

# Greenland 2012



## Expedition outline

The expedition is to the east coast of Greenland, in the same region as previous Glasgow Academy expeditions. Please refer to the maps and images below. This is an exploratory trip to attempt first ascents of mountains in a pristine wilderness environment.

We will fly to Reykjavik, Iceland and camp before taking a flight to Constable Point which is situated on the east coast of Greenland (near 'Ittoqqoormitt' in Fig. 1 below). From here we will charter a boat directly south, to the other side of Scoresbysundsford in order to access these relatively unexplored mountains.

The trip will be four weeks long, leaving on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July and returning on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

This trip requires 12 pupils to be viable and we are unable to take more pupils than that.

**Rosie Goolden** - Head of Outdoor Education at Glasgow Academy. Holds the Mountain Instructor Certificate. This will be her fifth expedition to Greenland.

**Alan Halewood** - Associate Instructor of Glenmore Lodge. Holds the Mountain Instructor Certificate and the International Mountain Leader qualifications. Alan has a great depth of experience of working on expeditions and with young people. He was a part of The Academy's Arctic expeditions in 2006 and 2009.

**Nigel Williams** - Head of Training at Glenmore Lodge, the National Outdoor Training Centre. Holds the Mountain Instructor Certificate, International Mountain Leader and BASI Grade 2 Nordic qualifications. Nigel has been on the 2006 and 2009 Academy Arctic expeditions and completed an ice-cap crossing there in 2008.

The staff on this trip are excellently qualified and hugely experienced both in this landscape and on this type of expedition. Both Nigel and Alan have a longstanding relationship with The Academy's Outdoor Education programme, and both have participated in the previous two Academy Arctic expeditions. There will be one other member of staff joining us.



## Costs

£3,950

Every attempt will be made to keep the costs as low as possible on this expedition. The last one took place in 2009, when Mr Gwynne raised an impressive £11,000 in grants. Many of the organisations that were so generous to the pupils in previous years are now experiencing significant economic constraints. Having said that, with hardwork and imagination it is felt that we can raise a good level of funding. Another way of reducing costs is to seek sponsorship in terms of equipment and supplies. It would envisage pupils being able to raise a minimum of £1,000 per head.

## Pre-requisites and expectations

Given the physical and mental demands of an expedition such as this, pupils will need to meet these criteria in order to be able to participate in the trip.

Return a doctor's medical form

Give 2 references from staff at Glasgow Academy

Fill in the expedition application

Completed the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award

An excellent standard of fitness

Commit to a minimum of one morning Expedition Planning Session per week

Pupils will be expected to take responsibility for specific areas of planning. These will include menu planning, logistics, fundraising, sponsorship and equipment.

Attend the following Expedition Training Events:

Training Weekend, self-planned, 10-11<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Winter Skills, Cairngorms, 3-5<sup>th</sup> February, 2012

Snow-Holing Expedition, Cairngorms, 3-4<sup>th</sup> March, 2012

Alpine Mountaineering Training, Isle of Skye, 4 days, June 2012

## The order of things

This interest letter should be signed and returned to the Administration Centre by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Attend the Training Weekend, 10-11<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, £75 (additional)

There will be an individual review with each person on completion of the Training Weekend

First payment of £950 due by the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2011. As this will need to go immediately to flight and chartering costs, this payment is non-refundable.

There will be a Parental Meeting on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012.

Payments will be as follows:

12/12/2011	£950
23/01/2012	£750
27/02/2012	£750
26/03/2012	£750
23/04/2012	£750

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*My son/ daughter would like a place on the Greenland 2012 Expedition.*

*I have read the information provided in this letter and agree, in principle, to them participating in this expedition.*

***Son / daughter's name:***

***Tutor group:***

***Signed:***

***Date:***

***This slip should be signed and returned to The Administration Centre, along with a cheque for £75, made out to 'The Glasgow Academy' for the Greenland Training Weekend on the 10-11<sup>th</sup> December 2011***

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**Figure I:** Greenland. We will fly to Constable Point and the village of Ittoqqoormitt, shown on this map (most northerly settlement on the East coast).



**Figure II:** zoomed in map of Milne Land and surrounding area



**Figure III:** A is the airport, 'Constable Point'. The village of Ittoqqoormitt is in the next bay east and is reached by helicopter.



**Figure IV:** the area we intend to visit, which is directly south of *Constable Point*. The curling glacier at the top left side of this image (west of 'G') can be seen in Fig. II.