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Standard Core Activity Plan Patrol and Unit Camping



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1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide core good camping practices supported by a static risk assessment which can be used as the basis for training.

This will eliminate the need for a risk assessment to be conducted from first principles for every camping event.

A situational risk assessment will need to be conducted immediately before camping focusing in particular on the conditions considered for the static risk assessment described in SPE-PLN-40-AR Patrol and Unit Camping and other emergent conditions on site. SRM-FOR-02 Risk Management ASK Tool should be used for this review.

2 Activity Scope

This document relates to Member participation in heavy weight or light weight camping as either a Unit or a Patrol activity.

3 Camp Preparation

Before each camp it is important to check the equipment and planning to be used for the camp:

- This document and SPE-PLN-40-RA Patrol and Unit Camping is reviewed.
- There is a program for the camp
- Tentage, poles and associated ropes are complete and in good condition
- Cooking equipment is sufficient for the planned menu and in a hygienic condition
- Cleaning and washing up equipment is clean and there is sufficient stock of consumables for the duration of the camp
- Eskies are clean and ice available for cooling/ refrigerators in working order
- Camp menu is agreed and all ingredients have been obtained and are stored to remain consumable for the intended duration
- Potable water supplies are either being carried or have been confirmed as being available at the site of the camp
- Lighting equipment is charged/refilled and globes/wicks/ glass are working
- Tables, table frame, table-tops, camp chairs or equivalent are in a safe condition
- There is a stocked first aid kit available for the camp
- Personal clothing has been selected and packed to suit the expected conditions

4 Travelling to camp

The person in charge of the event needs to make sure that the following arrangements take place

- All camping equipment is securely stowed either within a trailer or a vehicle within the capacity of the trailer or vehicle for safe travelling to camp
- Drivers are licenced for the vehicles that they are driving
- Drivers advise that trailers and vehicles are registered and in a road-worthy condition
- The number of persons within each vehicle is within the stated capacity of the vehicle
- Travel speeds are adjusted within the speed limit to suit the road conditions

5 Camp set up and take down

The person in charge of the event needs to make sure that the following arrangements take place:

- SRM-FOR-02 Risk Management ASK Tool is used to review SPE-PLN-40 RA Patrol and Unit Camping
- Activities are assigned to teams with a person in charge of each team
- Activities take place in a logical manner



- Equipment used for the set up and take down is used as intended
- Provide adequate instruction to any person using equipment for the first time
- Leader / adult support is sought if there is concern about these activities

6 Hygiene

Maintenance of robust hygiene standards associated with toileting, cooking and eating on camp are vital to avoid gastroenteritis. Further details are available in the referenced documents.

7 Pioneering / bushwalking associated with the camp

- Pioneering and bushwalking associated with the camp is discussed and agreed with the supervising Leader up to OAS Stage 3 and noted in the program.
- Equipment ropes and spars are in good condition.
- Walking routes are known and relevant directions and maps are available.
- Further details are available in the referenced documents.

8 Campfire

The person in charge of the event needs to make sure that the following arrangements take place:

- A fire pit or campfire circle is used for the campfire or if not available a suitable area clear of vegetation 1-2 metres beyond the extremity of the campfire is cleared.
- A filled water bucket or a hose is available to douse the campfire if it starts to get too big and to extinguish the flames at the end of the campfire
- The campfire is supervised whilst in operation with particular attention being paid to the minimisation of horseplay and playing with fire during the campfire
- A fire safety briefing is given to all in attendance

9 Walking to/from activities and activities general

- Wherever possible use designated walking paths and in the absence of designated walking paths, walk in areas that are clear of long grass and bushes with thorns or prickles, keeping your eyes on the ground to identify and avoid obstacles
- Wear closed shoes and a hat during the day. Apply sunscreen too.
- Crossroads where possible at designated crossing points and where they are not available, using extreme care to cross when there is no risk of a collision with a moving vehicle
- Keep all members of the walking party together
- Keep an eye out for biting insects such as ants and spiders that could cause an allergic reaction. Use insect repellent and long-sleeved clothing and have medication available if you are vulnerable to bites and stings
- Do not run unless in cleared areas.
- Drink plenty of water during the day to avoid dehydration
- Keep a torch handy during night-time activities when night vision is insufficient to avoid obstacles

10 References

The following references are used:

- SPE-PLN-40-RA Patrol and Unit Camping
- SRM-FOR-02 Risk Management ASK Tool
- QBSI 7.15 Face-to-face Scouting under COVID-19 restrictions
- SPE-PLN-41-CP Cooking Activities
- SPE-PLN-41-RA Cooking Activities



- SPE-PLN-42-CP Simple Bushwalking
- SPE-PLN-42 RA Simple Bushwalking