

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Activities Permit Scheme

The new scheme will come into effect in Staffordshire on 1 September 2006. All applications for Adventurous Activity Authorisations after this date should be made using the new forms. All current Activity Authorisations obtained under the previous scheme will remain in force until they are due for renewal.

The procedure to be followed under the new scheme is:-

1. The applicant will be responsible for the Permit forms and all supporting documents (these should be copies not originals) at all times. This should result in significantly less delay than in the past. When meeting with an Assessor for a paper based assessment (that will be for anyone with Governing Body Qualifications and or experience backed up with documentation and log books) the assessor will make a recommendation on the permit application, keep a copy/record of the recommendation and hand back the Permit application for the applicant to take to the responsible Commissioner for confirmation.
2. The Assessor will then let the County office have a copy/record of the recommendation to hold. The responsible Commissioner will confirm the recommendation or vary it if appropriate and notify the County office or provide a copy if the Permit has been varied. County office will then be able to enter the data onto the National database and update the Leader's service records. The Leader will now hold an activity permit.
3. A current First Aid Certificate is no longer a prerequisite for a Permit. First Aid cover for an activity can now be provided by someone other than the permit holder. I suspect that in most cases this will only be used when a First Aid qualification and Permit application renewal dates do not coincide (as all Leaders have to hold First Aid qualifications) to enable an activity to take place which otherwise might have been at risk.

4. In the case of direct practical assessments it is envisaged that as in the past these will be undertaken whilst the candidate is undertaking one of the County Activity Courses. Direct assessments may be undertaken if necessary by mutual arrangement between a County Approved Assessor and an applicant or by a qualified Governing Body Coach/Instructor at an approved Centre. However evidence of experience such as a logbook will still be required. The same procedure as for paper based assessments for recording at County office then applies.
 5. If there is sufficient demand and or to reduce the commitment of Assessors the County may arrange Assessment Workshops at Kibblestone/ County Office where applicants and Assessors can come together to work through paper-based applications. This may be appropriate if a District has a number of Leaders wishing to take out a Permit or renew Authorisations when they expire and fall close together this could save the few Assessors that we have in the County considerable time but will require some coordination by Districts.
- Air Activities do not come under the new Permit Scheme - existing arrangements apply.
 - If anyone has any further questions please contact me on 07774855311
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