

Intrepid Ventures Q&A

Activity Set Up

What is the plan of activities for the sessions? Does the schedule differ from week to week? Is there a choice of activities that my child can participate in or are there set activities for the day? What does the day look like, for example, how many breaks/where do the breaks take place?

The plan of activities will be advertised on the timetable. The activities will differ from week to week, but of course over a 10 week program there will be some re-visiting of activities.

The Activities will be set for each day and work on a rotation throughout the day from the published timetable. There may be occasions, particularly in the winter when activities need to change from the published activity.

There will be at least two scheduled breaks throughout the day but this will be flexible

What is the age range for this provision?

6-17 years old

Going forward, staff will be working with children in groups. How many children will be in a group at a time?

This will be dependant on the child's needs and will be assessed before and during the sessions. We will be asking for feedback from parents/carers, and rather like an SEN support plan or IEP (individual education plan), we will have information prior to the sessions to plan accordingly. At this stage we would look to have no more than six in a group.

Staffing/Staff Training

If encouragement is needed for my child to participate in activities or with eating/changing clothes, how will this be done?

This will be carried in the same way that they would currently be assisted.

What training do the staff have? E.g., first aid, managing challenging behaviour.

Many of the staff have teaching / coaching qualifications and currently work with children. A large part of a teaching role is to be able to cater for different needs from an educational perspective but equally from an emotional and communication perspective. Please see our website for staff portfolios and the roles they currently play in Intrepid Ventures. All camp leaders have their level 3 paediatric first aid, Level 3 & 4 Safeguarding qualification and a variety of other skills and qualifications. The staff at Intrepid Ventures have plenty of experience working with children with challenging behaviours and disabilities.

How are challenging behaviours managed? E.g., if my child refuses to do something or is doing something unsafely.

Fortunately the staff have plenty of practice in dealing with this behaviour! Intrepid Ventures have been operating child care outdoor camps and summer camps for 7 years. With a full quota of 80 children a day, we do have on occasions challenging behaviour or refusals. We as staff are self reflective and sometimes these behaviours may have been caused by a lack of attention to detail, i.e a child being placed in a team away from their friends, or a session having too slow a pace to maintain adequate concentration levels. Thankfully this is an easy fix and something the camp leader, who is free can assist with and identify a solution.

Things a Child Needs to Bring with Them

If my child requires medication to be administered, how will this happen?

This will be dependant on the medication. If medication can be administered by the individual then we would allow that under supervision with parental consent. All medications however are handed in at the start of the day on drop off and kept locked away with the camp leader. All camp leaders have their level 3 paediatric first aid qualification and can administer medication if required. The alternative to this if it is a complex administration is that parents can drop in to administer.

Does my child require a spare change of clothes (including footwear) for the day?

Yes, a spare set of clothes is required. Footwear shouldn't be an issue unless there are water sports timetabled.

Does my child need to bring a packed lunch and drinks? Where will these be stored when they are not being used?

Yes, this will be stored in the outdoor classrooms.

On Site Facilities

What is the access like for the car parking facilities? Where are they? Where can parents park? Is there step-free access? How far is the car park to the building?

Parking is available for the first 20 minutes. The gates will then be closed and re-open 10 minutes before the end of the day

Toilet facilities at the provision – will there be staff to help with this if needed?

Yes and staff will be able to assist.

Is there a quiet place for my child to go to if they become overwhelmed/agitated/anxious?

Yes, the camp leader will be available to assist with any issues arising and supervise.

How can I help my child to settle in?/Is there space for me to stay on site and help my child to settle in?

Familiarisation with the types of activities we offer will help. Please visit our website www.intrepidventures.org and our social media sites on Facebook and instagram to show your child some of the great activities they will be partaking in.