

Girlguiding Risk Assessment

Site:	Blackland Farm	Assessment No.	BF/ BUS
Assessor	Vicki Armitage (Review Thomas Webb-Bowen)	Description of Building or Area	Bushcraft is currently run in a wooded area (small campfire circle)
Date of Assessment	25/04/2018 (Reviewed 27/01/19)		
Task/Activity/Process/Equipment	Bushcraft	Equipment used (if applicable)	Fire lighting equipment, Shelter building kit, occasionally knives/ saws/ axes, occasionally bread mix/ marshmallows/ hot chocolate powder
Technical Advisor (if applicable)			
Persons Name (If Applicable to vulnerable Groups etc)			
When Identifying HAZARDS consider:			
a) The Task (Who, What, Where, When, How)			
b) The environment (temperature, noise, lighting, dust, fumes)			
c) Materials, Equipment, and Substances (machinery, tools, chemicals, etc)			



RA REF No.	Hazard	Description of potential accident/injury/loss	Persons affected	Precautions/Controls already in place	Risk Rating Factor=SxL			Further control measures required?	Action By Whom	To be completed by (Date)
					Severity	Likelihood	Factor			
	Fire Lighting	Burns	Instructor Participants	Instructor to be fully trained and will NOT use any liquids. Long hair and loose clothes kept out of the way. Water & burns dressings accessible. Fire blanket accessible. Minimum age 8 years old. Max group size 12.	3	1	3			
	Falling onto the fire	Burns	Instructor Participants	Participants are advised only to walk. A Group Leader or Instructor to monitor the fire area at all times. Leader to ensure fire is out when finished. When cooking, extra care and space will be needed.	4	1	4			
	Smoke inhalation	Smoke inhalation, causing coughing. Affecting specifically people with asthma	Asthma suffers	Medical conditions known by Group Leader and shared with Instructor.	2	2	4			
	Slips/Trips and Falls	People falling on uneven ground or slippery surfaces	All	Participants are advised to walk in the area and be aware of their environment. All equipment to be left tidy.	2	2	4			
	Cuts using knives/ sharp objects	Participants slipping whilst using knives or saws resulting in cuts/ puncture wounds	All	Group taught how to use them correctly. Instructor to directly supervise use of tools. Minimum age 8 years old. Max group size 12.	2	3	6			
	No supervising adult	Behaviour requiring the Instructor to intervene. Child protection level is higher due to only one staff member present.	Participants	Staff aware that if they need to they can end the session or send participants away. Staff to radio the office/ senior staff for back up if required. Staff have had child protection training and aware of their position within the group.	3	1	3			
	Running drop-in sessions	Students not having a full brief and therefore unaware of safety points	Everyone on site	Staff aware of the maximum in the area and each individual to be given the appropriate rules.	2	2	4			
	Shelter Building	Unstable structures falling on participants	Participants	Instructor will monitor stability while shelters are being built, and will check stability of each shelter before participants get in. Minimum age 8 years old. Max group size 12.	2	3	6			
	Scavenger Hunt/ Tracking & Trailing	Reaction to plants with irritants/ stings and/ or allergic reaction to specific pollens/ plants	Participants	Participants told not to pick/ eat plants, especially if they're not ID'd on the sheet. Participants told to check with Instructor if they are unsure. Allergies known by Group Leader and shared with Instructor.	2	3	6			
	Gluten/ gelatin/ dairy	Allergic reaction to ingredients in food items cooked	Participants	Medical conditions known by Group Leader and shared with Instructor. Ingredients flagged to participants.	2	2	4			