

Name of activity, event, and location	Tomahawks & Angels Cudham Shaws Outdoor Centre East Field	Date of risk assessment	August 2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	J Baxter
		Date of next review	January 2023		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults?	Review & revise. What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Inappropriate running of the activity	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity instructors to hold KATTA (Knife Tomahawk and Tomahawk Throwing Association) qualifications. Or similar</li> <li>Access to the range to be limited to active participants only.</li> <li>Instructor to check the equipment prior to use.</li> </ul>	
Injury to participants and instructors through incorrect use of equipment, accidental release or 'bounce back	Leaders and Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety briefing by trained persons.</li> <li>All persons involved remain in the designate area in the range.</li> <li>No unauthorised access to the equipment or in the throwing area.</li> <li>No throwing to take place without supervision of an instructor.</li> <li>Only purpose made throwing items to be used.</li> <li>Warning people of the danger if they enter the throwing area.</li> </ul>	
Over and side shoots, bounce back	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants to be given clear instruction on direction of throwing.</li> <li>Physical stop behind targets to stop overthrows.</li> <li>Observation / waiting area to be at the side at the rear of activity area.</li> </ul>	
Participants' behaviour	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If in the opinion of the instructor the behaviour of an individual or the group as a whole is not conducive to running a safe session then the activity session will be stopped and the person or persons causing concern removed.</li> <li>No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs should be allowed on the activity site.</li> </ul>	
Injury to participant(s) and instructor(s)	Participants/ Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructors to make sure that all participants are wearing appropriate footwear no sandals, "croc", or open toed shoes.</li> <li>Instructor to give clear demonstration and instruction on throwing a Tomahawk / Angel</li> <li>Instructor to ensure participants are aware that tomahawks / Angels are or could be sharp and not to touch the cutting edge under any circumstances.</li> <li>Demonstrate the correct method of removing the tomahawk / Angel from the target.</li> <li>Tomahawks / Angels to be regularly inspected for damage or burrs especially if a clash of tomahawks / Angels has occurred.</li> <li>Number of people at the throwing points to be controlled by the instructor</li> <li>A first aid box should be kept in the activity area during the session.</li> </ul>	

Equipment failure	Participants/ Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment to be checked regularly and particularly before use.</li> <li>Instructor to give clear demonstration and instruction how to use a tomahawk / Angel</li> </ul>	
Unauthorised use	Participants/ Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tomahawks and Angels to be removed from activity area and correctly stored in locked storage area.</li> </ul>	
Adverse weather: lightning	Participants/ Instructors/ Viewing	If there is thunder and lightning the activity is stopped until at least 15 minutes after the last lightning strike. Weather forecast to be checked at the start of the day by Instructor/ Activity Manager or Duty Manager,	
Adverse weather: high wind	Participants/ Instructors/ Viewing	Activity will be cancelled if winds are forecast higher than 25 miles per hour - if during the day wind speeds exceed 25 miles per hour the activity will be postponed until the wind reduces or rescheduled	
Slips trips and falls	Participants/ Instructors	Activity takes place in the natural environment where the ground is often uneven, wet, slippery. Participants and instructors to wear appropriate closed toe footwear for the environment.	
Insufficient adult supervision	All participants	Group leader/ supervising adult is responsible for the behaviour and pastoral care of the group, however on occasion the leader may need to step away from the activity. Staff have had child protection training and aware of their position within the group. Staff are aware if they need to, they can end / pause the session or have participants sit out. Staff can phone the office / senior staff for back up if required.	
Insufficient adult supervision	All participants	The Group / Units Risk Assessment will indicate the number of leaders / Adults required for their Group / Unit. This is to be maintained by the Group / Unit the Tomahawk Instructors are in addition to this. In the event the ratio falls below the optimum the instructors may choose to postpone the session until the ratio is returned or they may choose to continue using the instructors as part of the required ratio.	