Top Tips when booking activities at an Activity Centre

Important Note

➤ Leaders should not sign any disclaimers waiving the right to hold an Activity Centre responsible should an accident occur where the provider may be negligent.

➤ As the activity is being offered in the name of BB, it is not possible to simply ask parents to sign the disclaimer. The BB will still be responsible should an accident occur.

➤ Remember that leaders are always responsible for the supervision of young people, even where someone else is acting as instructor.

To help provide an exciting and varied programme many Companies will organise activities to be run through a local activity centre. These often range from climbing to archery, fencing to canoeing. Undertaking activities through a specialist centre is a good idea and enables young people to participate in exciting activities where BB leaders may not have the expertise or equipment available to include these in the programme.

Although staff at the activity centre are leading the activity, there are a number of considerations that still need to be taken into account when assessing whether an activity is suitable for your Company.

Actions to take in advance:

➤ A risk assessment must be completed.

➤ Does the Centre have Public Liability insurance in place? Ask to see a copy, often it will be available from the website.

➤ What consent forms/terms & conditions will be asked to sign before the event or on the day? Ask to be sent copies if not available via the website.

➤ Check that the instructors are qualified.

National Badminton Final

The 65th Edinburgh made it three years in a row by winning the National Badminton Final in Leicester on Saturday 29th April. After a long competitive day of some excellent Badminton, the 65th Edinburgh were triumphant against 4th Newtownabbey in the final at The Roger Bettles Sports Centre in Leicester.

Six teams from around the Brigade had qualified for the final including 65th Edinburgh, 1st Langs, 1st Garvagh, 4th Newtownabbey, 32nd Nottingham and 9th Southend.

The winning team of Peter Sawkins, Jason Wang, Lucas Johnston, Liam Peckwood & Sam Raphael were presented their individual trophies and the Competition Trophy by Natalie Whidby, Director for England & Wales.

Peter Sawkins, Captain of the winning team said "I have been involved in the Badminton Final for the past 5 years and this year’s competition was by far the closest fought that I can remember. Our whole team worked hard throughout the day, whilst still having a laugh along with the boys from other Companies. Winning the competition was a great way to finish off my time as a competitor in the competition"

Junior 5-a-Side Football

The 1st Kilkeel Company from Northern Ireland won this year’s title following a fantastic day of football at the Valley Leisure Centre, Newtownabbey on Saturday 13th May 2017.

This year’s finals saw six teams taking part including the 1st Kilkeel, 1st Moneymore, 2nd Gourock, 1st Banff, 2nd Tinubridge and 14th West Bromwich.

Congratulations to all our Finalists

In the last issue we shared the results from the Masterteam, Table Tennis and Chess Finals and now we conclude our roundup with the results of the Badminton and Football competitions.

Child Car Seats: The Law

Some new rules on the use of child car seats came into force earlier this year. It is important that leaders are aware of the changes and the law in general when transporting children and young people for BB activities. To provide further clarity we have produced a fact sheet with all the relevant details and some advice to leaders.

The law says that all children aged from 3 to the age of 12 (or 135cm height) must use the correct car seat, although there are some exceptions to this including when children travel in a minibus or a coach.

As an organisation who carries other people’s children, BB leaders have a legal duty to ensure they carry them safely.

Download the fact sheet at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/factsheet-childcarseats.pdf and check out childcarseats.org.uk for further advice.

2017/18 National Competitions

Get involved in the Brigade’s National Competitions next session. Full details on how to take part can be found at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/nationalcompetitions.htm