, don't have websites. Feel free to contact rentals companies anytime. Also, try other discount codes you may have such as AAA, USAA, AMEX, etc.

Q: Will the [UST See-Me 1.0 Waterproof LED Light](#) be acceptable for the expedition?

A: NO. The lamp needs to be capable of at least 100 lumens. Consider the [Tektite Mark-Lite Strobe](#) instead.

Q: Is it possible to rent carbon canoe paddles in Fiji?

A: No. Not that we know of.

Q: Can the Steady White Light listed in Personal Mandatory Mountain Bike Gear be on the helmet (headlamp) or does it need to be attached to the front of the bike as specified in the Mandatory Gear List?

A: As is specified in the Mandatory Gear List, the Steady White Light must be attached to the front of the bike.

Q: If we will have to sew patches on the PFD, can you please share a visual example of what you expect?

A: We will provide this information once it is ready.

Q: When will we get the complete set of rules to review?

A: We will provide this information once it is ready.

Q: What are max dimensions and/or capacity of the bins?

A: The max dimensions for the gear boxes are: 43inches (1 meter) (long) x 24inches (0.6 meters) (wide) x 22inches (.55 meters) (tall).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the weight limit on the bins?

A: Please adhere to the manufacturer's weight limit specifications of your chosen gear boxes. Also, keep in mind that these boxes will be handled multiple times throughout the race.

Q: What is the weight limit on the waterproof duffel bag?

A: As is stated in the Mandatory Gear List, we suggest a bag of 90-liter capacity. It must not exceed 122-liter capacity.

Q: Can we have personal cameras, digital cameras, or handheld video devices like a GoPro?

A: This is still being discussed. We will let you know once we have an answer on this.

Q: How many team patches will we get?

A: We will provide this information once it is ready.

Q: Can we digitally replicate the patch screen print our clothing instead of sewing patches?

A: NO.

Q: Will there be an electrical drop for each teams' area in the Camps

A: We can NOT guarantee an electrical drop at each team's tenting area at the Camps. We will, however, have substantial power distribution and community charging stations located at the Camps.

Q: Can we expect to use our extension cord and have electricity in our tents at the Camps for lights, charging, etc.?

A: We can NOT guarantee an electrical drop at each team's tenting area at the Camps. We do, however, suggest bringing your own extension cords. At some of the Camps, the sites should be able to reach the main power source with extension cords.

Q: If a company wants to supply me with gear or clothing for training, am I allowed to give them a "shoutout" on our team's website or social media?

A: NO.

Q: Has there been an update on jerseys? Can we put our team name on them?

A: Anything having to do with ANY race apparel is still being decided internally. Team names are pending approval, Mindy & Ashley will let you know when your team name is approved. That being said, we will let you know about whether team names will be allowed on jerseys at a LATER date.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will the [Black Diamond Momentum](#) harness (men's and women's) be acceptable for the expedition?

A: YES.

Q: We are taking SUP classes, and would like to know the approximate distance we will have to go in this discipline?

A: We are not disclosing this! We have to save the course for you to discover in Fiji!

Q: What is the discount code for the Mountain House Pro Deal?

A: We are working on this and are hoping to have this code to you all very soon.

Q: I had a question about the size rope/cord for our Prusik or auto block rope requirements. Originally you had the range acceptable for cord of 6-8mm. the newest lists a 7mm cord. Is the 6-8 range still acceptable or are you specifically requiring a 7mm?

A: Apologies for the confusion, we will accept 6mm or 7mm cord. However, the [Sterling 6.8mm HollowBlock2 13.5" Loop](#) is the preferred item.

