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## Unaccompanied Activities

### INTRODUCTION

Activities which are not directly supervised by centre staff e.g. village studies, low level walks, problem solving, orienteering, D. of E. expeditions and/or a combination of these.

There are two main types:

- 1) Visiting staff choose to undertake activity under their own responsibility (not covered by this procedure).
- 2) Activities unaccompanied by any staff.

### VENUES

Centre grounds, nearby commons or woodland. Further afield with approval from Head of Centre or Instructor in Charge.

### STAFFING AND RATIOS

- All unaccompanied activities will be discussed and agreed with the permanent member of staff in charge.
- Group size should be determined by the instructor, or by instructor in consultation with Head of Centre, taking into account student age, experience, training, activity, terrain, weather and daylight hours.

### EQUIPMENT

- If any equipment is needed from other guideline areas i.e. ropes, canoes or boats, then relevant procedures should be followed.
- Students should be appropriately dressed and carry appropriate equipment to cope with any foreseeable eventuality that may turn up.

### OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

- Students should be carefully briefed about emergency procedures and 'lost routine'. Consideration should be given to potential hazards and students being attracted to them i.e. water, quarries and mines.
- Clear instructions should be given to the students about any hazards, and if deemed necessary, appropriate areas supervised.
- Students should be made aware of appropriate behaviour relevant to environment and activity being undertaken.
- Groups must be instructed to stay together except in extreme emergencies.
- Recommended that if groups are out in the dark adequate torches are taken.
- If students are given equipment to use in an emergency then clear instructions on its use must also be given.
- A methodical system of checking out and checking in group members must be in place.

