

Risk Assessment

Name of Section or Activity	Dulwich Explorers Norfolk Camping Weekend 17 th to 19 th September 2021	Date of risk assessment	27/08/2021	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Peter Evans
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Hazard Identified? / 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?
<i>Hazard</i> – something that may cause harm or damage. <i>Risk</i> – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	<i>Controls</i> – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.	Keep <i>checking</i> throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even <i>stop</i> it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Parents or Scouts are not properly prepared for post Covid arrangements	Young People, Leaders, General Public	Clear instructions will be sent to parents in advance of the camp with all the details of Scout requirements This risk assessment will be copied to each leader participating on the camp No one should attend if they have Covid symptoms or have been asked to self isolate. Minibus travel to avoid full capacity where possible with good ventilation & masks encouraged. We will follow government and scout association policy at time of travel. If a scout tests positive or develops Covid symptoms they will be isolated on site, until that child can be collected by parents or returned home.	
Difficulty contacting parents if there is a significant incident	Young People	We will operate an In Touch system so that there is a person offsite who can assist with contacting parents in an emergency. There is internet signal & internet connection on site so contact can be made with parents & other leaders offsite can be contacted.	
Leaders ongoing training may have lapsed while face to face Scouting was suspended	Young People, Leaders	DBS, Safety and Safeguarding status has been reviewed for all leaders and are up to date. 2 leaders have up to date First Aid.	
Risk of injury when travelling	Young People, Adults	Everyone in the vehicles will wear a seatbelt. Leaders driving will have appropriate licences and observe speed limits Department of Transport Standard Permits (section 19) are up to date for minibuses	
Reducing risks whilst on site	Young People	Safety briefing at start of camp with instructions to stay within our camping field and care with regards lake Clear instructions given about days activities & safety protocols Regular headcounts Toilet block is not open for the public	
Risk of accident or contamination during cooking/ meals/ clearing up	Young People, Leaders	Scouts will have a briefing on cooking at camp & best practice with storage & food hygiene. Scouts will be reminded on the need for food hygiene as well as safety with knives, cooking on Trangias High risk foods will be stored in fridge. Tables will be wiped down with cleaning spray or wipes before and after every meal Scouts will wash/ sanitise their hands before they start cooking and when they have finished cooking, as well as handling any potentially contaminated food such as raw meat Scouts will keep their working areas clean throughout food preparation and cooking activities	

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Hygiene of people: higher risk of infection spread if proper hand washing not carried out.	Young People, Leaders,	Regular hand washing to be monitored and encouraged. Use of showers after water activities	
Risk of hand sanitiser near fires	Young People, Leaders	Hand sanitiser will not be kept or applied near a campfire or cooking fire to avoid flammable liquid soaking into clothing Scouts will be reminded to be careful when applying hand sanitiser to ensure they take a small amount and keep it on their hands.	
Use of outdoor spaces: un-even ground, access to space less controlled, cannot be cleaned.	Young People, Leaders,	Instructions at start of Camp on the dangers of the campsite & how to behave around tents/pegged areas. Leaders to be vigilante during the camp and encourage walking where necessary Each activity and location on site will be reviewed in advance. First Aid kit available There will be a designated First Aider at all times of which Scouts & Leaders will be aware who it is	
Campfire risks	Young People, Leaders	Safety briefing regarding behaviour around campfires, Leaders to be vigilante during Cooking times Fires only in designated firepit Fires to be kept at least 6m from tents Fires to be extinguished at night	
Risk of drowning in lake	Young People, Leaders	The Lake is clearly identified, Scouts will be made aware of the location at beginning of the camp & need for caution at edge Regular headcounts during water activities, Onshore lifeguard with safety rope watching all activities	
Risk of wildlife / nature		Food to be kept securely stored to avoid attracting unwanted animals Young people reminded not to eat any berries, leaves or fungi Tree roots clearly identified as trip hazards	
Weather and exposure, risk of getting cold and becoming vulnerable to colds and other illness.	Young People, Leaders,	All members briefed to bring the necessary amount of suitable outerwaterproof and warm clothing. Leaders to be alert for youngsters getting cold on water activities	Cease activity if too cold
Weather and exposure, risk of sunburn or overheating.	Young People, Leaders,	Scouts will all bring a refillable water bottle, wear a sun hat and sunscreen will be provided at HQ & leaders to encourage application. Strenuous exercise to be made less intense or avoided in particularly high temperatures.	Cease/reduce activity if sunburn risk too high

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Risk of health issues on camp		<p>Leaders should be aware of any medical conditions via parent permission form</p> <p>Youngsters to be encouraged to discuss any injuries / illness with First Aider</p>	
Guidance may change before we go on camp (Government announcement)	Young People, Leaders	<p>IF there is a change in the Scouting Association or Government Guidelines We will adjust our plans and risk assessment as required in light of any changes. At this point we will liaise with the DC to determine if the risk assessment requires updating and re-approval and will gain that approval before we leave if required, we will also update all participators and young people's parents on any changes required as soon as possible.</p> <p>If guidance changes while we are at camp, we will implement any new rules as far as practical</p>	
Risk of harm whilst rafting / swimming in water	Young People, Leaders	<p>The leader in charge will clearly communicate with the group the safety briefing before the event. This needs to include the signals for exiting the water, exactly where they are allowed to raft/swim (swimming area), acceptable behaviour and where the swimmers/rafts are to enter/exit the water.</p> <p>Buoyancy aids to be worn at all times in the water</p> <p>Adult onshore safety cover who has the knowledge and who is capable of recovering a casualty or swimmer/rafter in distress. Safety line available</p>	If behaviour not acceptable then cease activity
Risk of harm from pioneering equipment / rafts collapsing	Young People Leaders	<p>Closely supervise rafters while they're being constructed and dismantled.</p> <p>Supervise young people and check they're using the correct knots and lashings.</p> <p>Limit the load put on the raft.</p> <p>Safety lines attached to assist return to shore</p> <p>Since it is likely that the raft will come apart during the activity ensure that Adult supervision from the side keeps a close eye on each raft – if there are several rafts in the water at the same time allocate an adult per raft.</p> <p>If deemed necessary a safety boat may be needed.</p> <p>Youngsters to wear buoyancy aids & helmets whilst rafting</p>	
Risk of harm whilst participating in water based craft activities (e.g.canoe/kayak)	Young People, Leaders	<p>The leader in charge will clearly communicate with the group the safety briefing before the event. This needs to include emergency procedure, acceptable behaviour, the signals for exiting the water, exactly where they are allowed to paddle</p> <p>Operating in class C water and following rules set out in fact sheet FS120623</p>	If behaviour not acceptable then cease activity

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		Buoyancy aids to be worn at all times Group sizes in line with regulations (8 craft/12 persons max per group) Adult leader always on water ahead of youngsters Adult onshore safety cover who is capable of recovering a casualty in distress. Safety line available	

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