

REGULATIONS
ON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
COMPLEX ARCHEOLOGICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL EXPEDITION
TO STUDY THE TUNNUG KURGAN
(EXPEDITION “TUNNUG”)

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 participate in the Complex Archeological and Geographical Expedition to Study the Tunnug Kurgan (hereafter the Expedition) free of charge. During the Expedition all costs for accommodation and food are covered by the Society. For Russian residents all travel costs 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 participants.

1.4. The Expedition dates (may be updated):

First shift: June 1 – June 30, 2018,

Second shift: July 1 – July 31, 2018,

Third shift: August 1 – August 31, 2018.

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

1.6. The Expedition purpose is to study the Tunnug kurgan and to preserve archeological heritage of Scythian culture in the Republic of Tyva. The Tunnug kurgan is one of Scythian barrows complex near the village of Arzhaan (Valley of Kings). Because of the kurgan’s location in the swamps of the river Uyuk, hard to get and unique technologies needed for its study, it is planned to conduct a number of field seasons of a complex archaeological and geographic research. The organizers of the expedition are the Russian Geographical Society, the Institute of the History of Material Culture of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 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. 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 tasks of the Competition:

2.2.1. To involve young people into activities of the Society, such as 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 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 March 6 to April 15, 2018, and includes:

4.2.1. Call for applications on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.2.2. Call for applications on the website of the Society (www.rgo.ru), mass media and information partners' resources.

4.2.3. Application form publication on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.2.4. Participants shall fill application forms on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.2.5. Participants submit support letter (reference) by chief of organization/chair/dean 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 Russian Geographical

Society <http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.3. The Committee considers applications from April 15 to April 22, 2018, and publishes the Competition results (list of participants) on the website of the Society (www.rgo.ru) and the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.4. From April 23 to April 30, 2018, winners of the Competition confirm their participation in the Expedition and submit documents for consideration as specified in Section 5 of this Regulations, by e-mail expedition@rgo.ru, on the basis of confirmation letter.

5. SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

5.1. **Age.** Bottom age limit – attainment of majority under the laws of applicant’s state, but not less than 18 years. The upper limit is not higher than 35 years old.

5.2. **Education background.** 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.** No health-related restrictions to participate in the Expedition (to be specified in the medical certificate).

5.5. **Applicants should be physically and psychologically enduring. Having a sports title will be an advantage.**

5.6. **Personal qualities and skills:**

5.6.1. To be able for teamwork to answer the discipline requirements due to safety issues.

5.6.2. 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 ° during the day to + 5 ° at night).

5.6.3. To strictly adhere:

- to the Expedition diet;
- to the prohibition for the use any alcoholic, narcotic and toxic substances during the Expedition.

5.7. **Required documents.** Applicants shall submit to the Committee’s consideration the following documents on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>):

5.7.1. Application form.

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

5.7.3. ***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 letter's subject):

5.8.1. Photograph (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.

Applicants should have a confirmation of Antiencephalitic vaccination.

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

5.9. ***Visa:*** all the documents required for Russian visa, air tickets and registration on the territory of the Russian Federation (visa support by the Society).

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

5.11. The Expedition leaders may dismiss participants during the Expedition in case of violation of safety requirements and rules of stay specified in Section 5.6.3 of the present Regulations.