

Maranatha Recreation Camp - Yandina

Risk Assessment – Group Initiatives

Description

A wide variety of exercises designed to develop trust, leadership, teamwork, problem solving and cooperative play. These activities help to identify the different strengths and weaknesses that we all have and how to use them to our advantage. Group initiatives include spiders web, stepping-stones, magic shoes and many more. Several tasks are set by the instructor, the group works together to achieve the desired outcome/goals. Group Initiatives are designed to encourage teamwork, competitive spirit, and cooperative play. Primarily the activity promotes fun, friendship and working together. Instructors can adapt activities for any setting, any age or size of group and for the level of ability of the group.

Hazard	Risk	Control measures
Physical Hazards	L	Instructors provide clear, concise guidelines about how the activity is conducted. Equipment, props and all materials used in groups initiatives is regularly checked and replaced as necessary. Instructors request participants wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All equipment provided for use by participants during Group Initiatives is checked for damage or wear. Equipment typically used for group initiatives includes balls, markers, rope, planks, hoops etc. Groups are supervised to minimise collisions between participants and injury caused by thrown objects
Biological Hazards	L	Ensure adequate supervision. Ensure campers use insect repellent. Ensure campers check for ticks afterwards. First Aider always with group with First Aid kit. Instructors have mobile phones or UHF radios to call for assistance in emergency. First Aid room is located at the camp adjacent to the main dining room.
Group Management	L	The instructors are responsible for the supervision and technical and related safety of the participants and assisting adults are responsible for group supervision and management of group behaviour - to and from the activity, while waiting or not directly engaged in the activity
Personal Safety	L	Some shade protection under trees and shade shelter. Sun safety is practised. Instructors are mindful of group dynamics and sequence activities appropriately. Instructors are mindful of age of participants, fitness levels and capabilities and provide appropriate group initiative activities. Instructors always monitor safety and are vigilant in encouraging and directing teams/groups to safely support each other emotionally and physically. Instructors create a non-threatening environment where everyone feels welcome to participate. Instructors encourage teams to support each other and guide participants through the experience. Safe areas are designated. Movement to and from safe areas is supervised
Environmental Impact	L	Instructors and Manager & WHSO regularly visually inspect surrounding trees and remove any branches deemed a hazard. Tracks and sitting areas are inspected and maintained free of branches and rocks, litter or other debris prior to use by a group. All hazards are reported to WHSO. Instructors monitor weather conditions. Activity may be cancelled if there is high wind, heavy rain, storm or lightening. Instructors provide group with warnings if tracks or ropes or other equipment is wet and/or slippery. Instructors must remind each group about minimum environmental impact practices, and ensure no rubbish is left at the site and no damage is done to the vegetation
Inclusivity Adaptations		Group Initiatives is inclusive for a variety of needs and abilities. The access is relatively flat and even on our western oval. The activities can be varied depending on the groups needs. A wide variety of games and challenges can

Risk Priority Matrix:

E= Extreme H= High M= Moderate L= Low

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Short Form

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		be adapted to allow maximum participation. Instructor will choose appropriate games to suit the group.
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