

Campfire

Instruction sheet



Guidelines for operating the campfire:

Campfire Checklist

- Please ensure an adult from your group is responsible for starting, running and extinguishing the campfire.
- This adult needs to have started the fire about an hour before the rest of the group arrives.
- Wood, kindling, paper and matches will be provided in a wheelbarrow near the campfire area.
- If you are having toasted marshmallows, please use the metal sticks provided by staff.

Safety

- Please ensure there is an adequate ratio of Adults to Children during the campfire. We recommend 1:10
- Instruct the children on basic fire safety and make it clear that they must **not** wander away from the group under any circumstances!
- Children should also wear warm clothing and good shoes.
- Headcount students before and after attending the campfire.
- Please take note of where the hose is located and completely douse the fire at the end of the session (No Embers!).
- Should a fire spread or otherwise become dangerous, you must ring the fire service, dial 111 using the nearest phone.
- The nearest phone for Piha Mill is located in the campers kitchen, in the main building.

Marshmallow Sticks

- The metal sticks provided heat up very fast—please be careful when putting on & taking off marshmallows.
- To clean these sticks, please leave them sitting in the embers until all the residue has burnt off.
- Let them cool down before putting them back in the container—leave with the wheelbarrow.

Recommendations

- We recommend taking students in groups of about 30-60 at a time, as space around the fire is limited.
- We recommend keeping the other students entertained with either the Burma trail, stories, songs or games in the dining hall/lounge while they wait their turn.