



Leading by example

Preparation and planning are among the most important facets, I feel, of any kind of leadership. Having worked out a plan one can then put it to the team, always being prepared to be flexible in the face perhaps of better ideas.

The other vital thing I feel is that your fellow team members must respect your own devotion to the interests of the expedition as a whole as opposed to your own personal interests. You can expect loyal acceptance of your decisions if you are genuinely putting your fellow team members first rather than yourself.

The final factor is that you undoubtedly have to be prepared to work considerably harder than any of the people you are leading. There are many occasions when you need to lead by example and yet, at the same time, one must be careful not to get bogged down in a series of minor chores that nobody else wants to do, so that you cannot fulfil your main function of running the expedition as a whole

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