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| **Risk Assessment**  **(OSM)** | **Fire Lighting / Cooking on Fires** | **Date of risk assessment** | **10th September 2024** | **Name of person doing this risk assessment** | **Iain Roy** |
| **Category**  **(OSM)** | **Activities** | **Date of next review** | **9th September 2026** |

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| **What hazard have you identified?**  **What are the 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?** |
| Leaders not qualified to run activity leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Designated Leader In Charge. * Planning and Preparation materials shared between all leaders. * Clear roles and responsibilities during the activity. * Risk Assessment Shared. |  |
| Young people not aware of safety rules leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Clear briefing before activity by Leader In Charge to include instructions about no neckers, no running, water buckets, not to touch bricks / cooking equipment, location of PPE, requirement to tell a leader if burnt. |  |
| Overexcitement and not following rules or instructions leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Section code of conduct in place to set clear expectations of behaviour. * Explain the activity clearly using age-appropriate language. * Young people to be reminded about behaviour expectations before activity. * Monitor the mood level throughout the activity. * Use a clear communication to stop the activity – everyone should stop and as they hear two blasts on the whistle or anyone shouting stop. |  |
| Risk of injuries whilst setting up activity | Young people  Leaders | * Leaders and Young Leaders oversee setting up and moving tables and chairs. Tables to be set out at the start of the activity * No one carries tables alone – at least two people carry each table. No Beavers to move tables. * First aid if required. |  |
| General risk of slips, trips, or falls, and injuries caused by collecting and handling wood | Young people  Leaders | * Ensure adult supervision at all times * Make young people aware of any specific dangers e.g, likelihood of nails in woodpile. * No running at any time between fires or whilst collecting wood. |  |
| Risk of burns from matches / firelighters | Young people  Leaders | * If applicable, give a demonstration on the safe use of matches or other fire lighting equipment. * Young people to be supervised when lighting fires. * Consider closer supervision for children with SEN. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of burns from campfire / cooking fire | Young people  Leaders | * Make sure that fires are well spaced and that there is an adequate escape route from each fire. * A maximum of 4 young people per fire / trangia / kelly kettle. * Consider closer supervision for children with SEN. * 1 water bucket per 2 fires as a minimum and water buckets to be close to fires, and if necessary illuminated if dark. * Clear rules about behaviour close to fire and not reaching over / into fire or running around. * PPE (as appropriate) to be available to adults and young people. * Out of bounds areas to be clearly marked / indicated. * Young people to be seated well back from the fire (campfires). * Fire buckets to be used for burns/scalds first aid in first instance. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of clothing catching fire | Young people  Leaders | * Ensure young people maintain a safe distance from the fire as far as possible. * Ensure appropriate clothing is worn (e.g. no shell suits or nylon), and that hair is tied back. * No neckers to be worn around any campfire or cooking fire. * Clear rules about behaviour close to fire and not reaching over / into fire or running around. * Fire buckets to be used for burns/scalds first aid in the first instance. * Fire blanket available. |  |
| Allergic reactions including food poisining | Young people  Leaders | * Allergy information to be considered prior to activity and no allergens to be included in activity. * Hands to be properly washed by all people who are preparing or serving food. * Leader responsible for overseeing food preparation to ensure food is correctly prepared. * Knives and utensils to be washed between use on raw and cooked foods. * Different chopping boards to be used for raw and cooked foods. * No cross contamination. |  |
| Risk of burns or scalds whilst cooking | Young people  Leaders | * Consider closer supervision for children with SEN. * PPE to be provided for handling cookware and saucepans. * First aid if required. |  |
| Out of control fires | Young people  Leaders | * Fire site to be clear of combustible material near the fire. * Small campfires / cooking fires will be built, not bonfires. * Prevailing direction and strength of wind to be checked prior to activity. * A bucket of water to be available to damp down any fire as may be required. * All fires to be completely extinguished and damped down when finished. * If fire gets out of control, evacuate young people and leaders to assembly point. Move adults and young people away from any danger. * If fire gets out of control use water to control if safe to do so. * If fire spreads and if necessary call 999. |  |
| Other unforeseen hazards | Young people  Leaders | * Dynamic risk assessment to be performed by all leaders in line with TSA guidelines. * Hazards to be shared with other leaders and appropriate mitigation to be actioned. |  |