



Risk Assessment for Game Preparation Session

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This session will introduce the students to Game as the primary source of protein in Bushcraft and how to prepare the animals in the field.

All students will observe the following animals being prepared; Pigeon, Pheasant, Squirrel and Rabbit.

The students will receive a safety brief on the potential of injury from the possibly broken bones that are common in small game that have been hunted with a shotgun, air rifle and sling shot.

Rabbit: The students will observe two demonstrations on preparing a Rabbit in the field. The first one is the Huntsman field prep where the complete internal intestines are removed without the need for a knife keeping the rabbit whole but without the parts that would normally spoil the meat left inside.

The second demonstration will show the students how to prepare a Rabbit for both pelt and meat, a much more deliberate preparation taking care not to spoil either the meat or the fur pelt that can then be processed to make clothing and footwear.

Pheasant: The Pheasant is a much more muscular bird compared to the Pigeon so when preparing this piece of game we prepare it for using just the breasts. The students will be shown how to prepare the bird without the need for a knife.

Squirrel: The Squirrel is a great source protein and is easy found in the rural setting. It is available all year round; the students will be shown how to prepare the squirrel concentrating on the loin meat on the back and the legs.

Pigeon: The students will be shown how to prepare a pigeon without the need of a knife making use of just the breast meat but will also being shown all the other parts of the bird that can be eaten including the heart, lungs, kidneys and liver. They will be shown the crop of the bird, which is a useful tool for locating where the birds roost and eat for future hunting.

Once all demonstrations the students will be asked to come forward and prepare a Pigeon breast as previously shown. There is no pressure for the students to get hands on if they do not wish too.

The school has been asked to prepare and send home a letter to all the parents of the students attending this week's session, the students have also been asked that if they wish to take any of the meat home to cook and eat they are to bring a piece of tupperware to the session.

WCPS will deal with any incidents during the session whether they be physical in cuts or emotional in seeing the animals prepared. Should there be the need for any follow up treatment or documentation it will be arranged via the normal school system.

General

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? when?
Weather	Hypothermia	Persons undertaking instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inform student's best clothing for this time of year. * Raincoats, Hats, Gloves. Layering system, Sun protection * Environmental Shelter and first aid kit close by. 	WCPS - throughout session.

Knives

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? when?
Improper use of knives	Wounds	Person using knife and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inform student's using the knives of tool talk. * No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on non-knife hand. * First aider and first aid kit close by. * Tools counted in and out each session. * Initial one to one supervision for students. * Ensure safety of site if using outside of designated tool use area. * Use in designated area for tools. * Keep in sheath when not in use and store in tool box/safe designated area * Remind others in vicinity to stay clear of tools. * EACH STUDENT WILL BE ISSUED CUT RESISTANT GLOVES 	WCPS - throughout session.

Fire Circle

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? when?
Improper movement around fire circle	Burns	Person under instruction and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inform student's of rules around fire circle * No one to move inside the seated area. * All movement is via the rear of seating * Fire Bucket, Burns First Aid Kit and Fire Blanket all near by. * One to one supervision for students * Remind others in vicinity to stay clear of the fire circle 	WCPS - throughout session.

Game

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? when?
Sharp Bones	Wounds	Person preparing game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inform persons of the risk from broken bones in the game. * First aider and first aid kit close by 	WCPS - during session.

Emotional Wellbeing

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? when?
Emotional Distress	Mental health	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inform persons of what is going to happen. * Encourage hands on experience. *Be sympathetic to everyone's emotional needs, *Ensure there is a well rehearsed action plan for any one feeling distressed at the sight of animals being prepared. 	WCPS - during session.

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