



Italian Alpine Club

Section of Etna - Catania

School of Escursionism "*Etna*"



The Birth

Catania's Section of C.A.I. (Italian Alpine Club), historically known as The Section of Etna, ever since it was founded, has based its activities on escursionism, manifesting the desire to explore and get to know the volcano Etna and the mountainous terrain of the region, and thereafter the European and International territory.

In the course of time many other activities have seconded escursionism, from climbing to caving and other forms of escursionism, in winter with skis or snowshoes and other means such as mountain bikes. However, walking, and the desire to get to know the natural environment have always played a fundamental and central role among the various techniques for approaching and getting close to the mountains.

Over the years we have become more competent and have recently formed our own Sectional School of Escursionism "*Etna*".

The School, strongly desired by club members O. Conte, F. Meli and G. Sciacca, was set up in 2010 when the executive board began activating the bureaucratic procedures to officially found the school which became active at the beginning of 2011 after deliberation of its regulations.

It is one of the first Sectional Schools of Escursionism in Sicily, an important goal for the section of Catania, whose members have followed long training courses before being awarded their relevant "leadership titles".

Titles which, through the organisation of primary courses up to advanced level, will help the leaders to transmit the experiences they have acquired during their escursionistic activities to other club members, besides enabling them to study in depth the correct use of the mountain environment where there are an ever increasing number of enthusiasts.

The Aims

School means Teaching, in fact, during the year we offer base course at three levels; Basic Escursionism, Advanced Escursionism and Escursionism in Snowy Environments with the use of snowshoes, thus covering both the summer and winter seasons. There are also



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single theme courses in which subjects brought up during the above mentioned courses are studied in depth.

Participation in the courses is exclusive to members of C.A.I. and/or associates of U.I.A.A.

Where we are

The office is located at the Catania Section of C.A.I. in Via Messina 593/A (at Ognina), CAP 95126 - Catania.

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