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HAMLET WOOD SCOUT CAMPSITE



Scout Association Policy regarding Campsites, Activity Centres and Scout owned facilities

1. Overriding controls

The Hamlet Wood Warden or their representatives have an overriding authority to direct that any particular activity shall be postponed, stopped or cancelled if, in their view, it is essential in the interests of safety.

2. The Child Protection Policy of The Scout Association

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all Members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The Scout Association is committed to:

- taking into account in all its considerations and activities the interests and well-being of young people;
- respecting the rights, wishes and feelings of the young people with whom it is working;
- taking all, practicable steps to protect them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse;
- promoting the welfare of young people and their protection within a relationship of trust.

Note: the guidelines "Young people First" (the Yellow Card) sets out a code of practice which is essential for all adults in Scouting to follow. Every adult should have a copy of the yellow card.

3. The Safety Policy of The Scout Association

It is the policy of The Scout Association to provide Scouting in a safe manner without risk to health, so far as is reasonably practicable.

The Association believes that this responsibility ranks equally with the other responsibilities incumbent upon those providing Scouting activities and functions.

It is the responsibility of all those involved in Scouting to seek, so far as is reasonably practicable, to ensure that:

- all activities are conducted in a safe manner without risk to the health of participants;
- the provision and maintenance of equipment and buildings for Members and others is safe and without risk to health and adequate for their welfare;
- information, instruction, training and supervision is provided with the object of ensuring the health and safety of all those involved in Scouting activities or who may be affected by them;
- appropriate arrangements are made to ensure safety and the absence of risks to health in connection with the use, transport, storage and handling of equipment, and substances which are inherently or potentially dangerous.

4. The Scout Association's Internal rules and good practice

- All participants in activities must have proper training, be suitably equipped and briefed about the nature and scope of the activity, be of an appropriate age and under authorised supervision.
- For young people under the age of eleven years old there must be a ratio of one adult to six young people.
- For young people under the age of eight years old it is highly recommended that for indoor activities there should be a ratio of one adult to six young people and for outdoor activities a ratio of one adult to four young people.
- Group/Party leaders should be aware of the need to supervise all members in their charge in the locality of the activity being undertaken, including those not actively involved in the activity.
- All parties and groups visiting Hamlet Wood must appoint a 'Home Contact' who is not related to any member of the party. The Home contact must be in possession of the names and addresses of the next of kin of each member of the party and know how to contact them.

Declaration

- This form must be completed by all individuals or leaders of groups who use the facilities at hamlet wood and who are not members of The Scout Association.
- I understand that the Hamlet Wood Campsite Warden or their representative may direct that any particular activity shall be postponed, stopped or cancelled in accordance with 1 above.
- I have read and agree that the party I am leading will abide by The Scout Association's Child Protection and Safety policies as outlined in 2 and 3 above.
- I have been made aware of the The Scout Association's internal rules and good practice in respect of 4 above, I am satisfied that our/my organisation's arrangements take proper account of these matters.
- I confirm that all adults in my party have been deemed as suitable to work with children and young people by my own organisation.

Indemnity

- In consideration of permission to use the facilities at Hamlet Wood Campsite, the property of Maidstone West, South & East District Scout Councils, I/We agree that I/We will at all times hereafter indemnify and keep indemnified the said Districts from and against all liability for personal injury, whether fatal or otherwise, and for loss or damage costs, claims and expenses directly or indirectly connected with or arising out of the granting of such permissions (other than those arising out of the acts or omissions of the said districts, its servants or agents).
- I/We further agree effectively to insure myself/ourselves against all claims arising from the exercise of the rights or from any negligence or default in connection with the rights or with the premises or any activity thereon, whether authorised or not, so as fully to satisfy all claims for which I/We may be liable under this Permission and on demand to produce a policy and last receipt to the said Districts.

Signed
(for the booking individual/organisation/group – parent to sign if under 18)

Date

Name
(please print)

For
(organisation/group)