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Crosscountry BC / Crosscountry Canada

ERAC member districts have in place access to a perpetual license for Crosscountry BC. This agreement originally available through the Ministry of Education is now available to all ERAC members. Any school in BC may also upgrade – at a nominal cost -- to Crosscountry Canada 2 or Crosscountry Canada Photo Safari.

Summary

Crosscountry BC was developed collaboratively with 22 BC school districts, using BC content based on the popular Crosscountry Canada software. It supports students' learning of valuable skills such as problem solving, map reading and decision making, involving the geography and economy of BC. Cross Country BC is designed for Grades 4-9 students.

Crosscountry Canada 2 or Crosscountry Canada Photo Safari is now available as an upgrade to ERAC members. Crosscountry Canada is engaging enough to keep students of all ages interested. The program is easily integrated into your multi-strand curriculum.

Timelines

Perpetual License

Pricing

There is no cost to ERAC member districts or schools for Crosscountry BC.

Crosscountry Canada 2 or Crosscountry Canada Photo Safari building site/network license can be purchased via upgrade pricing of \$389.00 (reg. \$695.00), providing savings to members with the Crosscountry BC license. You may purchase Crosscountry Canada 2 thru Ingenuity Works. For more information and a demo of the program please visit www.ingenuityworks.com/bcmed

Details

A geography classroom becomes a real Canadian adventure! Students learn about the relationships between places, goods and regions. In addition, they develop an understanding of their place in the context of this information. Teachers may use the product at home and copy lesson plans and associated materials in the appendices of the manual for use, or as part of a course of instruction. Crosscountry BC and Canada 2 are powerful tools for long-term learning.

Program Features:

- Students 'drive' an 18-wheel truck around the province or country picking up and delivering a variety of commodities.
- As students travel between cities, they learn valuable skills such as problem solving, map reading, and decision making.
- On-screen maps and a compass allow players to learn directions and plan the most efficient route. They'll learn time management, decide when to eat and sleep and watch road conditions.

- Photographs of cities, famous places and landmarks add a visual dimension to the journey.
- Descriptions and pictures of each of the 30 (Cross Country BC) or 50 (Cross Country Canada) commodities teach students the basis of the economy. In Crosscountry Canada Photo Safari, students take photographs of 50 endangered animals and learn about their appearance, habitat and lifecycle.
- GPS Navigation system
- Along the way, students develop geographical literacy.

More information about Crosscountry BC and participating districts in its creation can be found at www.ingenuityworks.com/bcmed

System Requirements

Windows:

- Pentium 75 MHz processor (133 MHz or better recommended)
- Windows 95, 98, Me, NT 4, 2000 or XP
- 32 MB RAM (64 MB recommended)
- 640 x 480 resolution display with 16-bit color (or better)
- CD-ROM drive (required for program installation only)
- 50MB of available hard-disk space
- Windows-compatible sound card (if sound is desired)

Mac:

- Power Mac with a 66 MHz processor (133 MHz or better recommended)
- Mac OS 8.6, 9.x
- 16 MB **free** RAM (64 MB recommended)
- 640 x 480 resolution display with thousands of colors (or better)
- CD-ROM drive (required for program installation only)
- 50MB of available hard-disk space

Ordering Info

All districts were provided CD-ROMs of Crosscountry BC starting in March 2004. To obtain a copy of Cross Country BC please contact your district Technology Coordinator. Activation codes and quickstart guides are available on the ERAC web site member's only area. For lost CD-ROM replacement contact Ian Mulcaster at the ERAC office.

To order Crosscountry Canada 2, Crosscountry Canada Photo Safari or for more information about the student take home program visit www.ingenuityworks.com/bcmed or contact Teresa Mew at Ingenuity Works.

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