**TOPSTONES RISK ASSESSMENT LIGHTWEIGHT CAMPING**

**(e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions or similar)**

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| **EVENT NAME:** | | **DATE:** |
| **Risk assessment carried out by:** |  | |

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| **Hazard** | **Who might be**  **harmed** | **Control Measures** | **Person/s responsible**  **for control measures** |
| **Security** | All participants | Leaders to sleep on site unless expedition  participants are trained and assessed as sufficiently competent to camp under indirect  supervision. Site to be visited by Supervisor and a  risk assessment completed. | Expedition Supervisor |
| **Camping under trees** | All participants | No tents to be erected under trees. Camping sites  are clearly designated. Keep clear of overhanging branches which could fall in high winds. | Expedition participants |
| **Fire damage and risk to**  **life** | All participants | Cooking using gas, meths or other inflammable  fuels to be done outside and well away from tents. Cooking areas to be kept free of obstruction. Evacuation area to be identified and clearly communicated to all participants. | Expedition participants |
| **Use of open fires** | All participants | Fires are only to be lit on fire places provided  unless groups are using the backwoods area for fires. Care to be taken when fires are in use. Usual precautions to be observed ie hair tied back, no loose clothing. Bucket of water to be available near fires. | Expedition participants |

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| **Risk of fire and risk to**  **health caused by smoking** | All participants | Smoking only permitted in designated smoking  areas equipped with disposal point for cigarette ends.  UK legal age limits to be adhered to at all times. | Expedition participants |
| **Risk to health caused by**  **prescription drugs administered incorrectly, or taken other than by owner** | All participants | All prescription drugs to be in their original  packaging and clearly labelled with owner’s name  and dosage required. Drugs requiring refrigeration to be placed in fridge provided in  wet weather shelter. | Expedition participants |
| **Hygiene** | All participants | Good practice followed. Groups to be trained in  basic hygiene. Hands to be washed before handling food. Waste to be disposed of in  appropriate bins provided on the site. Washing up  facilities provided outside the toilet block-cold water only. There is also a sink at the side of the Activity Barn near the flagpole with hot & cold water. No washing up in toilet sinks. Dustbins are provided for D of E use near to the flagpole.  These | Expedition participants |
| **Public footpath –**  **awareness of strangers** | All participants | Footpath passes through the camping field.  Footpath walkers should not be approached. All valuable items to be kept secure. | Expedition participants |
| **Electric Fence** | All participants | An electric fence has been installed on the fence  surrounding the horse field. This is active at all times and contact should be avoided. No climbing  or reaching over the fence. |  |

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