

REGULATIONS
ON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
COMPLEX ARCHEOLOGICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL EXPEDITION
TO STUDY THE TUNNUG KURGAN IN THE REPUBLIC OF TYVA
(EXPEDITION “TUNNUG”)
(THE SECOND FIELD SEASON)

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The present document regulates the procedure of International Competition for Participation in the Complex Archeological and Geographical Expedition to Study the Tunnug Kurgan (hereafter the Competition).

1.2. Organizer of the Competition is the All-Russian Non-Government Organization “Russian Geographical Society” (hereafter the Society).

1.3. Competition winners are given an opportunity to participate in the Complex Archeological and Geographical Expedition to Study the Tunnug Kurgan in the Republic of Tyva (hereafter the Expedition) free of charge. All costs for accommodation and food during the Expedition are covered by the Society. For Russian residents, travel costs from place of residence to expedition site and back are covered by the Society. For residents of other countries, the Society bears travel costs from Moscow to expedition site and back. Travel costs from place of residence to Moscow and back are paid by residents of other countries themselves.

1.4. The Expedition dates (may be updated):

First shift: May 1 – May 31, 2019

Second shift: June 1 – June 30, 2019

Third shift: July 1 – July 31, 2019

Fourth shift: August 1 – August 31, 2019

1.5. Expedition site: the Republic of Tyva, Piy-Khemsy District, near Chkalovka settlement.

1.6. The Expedition purpose is to study the Tunnug kurgan and to preserve archeological monuments in the Republic of Tyva. The Tunnug kurgan is one of Scythian barrows complex located in the valley of the Uyuk river near the village of Arzhaan (Valley of Kings). The organizers of the expedition are the Russian Geographical Society, Institute of the History of Material Culture of the Russian Academy of Sciences with the support of the Expeditionary Center of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation.

1.7. Participation in the Competition automatically implies the consent with the present Regulations published on the website of the Society (www.rgo.ru) and on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

2.2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1. Main goals of the Competition are:

2.1.1. To give an opportunity to young people to take part in one of unique expeditions of the Society.

2.1.2. To attract youth's attention and interest to study and preservation of natural and cultural heritage of Russia.

2.1.3. To promote expedition and social activities of the Society.

2.2. Main objectives of the Competition are:

2.2.1. To involve young people into activities of the Society, participation in expeditions, to build up a volunteers database for participation in socially important projects of the Society.

3. FUNCTIONS AND REGULATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

3.1. Selection Committee (hereafter the Committee) is composed of the Society's representatives and is to be approved by Executive Director of the Society.

3.2. Functions of the Committee are:

3.2.1. To receive Competition applications.

3.2.2. To create Competition participations' applications database.

3.2.3. To collect applicants' documents as specified in Section 5 of the present Regulations.

3.2.4. To select volunteers to participate in the Expedition as specified in Section 5 of the present Regulations.

3.3. All the Committee's decisions are to be taken collectively and recorded in the minutes.

3.4. The Committee's decisions are considered to be taken by a simple majority if more than a half of the Committee members attended the meeting.

4. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

4.1. The Competition is conducted **from February 15 to April 10, 2019**, and includes:

4.1.1. Announcement of the beginning of the Competition on the website of Youth Clubs of the RGS (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.1.2. Announcement of the beginning of the Competition on the website of the Society (www.rgo.ru), mass media and information partners' resources.

4.1.3. Information about the Competition and application form publication on the website of Youth Clubs of the RGS (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.1.4. Registration of participants who shall fill out application forms on the website of Youth Clubs of the RGS (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.1.5. Participants submit support letter (reference) by chief of organization/chair/department or research advisor describing several specific

achievements. The letter shall be signed and the signature shall be clarified (in electronic form on the website of Youth Clubs of the RGS <http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.1.6. Participants submit support letter (reference) from the Russian Geographical Society regional branch signed by the chair of the Society regional branch (in a case of membership in Society or participation in its projects, in electronic form on the website of Youth Clubs of the RGS <http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.1.7. Participants submit support letter (reference) from the chief of the RGS Youth Club (in a case of participation in Youth Clubs activities, in electronic form on the website of Youth Clubs of the RGS <http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.2. The Committee considers applications **from April 11 to April 17, 2019**, and publishes the Competition results (list of participants) on the website of the Society (www.rgo.ru) and the website of the Competition (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.4. **From April 18 to April 22, 2019**, winners of the Competition confirm their participation in the Expedition and submit documents for consideration as specified in Section 5 of this Regulations **before April 28**, by e-mail expedition@rgo.ru, on the basis of a letter confirming successful completion of the Competition.

5. SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

5.1. **Age.** 18 (full) years to 35 years (inclusive).

5.2. **Education.** Students, graduate students, secondary and secondary specialized education. Faculties – history, geography, history and theory of culture, ethnology, etc., public leaders in geography and related sciences. Other specialties are possible in some cases where there is an evidently strong motivation (professional interest in history, archeology, geography, etc., experience of participation in similar expeditions).

5.3. **Motivation.** Strong interest in the Expedition subject, reasoned motivation to participate in the Expedition (to be given in the application form).

5.4. **Health status.** Compliance with health group 1-2. No contraindications for participation in the Expedition.

5.5. ***Within the framework of the Competition, volunteers (volunteers) with physical and psychological endurance are invited to the “Tunnug” Expedition. The presence of sports categories will be a basic advantage.***

5.6. ***Personal qualities and skills needed to participate in the Expedition:***

5.6.1. To be ready to live and work in the field in steppe, partly taiga zone, with a daily temperature variations exceeding 40 degrees Celsius (from + 45 ° C during the day to 0 ° C at night).

5.6.2. To strictly adhere:

- to the prohibition for the use any alcoholic, narcotic and other banned substances prohibited for free traffic on the territory of the Russian Federation during the entire duration of the Expedition;

5.7. Documents required within the framework of the Competition. Applicants shall submit to the Committee's consideration the following documents on the website of Youth Clubs of the RGS (<http://mk.rgo.ru>):

5.7.1. Application form.

5.7.2. Support letter (reference) by chief of organization/chair/department or research advisor describing several specific achievements. The letter shall be signed and the signature shall be clarified.

5.7.3. Support letter (reference) from the Russian Geographical Society regional branch signed by the chair of the Society regional branch (in a case of membership in Society or participation in its projects).

5.7.4. Support letter (reference) from the chief of the RGS Youth Club (in a case of participation in Youth Clubs activities).

5.7.5. ***In addition.*** Applicant may submit documents confirming language skills and previous experience of participation in archeological expeditions.

5.8. Documents to confirm participation in the Expedition (for Competition winners). Applicants shall submit to the Committee's consideration the following scanned documents by email expedition@rgo.ru (participant's first name and last name shall be indicated in the email's subject and all the original documents shall be submitted immediately upon arrival at the Expedition site):

5.8.1. Photos in electronic form (800*600).

5.8.2. Passport copy (all active pages).

5.8.3. Place of study (work) reference (signed and stamped) or student card (if any).

5.8.4. Medical certificates about absence of chronic diseases and restrictions for participation in the Expedition and life in field conditions. ***It is mandatory to provide a certificate of well-timed anti-encephalitis vaccination, confirming the presence of immunity before the Expedition.***

5.8.5. Medical insurance certificate active during the Expedition at the territory of the Russian Federation.

5.8.6. Certificates from a narcological dispensary at the place of permanent registration.

5.8.7 Certificates from a psycho-neurological dispensary at the place of permanent registration.

5.9. There is visa support by the Society for foreign participants. It is necessary to submit all the documents required for Russian visa, air tickets and registration on the territory of the Russian Federation.

5.10. The Society does not give any written or oral explanations on the Competition results.

5.11. The Commission reserves the right to refuse to participate in the Expedition in case of failure to provide the documents specified in clause 5.8. of this Regulations.

5.12. The Expedition leaders may dismiss participants during the Expedition in case

of violation of safety requirements and rules of stay specified in Section 5.6.2 of the present Regulations. Travel from the Expedition site to the place of residence is at the expense of the participant.

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