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Your expedition can either just be a guide centric or learner centric <insert links here to what is an expedition>

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Find online and offline resources (PC needs to provide a solid list)

For academic resources:

- Google scholar <insert link>
- Khan Academy
- Free Harvard/Yale lectures.
- For local correspondences (I can upload the B2B business master list that I had done we can even do a content repository sort of thingy here. Just brainstorming)
- Wikipedia
- Bras Besar used bookstore.
- Meet ups

Find local / international experts & organizations that are aligned with your interest, compile a list

It is tough learning without a guide and sometimes doubts can arise in the subject matter or understanding can plateau off. Actively look around and try to find if there any subject matter experts in the field.

Someone who might have dabbled in it a long time ago, university professors, forums focusing on solely on the topic, people who maybe proficient in a related field (physics and cosmology). This is where the next step comes in.

Send letters of correspondence

In today's world of interconnectivity, a simple e-mail could suffice. If you need templates from Plato's Cave please click here <I think we can offer them a few templates showing them that we are helping out and this is a legitimate pursuit>.

Understand everyone's level of expertise on the subject

Everyone who comes down for your events will have different talents and limitations. They may also be at different levels of understanding of the particular subject. Understand what everyone wants to learn and why before going ahead. Who knows you might actually have a hidden guide in your group.

Have a syllabus:

Using the resources you have found so far, create a syllabus that fits everyone's needs in the group.

Plan a timeline

You just met your team. Now it's a good idea to plan out what you guys want to achieve and by when. It helps to keep everyone focused.

Plan milestones

Be realistic in your goal setting. You're not going to master Neuroscience in a year. The goals help to keep the team focused and excited.

Create immediate plans

Got the long-term goals sorted? Great! Now work on a course of action leading up to it. You must always have something you can do today or tomorrow. If once you're caught in a position that you're waiting for something, it usually spells trouble.

Have a weekly goal

Keep a weekly goal in mind to make sure you are on track to develop your ideas.

Delegate the role of guiding aspects of the syllabus to everyone

This is the fun part and where the learning exchange takes place. Break up the topic content into bite sizes and let each attendee teach one aspect of it to everyone else.

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Buy a guide a drink

If it's a group of learners, you guys can even chip in to get him/her a meal, just a way of saying thank you.

Be on time

Try not to be late. The guide's time is precious and they are doing this just for you. So be mindful of that.

Be clear on what your learning objectives are

Have an idea on how far you want to go with the subject matter. It gives the guide a better idea on how to structure and what exactly to teach you. It would be helpful to do some reading up beforehand.

Ask the guide if there are any resources required

For some subjects the guide may require you to bring something or do some reading beforehand. You may need to bring pencils if you're doodling. Therefore it is a good idea to check.

Organise own classes with guide after they've stopped being listed

Plato's Cave is just the Springboard from where you can start your learning. You can go ahead and do your own classes with the guide at your time. This arrangements are outside the jurisdiction of Plato's Cave.

Let Plato's Cave know what works and what didn't work

If you feel there is something element that was missing in your experience of learning with Plato's Cave let us know. We don't claim to know any better (if not we will be a school) so your criticisms and comments would very useful to us.

Be committed

That's how our community works. Everyone doing their best and learning just for the sake of learning. As such put into your best into the expeditions and be forthcoming with your guide about what you understand and don't.