

# Module 17

## Activities Outdoors

Relevant to:  
Section Leaders  
Assistant Leaders  
Section Supporters  
eg (ACC (section) or DESC)  
Section Assistants

### Description

Running a wide range of activities outdoors for young people.

### This means:

- understanding the importance of outdoor activities as part of a balanced programme
- understanding the safety aspects of providing activities outdoors
- understanding the importance of planning and managing outdoor activities appropriately
- planning and running activities outdoors
- knowing how to get the appropriate authorizations required for activities outdoors
- knowing how to assess the risks involved in activities outdoors and how to manage groups undertaking those activities.

### Questions

- Do you know the importance of activities outdoors in the delivery of the Balanced Programme?
- Do you know the rules and guidance about activities outdoors and where to find them?
- Do you know how to plan an activity outdoors?
- Do you know how to assess the level of risk in an activity outdoors?
- Do you know how to manage groups of young people undertaking activities outdoors?

### Delivery methods

- Course
- Small group.

### To validate this module you will need to complete two of the following:

- 1 Describe your role and responsibilities, and those of your line managers with regard to activities that do not require formal Activity Authorisations (weekly meetings, visits and trips, activities in Terrain Zero, Class C Waters etc.). (OCN Unit K 2.1)
- 2 Explain how Policy Organisation and Rules and activities factsheets detail the requirements and provide guidance for a wide range of Scouting activities and how to access this information. (OCN Unit A 3.2 and K 2.2)
- 3 Carry out a Risk Assessment on an activity and explain how and why Risk Assessments should be undertaken both before and during activities outdoors.(OCN Unit K 2.3)
- 4 Explain the importance of the Home Contact, and parental permission systems and provide evidence of having used these for outdoor activities. (OCN Unit K 2.4) Explain the emergency and reporting procedures to be implemented in the event of an accident or incident. (OCN Unit J 5.14 and Unit K 3.1)
- 5 Discuss the identification and selection of adequate and appropriate clothing, footwear, personal and group equipment taking into account both the activity and the weather conditions. (OCN Unit K 2.5)

6 Plan and run an outdoor activity new to you, taking into account the age, experience, fitness, adult to young person ratio, Special Needs of the group, the activity involved and the anticipated weather conditions.

7 Manage the process of planning an outdoor activity, outlining how groups were managed during the activities through the appropriate use of delegation, decision-making, group control and good communication. (OCN Unit K 3.3)

8 Any other ideas, subject to agreement with a Training Adviser.

**And:**

Plan, run and review an outdoor activity. Describe to a Training Adviser what steps they took to ensure it was safe.

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This module forms part of the OCN unit *Activities Outdoors*.