

# Blair Atholl Scout Jamborette

## Method Statement



Please note- it is important that the same steps are followed for all activity sessions.

ACTIVITY	Atholl Experience
GENERAL DESCRIPTION	A purpose-built obstacle course with a theme, taking place at Blair Atholl Patrol Jamborette in 2024.
LOCATION OF ACTIVITY INCLUDING ACCESS AND RESTRICTIONS	Target Park and the Blair Atholl Estate in Blair Atholl, Perthshire, Scotland
GENERAL ACTIVITY ENVIRONMENT CONSIDERATIONS, E.G. TEMPERATURE, WEATHER AND WIND SPEED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activity can be completed in any weather, but extra care/steps will be taken if weather conditions are deemed to be hazardous or could risk safety.</li></ul>
PROTECTION OF OTHERS, E.G. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, STAFF, OTHER PARTICIPANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most of the activity, members of the public will be avoided. Other staff will be made aware of where the activity is taking place.</li><li>•</li></ul>
EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, INCLUDING LOCATION OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If anyone is injured, they will be sent to the first aid tent aided by another, or depending on the severity of the emergency, someone will be sent to bring the first aid up to where the incident has occurred.</li><li>• First aid kit located at activity base and will be clear sign posted.</li><li>• In the event of an emergency/ incident which requires person ex all participants will be gathered at the activity base. To allow staff to handle the emergency and to follow the on-site emergency producers.</li><li>• 2 members of staff will remain with participants' and take a register too make sure we have everyone.</li></ul>
IDENTITY OF PARTICIPANTS (AND ANY SPECIFIC TRAINING OR CERTIFICATION REQUIRED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No training or certification required; it will be done as part of the activity</li></ul>
REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
FIRST AID ARRANGEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If anyone is injured, they will be sent to the first aid tent aided by another, or depending on the severity of the emergency, someone will be sent to bring the first aid up to where the incident has occurred.</li><li>• First aid kit located at activity base and will be clear sign posted.</li><li>• In the event of an emergency/ incident which requires person ex all participants will be gathered at the activity base. To allow staff to handle the emergency and to follow the on-site emergency producers.</li><li>• 2 members of staff will remain with participants' and take a register too make sure we have everyone.</li></ul>

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<p>EQUIPMENT USED, INCLUDING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND WHERE IT HAS COME FROM / WHO OWNS IT</p>	<p>Various including nets and tarpaulins to crawl under, planks to walk on and tarpaulins to slide down. Structures to climb over. Safety precautions and restrictions will vary depending on the site and the ground.</p>
<p>MATERIALS INFORMATION E.G. HAZARD INFORMATION AND STORAGE/TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>Materials being sourced and brought by different members of Atholl Experience staff. Some equipment maybe stored in containers that is being brought up to the camp.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITY SEQUENCE, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED RISKS AND REQUIRED CONTROL MEASURES FOR EACH STAGE.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff will collect participants from each subcamp on site.</li> <li>• All participants will be given a de-brief on safety and story of the theme of Atholl experience.</li> <li>• All participants will be divided into smaller groups to run long side POR and leaders to participants ratio.</li> <li>• Smaller groups will rotate round all elements of obstacle course and blind trail.</li> <li>• Staff will demonstrate all structure/ crawling/ sliding obstacles before a participants take part in.</li> <li>• All staff and participants will keep each other motivated during course to stop the cold of being wet.</li> <li>• All staff and participants will go to river in the small groups to paddle in river to wash off mud before return to camp, for showers.</li> <li>• All in attendance of the river will not go in any further than knee level to reduce the risk of currents.</li> <li>• When river is not in favourable condition all participants will be hosed down from ICBE.</li> </ul>
<p>SAFETY CHECKS REQUIRED AT SPECIFIC STAGES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to every activity session staff will complete a walk through to make sure activity is safe for all to take part in.</li> <li>• All damaged and repairs will be completed after each session to maintain a safe course.</li> <li>• Any damages occur during the activity, the following group will miss taking part in that part of activity to reduce the risk of injury to all.</li> <li>• All staff and participants will be told when mud is going near the mouth and eyes to keep them closed.</li> <li>• Any participant who is not feeling well or have injured themselves will notify a member of staff.</li> <li>• No sandal or Crocs closed footwear should be worn when partaking in activity.</li> <li>• Everyone will be informed to tread carefully when</li> </ul>

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	<p>they are walking on an obstacle in muddy shoes which could make them slip or fall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obstacles will explain and then demonstrated prior to participants taking part.</li> </ul>
FINAL CLEARANCE THAT ACTIVITY IS COMPLETED TO SPECIFICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Method Statement may need to be updated before start of activities to ensure whether what has been set out can be done.</li> </ul>
HOW WILL THE RISK ASSESSMENT BE SHARED WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS AND LEADERS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All leaders will have a copy of Risk Assessment to agree and sign and Method Statement to agree and sign before starting activity.</li> </ul>
ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHANGING / DEVIATING FROM METHOD STATEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any changes to Method statement will be updated immediately and then forward to activity co-ordinator and staff reading and signing then for filing.</li> </ul>
ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE RELEVANT	
CREATION DATE 14/06/24	<b>REVISION No. &amp; DATES</b>
Person in charge in the absence of Team Leader:	Gavin Hugh
Team Leader	Heather Wright

For Staff Members - I have read and understood this method statement (print, sign & date):

Name of activity , event , and location	Atholl Experience Blair Atholl Castle Target Park	Date of risk assessment	31/05/2026	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Heather Wright
		Date of next review			

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<p><b>A hazard</b> is something that may cause harm or damage. <b>The risk</b> is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</p> <p><b>For example:</b> Hazard: fire Risk: smoke inhalation or burns</p>	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<p><b>Controls</b> are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.</p>	Keep <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even <b>stop</b> the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review .
Tripping and falling, Throughout activity	Staff or participants	When running during activity, remind everyone to watch where they are placing their feet	Staff will check participants are being careful during the activity
Cuts, Throughout activity	Staff or participants	If you get cut and it bleeds during the activity, inform staff or team leader.	All injuries, regardless of severity or incident, will be checked by staff
Mud in mouth or eyes Throughout activity	Staff or participants	The nature of the Atholl Experience is to get muddy, however make sure eyes and mouth are closed during times of mud. If mud does get in eyes or mouth, inform member of staff	Staff will regularly check for any issues
Nettle stings Throughout activity	Staff or Participants	Watch out for nettles during activity, avoid when possible. If you get stung and irritations continues, please inform member of staff.	Site will be assessed for any potential issues and will be removed if possible
Getting cold Throughout activity	Staff or Participants	If you begin to get cold due to wet clothing, keep moving. If you are too cold to carry on, informs member of staff.	Staff will look out for any participants who look cold/unwell
Falling from obstacles Throughout activity	Staff or Participants	Staff will be there to keep an eye on obstacles which could involve a fall. If you do fall, and hurt yourself, inform a member of staff rather than attempt to carry on.	Regular checks to ensure participants are following safety rules and are not putting themselves and others in danger.

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Irritation from mud after/ during activity Throughout activity	Staff or participants	Wash off all mud straight after activity, If possible.	Ensure all participants wash up after activity.
Covid/Illness Throughout activity	Staff or Participants	Participants who are not feeling well should inform a member of staff	Health and safety will be checked throughout activity.
Water Throughout activity	Staff or Participants	All participants will be reminded of water safety and the area of water to stay within. POR states that member can take part in paddling in shallow water to wash without needing water tickets.  A water set up station will be available to wash after activity session via a hose and paddling pool and buckets help clean off the mud to an acceptable standard to enter the showers.	Staff will ensure all members stay within a designated area. Staff member will check levels on the water to make sure it is safe to go in prior to activity starting each session. Alternative washing after activity is available for participants to wash if weather is not permitting it to be safe to wash in local area.
Heat/Dehydration Throughout activity	Staff or Participants	All staff/participants will be asked to have a water bottle with them. Spare water will be on the activity if needed.	Staff will check that participants have water with them.
Crawling through obstacles Throughout activity	Staff or Participants	All staff/ participants will need to watch when crawling through the muds for stones and uneven ground. All staff/ participants took take care when crawling through obstacles to hit their head/ shoulders and neck.	Staff will complete a walk through prior to activity taking place and remove hazards as much as possible. Staff will make sure there is a foam noodle round each hole before crawling through.

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

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