

Water Activities

Operating Procedures



- A minimum of one instructor plus one other adult for each group of 8 for kayaking or 12 for rafting or canoeing. Instructor to have Scout Permit or BCU Paddle sport and PSRC
- Check all equipment is suitable and free from damage before use.
- All participants to wear a buoyancy aid and suitable footwear. Helmets to be worn at the discretion of the instructor. Throwline to be nearby and ready for use.
- A Safety Briefing shall be provided by the Instructor to all participants. All participants need to be briefed properly regarding manual handling skills whilst moving boats on land and / or from / to the water.
- At least two people are required to lift boats to avoid slips and strains.
- Horseplay of any kind should be discouraged on or off the water, with particular emphasis being given to deliberate capsizing of craft.
- Instructors must be aware of their responsibility for the whole group at all times and not allow themselves to be distracted. Any distracting behavioural problems must be referred to the group's own leader.
- Efforts should be made to keep the group dry until the later part of the session to avoid cold.
- Instructors must respect individual preferences as not every group member may wish to get immersed.
- The whole group must be kept active with a mix of skills and games to prevent boredom and misbehaviour.
- It is the responsibility of the activity instructor to ensure that all equipment is stored correctly at the end of the session.
- If the water has signs of algae, all participants should be advised to shower and ensure hands are washed thoroughly before eating.
Leaders to be issued with Blue-Green Algae fact sheet (On web site) to issue to parents.