

Spitewinter Scout Camp

‘Suggested’ Camp Risk Assessment

April 2015

Hazard	Who might be harmed	What can be done	Review and revision
Trips, slips & falls	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Briefing at start of camp informing campers of the topography of the site, not to run around woods, tents or open fires - Block off areas in between tents. Mark Guy lines - No games near tents. - Adequate leader supervision. 	
Trees and wildlife	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Falling branches especially in high winds, do not climb trees or swing from branches - Insect bites, wear appropriate clothing i.e. full length trousers and long sleeved tops, avoid long grass, seek medical advice if necessary 	Ongoing visual assessment by camp volunteers and visitors when on site. Annual site inspection by tree surgeon.
Fire (open fires for cooking)	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instruction and supervision of Under 18s when lighting and using open fires - Use supplied fire bases - Keep open fires at least 20 feet from any tent - Ash/part burnt wood to be well doused and put onto designated ash pile at site - Any lighted stick stays in the fire 	
Fire (mess tent)	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correct set up of gas stoves (check for leaks prior to lighting) - Stoves to be used by leaders only, or Under 18s under close supervision - Don't leave a lit stove unattended - No other fires, BBQs or naked flames to be used in any tent - Ensure exits are clear. - Careful storage of inflammables. - Ensure first aid, cold water available. - Where possible fire fighting equipment available. 	

Food Poisoning	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure adequate clean drinking water supply. - Ensure food is cooked thoroughly. - Ensure food is stored safely, especially in hot weather. - Ensure clean equipment, facilities & hand washing. 	
After dark	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Battery lamps only to be used in tents - Torches to be used when moving around the site after dark 	
Tables	Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tables for housing stoves and kitchen equipment to be made stable prior to loading - Site stove table at least 1m from side of mess tent 	
Waste	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste food to be placed into bin sacks and disposed of in site waste bins - Wet waste to be drained through 'grease pit' (sited behind mess tent at base of bush) and 'filter' changed and put in waste bin everyday 	
Knife, Axe and saw	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under 18s not to use knife, axe or saw without instruction from a leader - Children under 12 years old to hand knives to a leader to store over night - Only use axe and saw in suitable chopping area (area assessed by leader) - Only use axe and saw when wearing suitable strong footwear. Loose clothing/hair tied out of the way - First aid kit and first aider available at all times on group site 	
Health (personal hygiene)	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toilet and washing facilities are available at the site - The facilities should be checked on a regular basis by the adult leaders on site and issues reported to "On Duty" Warden - Water and hand soap available for hand washing prior to preparation and eating of food 	

<p>Extreme weather (cold, wind, heavy rain, heat & sun, electric storms, floods)</p>	<p>All participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use adequate equipment/clothing. - Ensure pitching & site of tents is OK. - Obtain weather reports. - Consider cancellation. - Ensure adequate drinking water. - Emergency equipment i.e. First Aid, shelter, 	
<p>General</p>	<p>All participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Know local conditions, weather, etc. - First aid equipment available from group leaders. - Staff / leaders to have working knowledge of first aid. - Ongoing risk assessments to be made throughout. - Clear boundaries set for young people. - Child protection guidelines to be followed at all times. - Supervision of young people to agreed levels - Group details & emergency contacts available. - Emergency procedures understood by all staff. 	