

OMAKA

Scout Camp

Important Information for Supervisors of Activity Groups

The RAMS outlined below are for hazards that could result in serious illness, injury and/ or death. These hazards are specifically related to use of Omaka Scout Camp activities and equipment.

- Risks associated with normal daily life have not been included (such as bee stings, sunburn, etc.) as it is expected that all groups will apply normal precautions to avoid these and to address them if need be.
- The children and their safety are your responsibility for the entire duration of the session. Do not allow any child to leave the group without your permission.
- Please ensure you are acquainted with the **Activity Instructions** and the **RAMS form** for your activity prior to beginning the session.
- It is expected that your group will have briefed supervisors as to any special needs/at risk children (e.g. a severe bee-sting allergy, epilepsy).
- Normal precautions for child safety apply such as:
 - Ensure adequate clothing and footwear are worn especially if outdoors.
 - Maintain group control at all times.
 - Be aware of emergency procedures.
 - Know who your First Aid Officer for the group is and their location.

Emergency Procedures

1. Stop the activity
2. Assess the situation and the group safety as well as your own
3. Administer First Aid and seek further treatment if necessary

Activity : Blind Trail

Risk Level: Low

Recommended Adult:Child Ratio: 1:5

Location: Bottom end of camp near the weir bridge.

Supervisors: Qualified Instructors/Teachers/Parent Helpers

People		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Wandering off/getting lost in the dark	No one to leave or go to the trail area without permission. Headcount before and after. Remind children to meet in designated area when whistle blown.
	Long hair or clothing caught	Ensure long hair is tied back and no loose clothing hanging out. Sturdy enclosed footwear.
	Loss of group control	Adequate Adult : Child ratios
Environment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Trees/branches falling on participants	Trail to be checked before children entering. Staff to undergo regular maintenance checks to ensure trail is cleared of rotten wood, etc.
	Participants tripping over/walking into trees/branches/root	Participants instructed to go carefully and warned of the risks of this happening

Activity: Campfire Pit/Outdoor Cooking

Risk Level: Low

Recommended Adult:Child Ratio: 1:5

Location: Four pits north of kitchen/dining lodge towards confidence course

Supervisors: Qualified Instructors/Teachers/Parent Helpers

Notes: Taps and hose located on side of toilet block and storage shed.

People		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Burns	People warned of the possibility of burns
	Long hair or clothing near flame	Ensure long hair is tied back and no loose clothing hanging out. Sturdy enclosed footwear.
	Wandering off/getting lost in the dark	No one to leave or go to the campfire area without permission and do a headcount at the end of the session
	Loss of group control	Adequate Adult: Child ratios
Environment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Fire out of control/too large	Stoking fire and general management to be done only by trained adults. Fire to be completely doused with water at end of campfire. Location of water hoses is known

Activity: Confidence Course

Risk Level: Low

Recommended Adult:Child Ratio: 1:4

Location: Top end of camp near vehicle entry

Supervisors: Qualified Instructors/Teachers/Parent Helpers

Notes: Spotters for all challenging activities. Clear instructions and demonstration by activity organizer before commencing.

People		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Loss of group control	Ensure adequate Adult:Child ratios and manage group order. Give clear instructions
	Long hair or clothing caught	Ensure long hair is tied back and no loose clothing hanging out. Sturdy enclosed footwear.
Environment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Wet weather causing slippery equipment	Do not use course if raining steadily. Use towels to dry course off if it is wet.
	Trees or branches breaking/falling	Staff to regularly check for fallen branches and surrounding trees for rot
Equipment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Equipment or structures failing or unsafe	Equipment to undergo regular intensive maintenance by staff

Activity: Flying Fox

Risk Level: Low

Recommended Adult:Child Ratio: 1:6 on Tower Block at one time

Location: Directly across the stream from the Kitchen/Dining Lodge

Supervisors: Qualified Instructors/Teachers/Parent Helpers

Notes: The Flying Fox must be locked at all times if not in use. The supervising adult must relock the T Bar and the gate upon exiting the tower block. If other groups want to use the Flying Fox, their Key holder or representative, must be present to accept responsibility.

People		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Participant falling	Ensure all children behind white line at all times. Check children adequately seated before 'flying'
	Participant hitting someone or something else	Adult in charge ensures platform and path clear
	Loss of group control	Ensure adequate Adult:Child ratios
	Long hair or clothing caught	Ensure long hair is tied back and no loose clothing hanging out.
Environment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Slipping on stairs in wet weather	Children to move carefully and flying fox to be closed if raining heavily

Equipment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Injury	Equipment or structures failing or unsafe	Equipment to undergo regular intensive maintenance by staff

Activity: Slacklines, Tyre Tubes and Stream Games

Risk Level: Low

Recommended Adult:Child Ratio: 1:5

Location: Top end of camp near the car bridge.

Supervisors: Qualified Instructors/Teachers/Parent Helpers

People		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Drowning or Injury	Loss of group control	Ensure adequate Adult:Child ratios and manage group order. Give clear instructions
	Long hair or clothing caught.	Ensure long hair is tied back and no loose clothing hanging out.
	Participant wandering out of sight	Give clear instructions to stay with group at all times unless given permission
	Kids falling over/into each other	Children are instructed to be careful of each other.
Environment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Trees or branches or debris in stream	Ensure areas being used and area under slacklines is clear of all debris
	Trees or branches breaking/falling	Staff to regularly check for fallen branches and debris and to check surrounding trees for rot
	Stones, rocks cause injury	Appropriate footwear
	Stream floods due to excessive rain	Do not use if raining excessively

Equipment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Equipment or structures failing or unsafe	Equipment to undergo regular intensive maintenance by staff
	Slackline not tight enough	Staff to ensure line is set up correctly with enough tension

Activity: Slip n Slide

Risk Level: Low

Recommended Adult:Child Ratio: 1:5

Location: Across the bridge from kitchen/dining lodge by flagpole.

Supervisors: Qualified Instructors/Teachers/Parent Helpers

Notes: Hose maybe used whilst slide is in use. Please turn off when finished. No detergents.

People		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Drowning or Injury	Loss of group control	Ensure adequate Adult:Child ratios and manage group order. Give clear instructions
	Long hair or clothing caught.	Ensure long hair is tied back and no loose clothing hanging out.
	Participant wandering out of sight	Give clear instructions to stay with group at all times unless given permission
	Children falling over into each other or slipping over	Children are instructed to be careful of each other and one at a time on the slide
Environment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations
Death, Injury	Trees or branches or debris in stream	Ensure stream below slide is clear of all debris
	Stream floods due to excessive rain	Do not use if raining excessively
Equipment		
Risks	Causing Factors	Normal Operations

Death, Drowning or Injury	Equipment or structures failing or unsafe	Equipment to undergo regular intensive maintenance by staff
	Participants sliding over something sharp	Instructors to clear slide before use.