Leaders notes for Climbing with the MAT team

These notes are for climbing sessions run by the MAT team at Sudbrooke Campsite and on the mobile climbing wall when used at Altham Terrace or an external venue.

When we receive your request to run a climbing session, we will try to confirm your booking as soon as we are able. We have to communicate with the permit holders and the team to ensure we can run the activity safely. If you are booking some months in advance, we may not be able to confirm until 6-8 weeks before due to the work commitments of the team members.

Regular Climbing Sessions take place on the climbing tower at Sudbrooke campsite and on the mobile climbing wall at Altham terrace. Dates for the Regular Climbing Sessions can be found in Lincoln Scouts Magazine.

Regular Climbing Session

Booking a Regular Climbing session is the cheapest option and only available for groups in Lincoln District. Other climbing options often work out more expensive. Please see the MAT team pricing structure on the Lincoln District Scout website for our charges. https://www.lincolnscouts.org.uk/members/district-teams/MAT

For a Regular Climbing session you will be charged for the number of climbers you booked unless you update the Team with the new number at least two weeks before the climbing session. We will confirm your arrival time to climb when the whole Regular Climbing session is booked, as we tend to climb younger age groups at the beginning of the session and older age groups at the end

While Regular Climbing sessions are the cheapest, other options may be available in special circumstances, for example, you are camping at Sudbrooke or Altham Terrace, are running a special event at the campsite or you are a group from out of district.

General Information

If we have to cancel your climbing session at short notice, for example due to poor weather, we will contact the person who made the booking as they will have already given us their contact details.

As this is an event away from your normal meeting place, you should have completed whatever “In Touch” procedures you normally follow and be able to access all the usual emergency contact details and permissions for your young people.

Please ensure you have completed any necessary risk assessments (excluding climbing) and have any equipment needed for external events available, e.g. a first aid kit is essential. You should also complete the District’s activity form for meeting away from your normal place https://www.lincolnscouts.org.uk/activity-form

While we do not need to see the young person’s In Touch information, we will ask you to confirm you have access to this information on arrival at the climbing session. The session cannot take place without it.

Before the event starts, you should advise the MAT leader in charge of any conditions or issues that any of your members may have that may affect their experience.

At Sudbrooke, the climbing tower is fenced off. Outside the fenced climbing area, you are responsible for your young people. Within the fenced climbing area, the MAT team are responsible.

At Altham Terrace, we can only be responsible for those taking part in, or about to take part in, the climbing activity. You should ensure you have sufficient adults to supervise your group.

Necker's should not be worn during climbing, and long hair should be tied back. Appropriate footwear should be worn e.g. trainers, shoes or hiking boots. Wellies, bare feet, Croc's and sandals are not suitable.

Please keep an eye on the weather and advise your participants to dress accordingly.

Should you need them, risk assessments for climbing at Sudbrooke Campsite and Altham Terrace are available on the Lincoln District website https://www.lincolnscouts.org.uk/

The risk assessment for the use of the climbing tower at Sudbrooke campsite can be found at https://www.lincolnscouts.org.uk/campsites/sudbrooke/risk-assessments

The risk assessment for the use of the mobile climbing wall based at Altham Terrace can be found in the folder called General Campsite Risk Assessments at https://www.lincolnscouts.org.uk/campsites/altham-terrace

Regards
Mountain Activity Team