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<b>Scouting Ireland – Camping and Adventures in the Out of Doors Policy</b>				

**Scouting Ireland believes that:**

- Camping and Adventures in the Out of Doors are real and fundamental parts of Scouting
- Camping & Adventures in the Out of Doors offer unique educational opportunities within Youth Programme
- Camping & Adventures in the Out of Doors provide Youth Members with the opportunity to develop skills they have gained on their Personal Journey and teach them to live in harmony with others and the natural world/environment
- Scouting Ireland’s Youth Programme is designed to train young people to explore and enjoy the out of doors natural world/environment with an awareness of their surroundings and an appreciation of the dangers involved
- Scout Groups must have Camping & Adventures in the Out of Doors at the centre of their programmes
- Adult Scouters need to ensure that Youth Members are aware of the importance of Camping & Adventures in the Out of Doors in their organising of their programme
- Adult Scouters must ensure that Camping & Adventures in the Out of Doors are conducted in line with the Scout Method and must provide adequate support in facilitating Youth Members to do so
- The encouragement and promotion of Camping & Adventures in the Out of Doors must be a major consideration for the County Programme Coordinator and the Scout County Programme Team with the national structures of the Association providing back-up support where necessary

- Scout Groups and Scout Counties are required to ensure that there are an adequate number of Adult Scouters and / or Youth Members (where age and section appropriate) with the suitable training accompanying / supervising the activity
- Adult Scouters must notify the Group Leader / County Commissioner in accordance with the specified requirements applicable to the type of Camp or Adventure taking place in their Programme Section
- Scout Groups / Scout Counties must ensure that adequate provisions for the health, safety and welfare of the Youth Members and Adult Scouters are provided for in cases
- The good image of Scouting Ireland must be maintained through the preparation and execution of any Camp or Adventure
- Scout Groups / Scout Counties must comply with all applicable policies and procedures of Scouting Ireland
- Scout Groups / Scout Counties must familiarise themselves with the core elements of Leave no Trace