Woodland Xperiences will minimise risks associated with this activity by using an appropriately competent staff to lead the activity. The staff will use this risk assessment and other associated paperwork as the basis for the safe delivery of the activity. Woodland Xperiences recognises the need to have a dynamic approach to risk assessment and therefore the staff will continually assess the activity as it develops and put into place the necessary actions.

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| **(1)**  **Activity /**  **Area of Concern** | **(2)**  **Hazards Identified** | **(3)**  **Persons at Risk** | **(4)**  **Current Risk Factor**  (high, medium or low) | **(5)**  **Actions to be taken to minimize each risk** | **(6)**  **New Risk Factor**  (high, medium or low) |
| Axe Throwing/ Tomahawk throwing | Personal Injury E.g. Trips and slips, cuts, bruises | All Participants | Med | Appropriate clothing to be worn / carried Throwing line to be established.  Staff to control when axes are picked up and thrown etc.  Axes only to be thrown towards targets. Everybody collects axes only when instructor indicates it’s safe too.  Designate a safe zone away from the range for waiting, and in case of accidental release.  No running at the range.  Instructor to demonstrate correct technique for throwing and collecting axes and monitor. Instructor to provide health and safety briefing to prevent injuries.  Instructor to carry first aid kit.. | Low |
|  | Difficulty controlling body temperature (Hyperthermia/Hypothermia) | All Participants | Low | Appropriate clothing to be worn / carried.  Appropriate amounts / type of food and drink should be carried dependent on weather conditions, terrain etc.  Appropriate group safety equipment to be carried | Low |
|  | Injury to others |  | Med | Instructor to check surroundings carefully before opening range.  Minimum area required behind / side of the targets.  Warning signs and roped off range to be used when taking place. | Low |
|  | Age | All Participants | Low | All equipment to be used by age appropriate ability. Age 10 and below to only use Angles only,11 plus can use Angels and tomahawks | Low |
| Covid 19 | Cross contamination |  | Med | During change over of use, All equipment to be sanitised before next participant.  Targets sited over 2m apart (if using two targets) for when retrieving axes/tomahawks. Walking on outside of lane to prevent close proximity to others collecting equipment. | Low |

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