

## AD 13 Risk Management

### AD 13.1 Health and safety concerns, and possible emergency situations:

1. **Natural hazards:** Lightning, hail, fire, occasional skunks and porcupines, bears, chipmunks and other rodents, and a rare rattlesnake, creek flooding as well as some potentially risky hikes, ie, top of Eagle Peak.
2. **Man-made hazards:** Wastewater treatment pond, construction on site, loss of power, possible intrusion of County Road travelers.
3. **Operation of facilities/equipment:** Contaminated water, lightning affecting power and telephone, hail damage to roofs and vehicles, building loss due to fire. Injuries caused by misuse of Ropes Course or archery range.
4. **Disasters:** Fire, flooding and lightning, wind.
5. **Conduct:** Sexual misconduct by staff member, drug/alcohol use by campers or staff, staff member striking a camper, practices which jeopardize the lives and well-being of campers.

### AD 13.2 Measures to reduce, control, or prevent risk:

#### Regulations for identified risks:

1. **Safety regulations:** No hiking during thunderstorms, and those hikes that are already under way are told via radio to return to the base camp promptly. Phone usage during electrical storms is very limited.
2. **Methods to control access:** The wastewater treatment pond is located outside the actual camp boundaries, and fenced off. It also bears a "Danger: Wastewater Treatment Plant" sign.
3. **Protective devices:** Signs that limit access to the Low & High Ropes Course and archery range are posted at both sites. Archery equipment and Ropes equipment are stored under lock.
4. **Training for campers and staff:**
  - a. Staff are instructed to question any and all "strangers" on the site, and report any "intrusion" immediately to the camp director.
  - b. All staff are instructed as to acceptable behavior where campers are concerned, especially in areas of sexual misconduct or other forms of physical contact. Striking a camper, sexual misconduct, or other inappropriate behavior as described in personnel policies results in immediate dismissal.
  - c. Fire drills are practiced weekly during the summer, buildings and fire extinguishers are inspected annually by Fire Chief. All staff are familiar with use of fire extinguisher. Smoke detectors are placed in all buildings.
  - d. Campers are instructed to leave all wildlife alone, to avoid contracting diseases transmitted by such animals. The exception to this is if a camper or staff member comes into contact with a rattlesnake on the campsite, in which case the site manager is summoned to destroy the animal.

- e. Bear drills to instruct campers on procedures if they encounter a bear are conducted weekly during the summer.

**Emergency procedures not discussed in AD 13.2:**

- a. In the event that our water becomes contaminated, we can purify limited quantities using an iodine solution. We can also use chlorine bleach to treat contaminated water.
- b. In the event of an intruder or active shooter on the campsite who appears to be a danger to the camp and its population, the Custer County Sheriff's office will be contacted. Emergency numbers are posted by all phones. Follow the attached lock-down procedure.
- c. In the event of a life or death emergency involving the health of a camper or staff, Flight for Life Helicopter services should be contacted.
- d. In the event of a fire, the first step is to evacuate all campers using fire drill procedures, then to call the fire department, (number posted by the phones.)
- e. In the event of an animal bite of any kind, Red Cross first aid practices will prevail until the nurse can arrive. All animal bite victims will be brought to a medical doctor for examination. The animal will be caught if possible, so that it can be examined for rabies.
- f. In the event that Rainbow Trail loses the use of one or more of its major buildings, ie. dining hall, lodge, or central office building, all efforts will be made to construct temporary structures so that the camping sessions will not be interrupted.
- g. In the event that a death occurs on the campsite, appropriate psychological counseling will be available to both campers and to staff. All media contact will be made by the director or his representative.
- h. In the event of an evacuation, families will be contacted by the Canon city office and informed of the location of the evacuation center, and where they can be re-united with their child.
- i. In the event that electricity is lost, gas powered generators are available to maintain the dining hall refrigerators.
- j. In the event when conditions outside of the buildings are hazardous and it is safer to stay inside, follow the attached Shelter in Place procedure.

See attached Risk Management Plan for Bridging Borders.

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