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Thriftwood Scout Campsite Risk Assessment: **Kayaking**

Date 1/5/2025

Next Review Date: 1/5/2026

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Existing controls	Severity 1-10	Likelihood 1-10	Rating (SxL)	Further Actions Required
Drowning	Participant	Fitted and tested buoyancy aids, throw line and life rings available. Kayaks have large cockpits for easy access or are sit on tops.	9	2	18	Adequately Covered
Back injury	All	Minimum of 2 people to carry boats	7	2	14	Adequately Covered
Contact with paddle	Participant	Instructors to teach correct use of paddles. Tell participants of dangers of paddle contact. Helmets to be worn.	5	3	15	Adequately Covered
Equipment failure	Participant	Checked prior to use. Annual BA and boat inspections.	7	2	14	Adequately Covered
Foot injury due to foreign objects	Participants	Participants to wear suitable footwear. Quarterly lake inspections	3	6	18	Adequately Covered
Entrapment	All	Instructors to make sure participants are using seats correctly. Laces tucked away. Handles checked for correct size. Loose fittings removed	8	2	16	Adequately Covered
Head injury from capsized boat	All	Paddlers to get on craft by kicking/jumping from water, or from bank. Helmets to be worn	7	2	14	Adequately Covered
Slipping	All	Adult supervision, quarterly inspections of banks	3	5	15	Adequately Covered
Weather	All	Activity to be stopped in electrical storms, heavy rain and high winds	6	3	18	Adequately Covered
Weils Disease	Participants	Participants to cover cuts/grazes, told to shower after lake. Information poster displayed in container	7	2	14	Adequately Covered
See Site Procedures for action.						

Rating	81-100	61-80	41-60	21-40	11-20	0-10
Action	Immediate Action	Action within 1 week	Not adequately controlled	Further Investigation	Adequately Controlled	Trivial Risk