DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK REGULATIONS CHILDRENS SERVICES



GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:

Bushcraft

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS									
Section/Establishm	ent Name: Lea Green Centre	Reviews							
					Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
Date of Assessment 8/10/13		Da	ate of Issue	1 January 2014				Y	N
					Nov/Dec 2021	IW,GN,DH,PV	10/11/21	Y	
Assessment carried out by	DS	Signature			Nov 22	GN/PV/IW	3/11/22	Y	
carried out by					Nov 23	IW/GN/DH/PV	14/11/23		N
					Dec 2024	IW GN	4/12/24	Y	
					Dec 2019	PV &HM	06/12/19		Y
					Dec 2020	ME	24/11/20	Y	
Affected persons: Young People/Clients x Staff x Visitors x Contractor Others (specify)									

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:	IP
Signature:	

The following sections should be completed by all staff who need to be made aware of and abide by the findings of the Risk Assessment. NB: If, as a result of a review, changes are made to the Risk Assessment the relevant box on the attached page should be completed as appropriate by the staff concerned.

RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Generic Control Measures implemented	✓ X	Person to implement	Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level	Person to implement	Date to be actioned
Slips trips, falls and tree hazards.	 All groups to wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Groups briefed on specific hazards. Safety briefing to highlight not climbing trees or other structures 		Instructor leading the session			
Extreme weather.	 Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account. Activity adapted or abandoned where appropriate. Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored. Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups. Individuals' kit checked before session to ensure adequate protective clothing. Suitable emergency equipment accessible. 			After extreme weather event site checked prior to use. Take special note of wind speeds.		

Safeguarding.	Group briefing and management.Staff vigilance.		Instructor to be aware of all groups on site during session.	
Injury sustained from trees/bushes or collapsing dens.	 Group briefed on moving safely through woods, No running and taking care not to allow branches to flick back into the face of following group members. Structures to be assessed by instructor, dangerously weak ones to be strengthened or dismantled. 			
Plant stings / Insect stings or bites.	 Instructor awareness of the sites used and briefing given to group if appropriate on how to avoid being stung. When working with nettles appropriate protection to be used during the session. 		Corden off any areas with known bee/wasp nests	
Inappropriate behaviour.	 Group briefing and management. Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity. 			
Injury sustained lifting heavy objects.	 Group to be briefed on working together with heavier items or using alternative methods like rolling, assistance given by instructor and or visiting staff if needed. "Nothing too heavy too high" 		Careful of toes when rolling. Use thumb and index fingers circle as a guide of maximum thickness for lifting.	

Infections and	No plants, Berries or fungi to be			
poisoning.	eaten.			
Burn injuries from fires	 Group to be briefed on safe lighting and management of fires. A limit on the number of fires, ideally one main fire managed by the instructor and then small fire lighting sessions involving students. No running near fires and no pushing rules enforced. Long hair and loose clothing to be secured. Fires to be extinguished by staff only and sites to be doused with water. If cooking food, clear instructions to be given on safe distance to be kept from fire, sitting / kneeling near fires (ie; not standing) and safe use of skewers for toasting marshmallows, allow cooked food to cool before eating and do not wave lit marshmallows around but instead blow them out. Any stick which is poked in the fire then stays in the fire. 	Water	to be on-hand when fires are lit	
Burn injuries from	 For Handwashing, any alcohol spray that is used should be away from the fire and hands should be dry before returning near the fire. 			
friction fire lighting	 Group to be briefed about hot components and then closely 			

	supervised		
Illness/Allergies	 Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. 		Ensure staff or individuals are carrying appropriate inhaler, Adrenalin auto injector etc.
Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability	 Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the area on site 		A discussion with the participant along with visiting staff/carers should be had to decide on the most appropriate way to access the site. Or whether a more accessible location is used.
			Additional staff and time may be factored into the session.
	and engage with the activity.		Handling belts may be used to assist less ambulant users
			Less mobile visitors may be more sensitive to environmental conditions and need closer supervision