

Risk assessment – Camping on campsite - Up to 30 Young People

Name of activity, event, and location	12 th Shavington Scout Group	Date of risk assessment	15th August 2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
	General Risks - Camping on a Scout Campsite	Date of next review	Ahead of next Camp of this nature		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<p><i>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.</i></p> <p><i>The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</i></p>	<p><i>For example: young people, leaders, visitors</i></p>	<p>Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it.</p> <p><i>For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.</i></p>	<p>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.</p> <p><i>This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</i></p>
Behaviour - Risk of over excitement	All Present	Everyone to follow section code of conduct that sets clear expectations and behaviour standards	
Emergency aid	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A qualified first aider will be present throughout the activity • A first aid kit will be present on site during the activity 	
Site features – Risk of injuries	All present	<p>Leaders to find out in advance from camp staff if any areas are out of bounds – i.e. - maintenance of areas, machinery, wood pile, etc. - YP & other Leaders to be advised as soon as possible of any areas that are out of bounds to campers – especially when unsupervised</p> <p>Appropriate footwear is worn at all times. Avoid bare feet unless activity specific.</p>	
Water & Waste – Infection & vermin	All present	All to be advised ASAP as to what system/area is in place for disposing of waste water and food (grease traps).	

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Toilets - Safeguarding issues,	Young people and leaders	The site has separate toilet facilities for males/females	
Vehicles & people Risk of collision & injury	All present	Vehicle access main site to be limited with speed limit also on site Any vehicles traveling onsite will have their hazard lights flashing and driving slowly. Young people will transport their kit from cars (and back at end of camp) under supervision of leaders	
Heavy loads and items - Back or other injuries to adults and YP	All present	Kit to be delivered as close to site as possible – preferably by vehicle before the YP arrive. YP to be supervised when carrying bigger items (use a trolley if available). Remind people how to lift and carry safely. All lifting and dropping of heavy tents and other items to be supervised by adults	
Tentage, guy lines, trip hazards, Items stored at low level – Tripping on guy lines and tent pegs, boxes, natural items	Young people and leaders	Instruct and enforce “No running” rules around tents and inside dining tent(s). Also remind YP to keep away from thistles / stinging nettles / barbed fence wire, ponds, ditches etc – especially if unsupervised. Games to be played away from tent areas only	
Mallets striking Tent pegs – Slippage of mallet Struck by mallet	All present	Adults to supervise activity and to check mallets are in good condition and not loose or split. Instruction on how to correctly put pegs in. Check tent pegs are suitable size and condition for the tent guy. Ensure other YP are standing safely away.	

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<p>Sleeping facilities - Safeguarding issues</p>	<p>Young people and leaders</p>	<p>Ensure sleeping facilities provide appropriate division of adults and YP. Number of YP in tents will be determined as per the latest advice from The Scout Association (Covid consideration). Same will apply to adults in their tents.</p>	
<p>Food – Food poisoning</p>	<p>Young people and leaders</p>	<p>Menu planned to suit facilities available with correct storage of food. All to clean hands thoroughly before preparing or consuming food</p>	
<p>Tables – Risk of collapse during cooking and activity</p>	<p>All present</p>	<p>Check tables are properly and safely put up, eg: legs locked, trestles stable, put small table feet on boards if used on grass, ensure level and stable.</p>	
<p>LPG gas bottles Gas hoses and cooking equipment Leakage of gas and fire.</p>	<p>Young people and leaders</p>	<p>Hoses and regulators to be checked for good condition and hoses are in date – before camp and by leaders during camp. Hoses secured to kit by hose clips. LPG cylinders to be positioned outside tents and doors open during use for good ventilation. Fire extinguisher / fire bucket positioned outside tent near to cooking area Fire evacuation procedure set up for the camp Gas cooking and lighting equipment to be used in controlled areas. Battery torches only in sleeping tents. No cooking in sleeping tents</p>	
<p>Cooking – hot surfaces Hot liquids, Cooking fats Risk of fire</p>	<p>Young people and leaders</p>	<p>Mount cooking equipment on safe (non-wobbly) tables. Fire blanket and fire extinguisher in cooking tent. Keep flames as far away from tent sides as possible. Keep cooking area clear of obstructions and YP (unless designated to help)</p>	

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Burns		First aid kit in camp – call First Aid leader if required.	
<p>Using Open Fires –</p> <p>Risk of burns from mistakes or misuse.</p> <p>Starting fires - creating sparks</p>	All present	<p>Restrict access by using in a defined area. Leaders to supervise YP when they're using hot items. Consider appropriate Group size.</p> <p>Keep area around the fire free of trip hazards</p> <p>Keep woodpile well away from the fire - at least 2 metres</p> <p>Brief YP on safe use of cooking equipment or fire before use and on the possible dangers of firelighting.</p> <p>Have rules for firelighting including – for example: no picking up burning wood; no throwing objects onto the fire; hold wood at one end and lower onto the fire with your fingers near the ground. No removing wood from the fire once it has been put on.</p> <p>To start a fire only use kindling or bought fire lighters. Do NOT use accelerants on the fire (any substance or mixture that accelerates or speeds the development and escalation of fire) – such as petrol, lighter fuel and other spirits.</p> <p>Avoid loose clothing around fires – watch out for open coats, sleeves, scarves, neckerchieves etc. Tuck them in and keep coats, hoodies fastened. Tie back loose hair. Do not reach over fires or flames.</p> <p>Make sure there is an appropriate first aid kit available and that leader training is up to date.</p> <p>Make sure that cold water is available nearby – there should be at least a bucket, running water is best if possible.</p>	
<p>Bugs & Dirt –</p> <p>Dirty utensils</p> <p>Hygiene</p> <p>Food poisoning</p>	All present	<p>Leaders ensure good hygiene standards and brief YP on the importance of maintaining throughout camp.</p> <p>Wash hands after going to loo and all field activities and before eating.</p> <p>Hand washing area set up and regularly maintained by leader team.</p>	

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		Make sure to use clean cooking / eating utensils.	
Axe and saw – risk of injury to non-participants or observers.	All present	Create a safe cutting area (check guidance for safe size and distances). Ensure all equipment is kept secure when not in use and supervise when being used.	
Appropriate adults – Injuries from poor management of camp, activities and facilities	All adults	Ensure all leaders and adult helpers have completed appropriate enquiries. Event run by a leader with correct Nights Away Permit. Nights Away risk assessment logged with GSL. Make sure adequate rest time is built in for leaders, with a 'peaceful space' away from the general shennanigans.	
Activities	All participants	Please see separate risk assessments for activities including free time and unstructured activities	
Incidents – Risk of prolonged/increased injuries from lack of management	All present	Suitable first aid cover is in place. Details of emergency department / hospital and local doctors are held by all Leaders. Ensure robust InTouch process is in place Medication to be stored securely and leaders to supervise schedule of taking medicines Be aware of additional environmental hazards such as heatstroke, sunburn, ticks and other insects and animals	

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