

ACTIVITY - Bushcraft (Den Building, Fire Lighting and Fire cooking)

MINIMUM INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION - HLAC In-house Trained

INSTRUCTOR : PARTICIPANT RATIO - 1:12

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| Risk  | Who Might Be Harmed                                  | Measures to Minimise Risk   |
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| Fire Lighting and cooking<br>- Burns, Abrasions, smoke inhalation or wildfire spread                                | Participants, Volunteers, Instructors, Third parties | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors to give full safety briefing prior to the start of activities.</li> <li>• Accelerants, such as petrol or spirits must not be used at any time.</li> <li>• Ensure long hair has been tied back out of the way.</li> <li>• Instructors to ensure that participants don't get too close to the fires.</li> <li>• Ensure operating areas are clear of any flammable substances.</li> <li>• Fires must only be lit in the provided pits.</li> <li>• Do not add any green/fresh materials to the fires to avoid excess smoke.</li> <li>• Ensure a hose or bucket of water is in close proximity before lighting fires.</li> <li>• First aider to be on site at all times during activity.</li> </ul>           |
| Shelter Building - Cuts, splinters, scratches and injuries associated with moving and assembling wooden structures. | Participants, volunteers, instructors                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors are to give a full safety briefing prior to the start of activities.</li> <li>• Instructors to supervise the building of shelters, and intervene if structures don't look sturdy.</li> <li>• Instructors to enforce the "If it's bigger than you it takes two" manual handling rule.</li> <li>• Participants to be mindful of who is around them when manoeuvring logs and give each other space.</li> <li>• Ensure participants don't enter shelters until they have been inspected by an instructor.</li> </ul>  |
| Cooking - Food poisoning, irritation or intolerances  | Participants, Volunteers, Instructors.               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors to give full safety briefing prior to start of activity</li> <li>• Ensure that any meat has been temperature tested with a probe before being eaten.</li> <li>• Ensure that all participants have made the centre aware of any allergies and intolerances before the start of the session.</li> <li>• Ensure that all instructors on the session are aware of any allergies in their group.</li> <li>• Participants only to cook and eat in date foods.</li> <li>• Any medication needed by participants is to be with either the participant, their instructor, or in the building where the instructor and participant has access to it.</li> <li>• First aider to be on site at all times.</li> </ul> |

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| Cooking - Burns and scalds from fires, hot water, cooking pots and hot foods. | Participants, Volunteers, Instructors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors to give full safety brief prior to start of activity.</li> <li>• Food hygiene rules to be followed at all times.</li> <li>• Only allow participants to cook on the fires if instructors are sure that their behaviour is safe.</li> <li>• Only allow cooking once the fire has died down to embers.</li> <li>• Position all participants so that the instructor can see them all while cooking.</li> <li>• When serving hot liquids, bring the cups to the kettle, and pour into cups that are on the ground, not in someones hand.</li> <li>• Use heat proof gloves to remove pan lids when hot.</li> <li>• Warn participants that the food may be hot.</li> </ul> |
| Shelter Building - Slips, trips and falls.                                    | Participants, Volunteers, Instructors  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors to give full safety briefing prior to start of activity.</li> <li>• Ensure that participant don't run while around fallen branches and sticks.</li> <li>• Ensure that Participants do not run while carrying sticks or logs.</li> <li>• Enforce the "If it's bigger than you, it takes two" manual handling rule.</li> <li>• While in the council back field, participants are not to run due to the uneven ground.</li> <li>• Instructors to carry a working radio at all times.</li> <li>• First aider to be on site at all times with a radio.</li> </ul>  |