**Risk Assessment for Bushcraft and Nightline (inc. shacks)**

Name of Assessor: - M Worfell Date of Assessment::- 01/03/2021

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Operating Areas:- Forest behind Farmhouse Next Revision:- 01/03/2022

| **Significant Hazards** | **Groups Of People Who Are At Risk From The Significant Hazard** | **Existing Controls And Advisory Guidelines** | | **Notes** | |
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| **Slips and Trips.**  Wet surfaces  Uneven surfaces | All staff and participants | Full briefing given before activity.  Site inspected by instructor prior to use and obvious trip hazards removed/pointed out.  Participants to be advised on suitable footwear. | |  | |
| **Loss of Control**  Uneven Ground  Slippery Ground  Steep Ground Sharp Bends | All Staff  All Participants | Full safety brief tailored to groups needs.  Use of appropriate footwear and mobility aids.  Course tailored to group.  Match appropriate carer to visitor.  Battery Cars only used on appropriate ground and under supervision at all times. | | Small-wheeled chairs are at risk on rough stony or steep ground. Consider moving backwards over such surfaces. | |
| **Crossing Boundary of Activity** | All Participants | Full safety brief.  Full activity briefing.  Explanation of limits of operating areas.  Monitor group and use staff/carers appropriately. | | Pay particular attention to groups operating in car park/centre entrance area.  When operating at far end of forest from farmhouse be aware of and warn participants of steep drop down into road. | |
| **Moving Vehicles on Road** | All Staff  All Participants | Full safety brief. Ensuring group understanding. Maintain good group control | | Group should all cross the road together under the supervision of the instructor | |
| **Mechanical Failure** | All Participants Using Aids for Mobility | Selection of appropriate operating area.  Appropriate maintenance check on equipment.  Use of appropriate aids. | |  | |
| Wood collection Falling objects  Twigs in eye  People hitting others with branches | All staff and participants | Full safety briefing.  Staff to check area for large pieces of wood liable to fall on participants, and either remove or warn people as appropriate. | | Staff to monitor and assist where necessary. | |
| Fire Building Burns  Clothes catching fire | All staff and participants | Briefing on hazards.  Supervision is required at all times.  All fires to be lit in prepared area with bare soil floor, with sufficient water on site for immediate use if required.  All participants to be advised to wear low melt hazard clothing i.e. wool and cotton.  Fires to be kept to controllable size.  Appropriate first aid kit to be carried at all times  Always carry first aid/burn kit and fire blanket | | Be aware that some guests may not realise/feel they are getting too close/hot. | |
| Fire Building Smoke inhalation | All staff and participants | Briefing on hazards.  Only build fires in open air area.  Do not burn materials which may give off toxic/harmful fumes e.g. plastics, rubber. | |  | |
| Cooking/Pizza Oven Burns | All staff and participants | Briefing on hazards.  Supervision required at all times.  Pay particular attention to people trying to taste food whilst it is still hot. | |  | |
| Edible Plants People eating non-edible plants. | All staff and participants | Comprehensive briefing on the dangers of eating plants.  Supervision of participants picking plants, or instructors to give participants plants to eat as appropriate. (i.e. nettles picked with gloves to make nettle tea) | |  | |
| Shacks/Teepee/ Bell Tent Structure remains sound | All Staff and participants | Instructor briefing given before the activity.  Guy lines checked by instructor before session. Mind head in shacks  A boundary given so the guests are not going to trip over the pegs and guy lines. | |  | |
| Board Walk | All Staff and Participants | Participants are to be briefed to walk along the board walk rather than run.  Power chair users should be in a slow speed and remain under control.  Participants to be made aware the board walk may be slippery and that there are edges. | |  | |
| **Sheltered Fire pit area** | All Staff and Participants | Fires are to be made in the fire bowl only.  Participants are to be briefed and made aware of boundaries and hazards with fire building.  The decking, surrounding area and seating area must be checked before use to ensure it is fit for purpose.  A visual check of the trees should be done especially after high winds.  The fire lighting box which includes a first aid kit, burns kit, fire blanket and fire extinguisher must be in the area. | | Fires should be kept small and the wind direction should be taken into account to reduce the risk of smoke blowing towards the centre building. | |
| **Moving and Handling** | Staff and participants | All activity leaders to receive initial, then ongoing manual handling training. Supported by Moving and Handling in the outdoors training DVD.  These along with the medical notes form the basis of a consultative approach to movement with close supervision specific to the session.  Moving slings should be taken if battery vehicles are used by mobility limited participants. |  | |