

Base Camp Den Building Risk Benefit Assessment

Risk Management Statement:	<p>Base Camp at Baldersby Park recognises that all risks cannot be reduced to nil, therefore this risk assessment prioritises the significant risks. Significant risks are those which pose risk of serious injury, chronic injury, disability or death, or risks that are overly common in interrupting our staff and clients normal work.</p> <p>For all activities, Base Camp staff in conjunction with school leads, will dynamically assess risks and put in place control measures and record as required.</p>
Activity or Feature:	<p>Den/Shelter Building in designated area in woodland belt. Using trimmed tree limbs and branches participants will be able to create their own dens against existing trees. Additional materials of backdrop clips, paracord and tarpaulins can be used to enhance designs.</p>
How will participants benefit?	<p>Learning to work in a way that ensures the safety of your team is an important life skill that cannot be achieved without an element of controlled risk.</p> <p>Being in the fresh air and taking part in a creative and physical activity, which develops team work, resilience and communication skills.</p> <p>Observational and real-life skills about which materials (natural and man-made) are better for which task or purpose.</p> <p>Enjoyment and fun.</p>

Identify the Hazards	Who/what may be harmed	Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of harm	Overall risk	Existing Control Measures	Recommendations/further action required
Slips, trips and falls	Adults and children	Moderate	Injury	Low	Constant assessment and identification of terrain and	Dynamic risk assessment of specific area of learning. Ensure visitors are familiarised with terrain and equipment in situ - encourage pre-visit.

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					immediate hazards. Supervise children.	
Impacts and collisions between group members during activity	Children	Moderate	Injury	Low	Supervision. Advise participants to walk whilst undertaking this activity.	Regular monitoring and surveillance.
Running, bumping or falling into objects e.g. rocks, trunks, low branches	Children and adults	Moderate	Injury	Low	Caution and group briefing over hazards posed by branches.	Regular monitoring and surveillance.
Exposure to weather e.g. high winds, torrential rain, sun	Adults and children	Moderate	Injury or harm	High	Consider weather conditions and inform visitors of planning appropriately. Particular attention to suitable clothing	Provide clear information to schools about suitable clothing and equipment to bring. Base Camp staff to be aware of daily forecast and share judgement as to how that will affect the activity. Advise to adjust plans, if necessary.

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<p>Bumps on head due to poor handling of tree limbs</p>	<p>Adults and children</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Injury</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Advise staff on ways to move tree limbs safely and that everyone should think safety first. (i.e. large limbs should be carried by 2 people, not swing around with it.)</p>	<p>Supervision throughout activity.</p>
<p>Bumps and injury due to logs/limbs dropping from dens</p>	<p>Adults and children</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Injury</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Advise that participants shouldn't go inside the den whilst it's being built.</p> <p>Ensure staff check safety of the structure before children go into their den.</p>	<p>Regular monitoring and surveillance during activity.</p>



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<p>Scratches and eye injuries from overhanging or broken branches</p>	<p>Adults and children</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Injury</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Trim any obvious broken branches that are at eye-level (without damaging to the tree). Highlight any particular hazards prior to starting activity. Remind participants to be aware of their surroundings and other people at all times.</p>	<p>Supervision, regular monitoring and surveillance.</p>
<p>First Aid emergencies</p>	<p>Adults and children</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Injury</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Take First Aid kit and ensure it has ice packs and sterile water. Take phone.</p>	<p>Regularly check First Aid kit and ensure phone is fully charged.</p>