

Winchester Pinsent Activity Team

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ACTIVITIES - GUIDANCE SHEET FOR LEADERS

This sheet is designed to assist Colony / Pack / Troop and Unit Leaders when planning activities at Pinsent and in advance of when Instructor-Led Activities have been booked with the Pinsent Activity Team by the Section.

GENERAL ADVICE & GUIDANCE

1. ALL ACTIVITIES CAN ONLY BE BOOKED VIA THE DISTRICT WEBSITE - ACTIVITY TEAM PAGES <http://www.winscouts.org.uk/dat/about/index.html>
2. ALL ACTIVITIES NEED A MINIMUM OF 5 WEEKS TO PROCESS THE REQUEST, FIND VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS AND ARRANGE THE FINAL DETAILS WITH YOU.
3. FOR ALL BOOKINGS THEN THE SECTION LEADER REMAINS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SECTION.
4. INSTRUCTOR LED EVENING ACTIVITIES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FROM 1ST APRIL to 31ST AUGUST.
5. Once an Activity Booking has been confirmed - then the Section will be automatically allocated the Activity Area only at Pinsent to arrange any other Activities - All other areas are 'out of bounds' whilst the Activity takes place. Site Rules regarding responsibility for keeping the toilet clean are in force, as per normal Pinsent Site Rules.
6. It is the Sections responsibility to ensure that there is an InTouch procedure is in place.
7. Emergency First Aid (at the Activity) is provided by the Activity Team - other First Aid arrangements to be provided by the Section.
8. Depending on the Activity & the Section booking the Activity - then the Activity Team will advise if further adult help is required from the Section to assist in running the activity. No experience is necessary for this supporting role.
9. Section leaders must provide supervision for those not participating or waiting their turn.
10. Footwear - to suit weather conditions - but no open toe shoes (incl sandals/crocks) permitted on any activity. Crate stacking favours the use of trainers.
11. Clothing - to suit expected weather conditions - Pinsent does get cold in the evening and the Activity area is particularly exposed. It is no fun for Young People getting cold or wet but each season we see Young People turning up unprepared! No big, baggy clothing is permitted.
Group kneckers are not needed during the activity.

12. Long hair **MUST** be tied back in a ponytail for archery, shooting and tomahawk throwing. For crate stacking - a helmet is worn - so hair needs to get inside the helmet!
13. The maximum number of participants for a 1.5 hour Activity session is 24 + 2 instructors. Therefore Sections who have more Young People, need to include for other additional Activities and sufficient supervision need to be provided throughout the session - see Note 4 for details of where these can be undertaken.
14. Please leave sufficient time **PRIOR** to the activity start time for Leaders to complete In Touch Register of attendees; collect in Forms etc; sort into Groups, so that the Activity starts on time.
15. The weather can decide if the Activity can be carried out or not, so decisions between the Section Leader and the Activity Lead Instructor will be taken in advance of the Activity where adverse conditions are predicted - generally this is **at 16.00 on the day of the Activity**. However, it has become necessary on one or two occasions for the Activity to have to stop either immediately before or during the activity, or change to another Activity.
Therefore Section Leaders should plan for 'wet weather' alternatives in case.
16. All activities are carried out externally.
17. Evening activities are only available during British Summer Time from 1st April to 31st August. **NOTE: THERE ARE 2 BOOKABLE ACTIVITY SESSION TIMES ONLY:**
 1. 18.00 To 19.30 (Beavers & Cubs)
 2. 19.30 to 21.00 (Scouts & Explorers), but a further $\frac{1}{2}$ hour can be booked if daylight hours permit.

At the beginning and end of BST the available daylight is quite limited. We do have some external lighting to enable us to provide activities in twilight and for clearing away, but lighting is not suitable for safely running activities in darkness.

INSTRUCTOR-LED ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY ON OFFER **AT PINSENT**

AIR RIFLE ACTIVITIES (normally in the Activity Barn)

- The Activity Team will issue a 'Permission to Shoot Form' - which has to be completed for all young persons under 18years old. **IMPORTANT** A 'No Form - No Shoot' policy applies.
- For further clarity refer to Fact Sheet located on District Website.
- We do not permit any BEAVER SCOUT or person less than 9 years to participate under any circumstance.
- This Activity requires the young participants (mainly cubs) to be mature enough to know this is not a toy but a firearm. It is the Pack Leaders responsibility to select cubs to participate on these criteria.
- The young person needs to be sufficiently strong enough to load the air rifle unaided (after instruction of course.)
- **Cubs require 1:1 supervision; therefore at least 3 adults are needed from the Section booking the activity** to assist the Activity Team instructors for this activity.

ARCHERY ACTIVITIES (normally in the Activity Barn)

- The Activity Team recommends that sections use the Activity Form - (where appropriate). See District Website for current Fact Sheet.
- Beavers & Cubs require 1:1 supervision; therefore at least 3 adults are needed from the Section booking the activity to assist the Activity Team instructors for this activity.
- Occasionally we may run larger sessions (Group / District type events) if we have sufficient instructors / helpers.
- (New for 2020) For Beavers & Cubs only we can provide indoor archery at your normal meeting place between January & March and September & November. This uses rubber tipped safety arrows, however permission needs to be obtained from the hall owners.

TOMAHAWK THROWING (on the Tomahawk Range by the Crate Stack area)

- The Activity Team will issue a **Permission to Throw Form** - which has to be completed for all young persons under 18 years old. **IMPORTANT** A '**No Form - No Throw**' policy applies.
- This Activity is **ONLY** open to Scouts and Explorer Scouts.
- This Activity requires good technique and is quite tiring to participants at the beginning, so on ongoing rotation of participants is used. Maximum of 12 participants inside the range at any one time.

CRATE STACKING ACTIVITIES (in the Crate Stack area)

- The Activity Team recommends that sections use the Activity Form - (where appropriate). See District Web site for current Fact Sheet
- The session is aimed at providing confidence and a basic introduction to climbing skills.
- It can be quite challenging and the Activity Team can provide various permutations to reflect age and ability
- Open to all sections it is ideally suited to both younger and older members.
- Can be either personal challenge, team event or competitive.
- Full Personal Protective Equipment is provided.
- Beavers & Cubs need to provide minimum of 6 adults/leaders from the Section booking the activity to assist with this activity.

(New for 2020) FIRE LIGHTING ACTIVITIES (in the Firelighting area)

- Available for leaders who lack the requisite skills or confidence, this very popular activity is available and provided by Activity Team members who are Bush Craft trained.
- The session is aimed at demonstrating the skills to lighting fires; using a variety of methods. Letting participants demonstrate these skills and culminating with a sausage sizzle session.

PIONEERING EQUIPMENT

- The Pinsent Activity Team has a well-stocked amount of Pioneering Equipment, ropes, hawsers, blocks & tackles and poles - for hire to mainly Troops and Explorer Units
- This is an unsupervised activity and leaders are responsible for carrying out their own Risk Assessment for the structures constructed and use of the equipment.
- Any equipment lost or damaged will be charged at replacement cost.
- Ariel Runways are permitted at Pinsent, **BUT ONLY** if you have a Leader which meets the current Ariel Runway criteria. **NOTE** - Pinsent does not provide an approved traveller block.