



## **THE AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB**

### **NEW YORK SECTION EXPEDITIONARY FLAG POLICY**

**It is the intent of the New York Section of the American Alpine Club to permit up to three Section members per year the honor of carrying the AAC New York Section Expeditionary Flag.**

**Expeditions focused upon unclimbed / unexplored alpine terrain, repeats of difficult / historic routes, or any other significant / notable endeavor which is in keeping with the charter, purpose, goals and/or intent of the Club are eligible for consideration for carrying of the Section Expeditionary Flag.**

**Section members chosen to carry the flag will be selected from all applicants by the Flag Committee; selection is by majority vote of Committee Members then available to participate, and is final. Committee members are appointed by the New York Section Chair.**

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Any active member of the New York Section may apply to carry a section flag. Members seeking to carry the section flag should contact the Flag Committee with a general description of the intended expedition or goal at least 90 days before the departure date. After an initial determination that the expedition or goal meets the base requirements for carrying of the section flag, the applying member will receive (electronically) a formal written application at least 60 days prior to the departure date.

The application must be immediately completed and returned to the committee no later than 45 days prior to the departure date. The Flag Committee will convene (electronically is acceptable) and complete the selection process. Applicants will be notified upon selection as a Section Flag Expedition.

Up to three Section Expeditionary Flags will be presented to members of the selected expeditions per year. Flag awarding and returns may occur at the Annual Dinner.

#### **PERIOD OF RESPONSIBILITY:**

Once selected to carry the Section Flag the member (recipient) shall have sole control and responsibility for the flag from the time that they receive the flag until the agreed return date.

## REQUIREMENTS:

Section members selected to be honored by the carrying of the Section Flag shall agree to the following commitments and conditions:

### General

- Recipients will take photographs of themselves and the flag on the summit and/or other objective(s) of their expedition, and will provide these photographs to the section for use on the website, American Alpine News, etc. without fee or promise.
- Recipients will produce a slide show or other visual media presentation of the expedition for possible presentation at the Annual Dinner or other Section Event.
- Upon return from the expedition the recipient will complete a brief synopsis in the New York Section - Flag Historical Log for the flag that they carried on the trip.

### Care

- Recipients shall exercise due care to protect the flag from damage, theft or loss.
- Upon the return from the expedition it is the recipients' responsibility to have the flag professionally cleaned and any necessary repairs made prior to the return of the flag at the agreed time and venue.

### Ethics

- Recipients shall not misrepresent the intent of the section in allowing the carrying of the flag.
- Recipients shall not represent or imply to any potential expedition sponsor, benefactor, or contributor or to any governmental agency or in any other official context that the awarding of the flag is in any way an endorsement, approval or sponsorship of their expedition by the American Alpine Club, the Flag Committee or the Section.
- Recipients may not use, display or reproduce the logo that appears on the Section flag, without prior written consent of the Section Chair.
- Recipients should conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring dishonor upon themselves, their expedition, the Section or the Club while carrying the Section Flag.
- Recipients shall bear in mind that they are ambassadors for the Section and Club at all times while on an expedition.

### Returning the Flag

- Recipients will adhere to the return date set by the Flag Committee.
- Recipients shall where possible commit to be present at the Annual Dinner to "return" the flag, and make a brief presentation expedition.
- If for some reason the flag was lost or totally destroyed, (any recoverable portion of a flag shall be returned) the recipient will reimburse the New York Section Chairman in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The Recipient will still be held to the other requirements above.

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