

## ***Bivvy & BBQ***

***A resource for organizing a Bivvy & BBQ event  
for Venture Scouts in your county.***



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Hey there venture crews!

Looking for something exciting to do with your fellow Venture Scouts...Why not organise a Bivvy and BBQ event?

Major elements of venturing are stepping outside of your comfort zone and meeting new people along the way. So why not give this a lash (pardon the scout pun) and try it out for yourselves.

This outline/template aims to help you to organize a county based weekend activity or even three or four Venture Crews working together.

During the weekend Venture Scouts will get to socialize with people from their county and improve on backwoods skills. It is organized as a fun way for counties to become more active.

We have provided you with a resource that your county can use in planning, doing and reviewing this event.

This resource is only a guideline and can be adjusted to suit your county.

## What is a bivvy?

A bivvy is the building a shelter from natural materials and it is a challenge in itself, but it also prepares you for emergency survival situations.

Plastic sheeting and bivvy tarps are excellent for providing shelter. The design of your shelter is determined by the size of the group and the natural materials and landscape that you find yourself in.



## **Planning your event**

To plan an event like this, follow a few simple steps to ensure you achieve the event you were hoping for

1. Set your end goal
2. Create a budget
3. Organise materials and equipment
4. Who's doing what?
5. Set a date
6. Get the word out

As it is a Bivvy weekend, locate a campsite with a large tree line or something similar to ensure you get the backwoods experience

You need to organise food and organise a means for cooking that food.

Organise activities that Venture Scouts will enjoy and participate in.

As it's a Bivvy weekend, why not try and work on the Backwoods adventure skill for example by running a cooking activity or a shelter building activity?

**Sample Programme:**

Your events programme should be tailored to what you and your ventures like to do whether that be backwoods cooking or climbing wall activities! Below is a sample timetable for a 1 night, 2 day event. The most important thing when planning your programme is to ensure that it suits the Venture Scouts that will be attending the event.

Sample Programme/Timetable	
Day 1:	
TIME:	ACTIVITY
10:00 - 11:00	Registration/Opening Ceremony
11:00 - 12:30	Bivvy set up
12:30 - 13:30	Icebreaker Games
13:30 - 14:30	LUNCH
14:30 - 16:00	Activities Session 1
16:00 - 17:30	Bushtucker Trials
17:30 - 18:30	BBQ(Dinner)
18:30 - 19:30	Activities Session 2
19:30 - 21:00	Evening Programme
21:00 - 22:00	Campfire
22:00 - 23:00	Free time/Supper

23:00 - 23:30	Wind down/Bedtime
23:30 - 00:00	Lights out
<b>Day 2:</b>	
09:30 - 11:00	Rise, Wash and Breakfast
11:00 - 11:40	Scouts Own
11:40 - 12:30	Break Bivvys - Site Clean up
12:30 - 13:00	Event Close/Hometime

**Sample Menu:**

The main food staple of the Bivvy and BBQ is obviously the Barbecue on the evening of the first day.

**Sample BBQ Menu:**

- Potato Salad: Mashed potato, Chives, Salt, Pepper, Mayonnaise.
- Barbecued burgers: Buns, Burgers, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Tomato Ketchup, Mayonnaise.
- Barbecued Chicken Sateé: Chicken Breasts, Peanut butter, Lemon juice, Salt, Pepper.
  - Mix all of the ingredients together and leave in a sealed container for a couple of hours to marinate.
  - When marinated take out of marinade and grill on a BBQ

- Feel Free to add any of your own favourite BBQ recipes from you own scout groups and cookbooks

## **Review**

Ask yourself:

- **Did the plan work?**
- **How can the next activity be better?**
- **What are the main learning points?**

Ask yourself:

- How did this event incorporate the spices?

Attached is a SPICES review sheet that you can use in reviewing your event.



**Fiontar:**

- Plan, carry out and review a project
- Know what qualities you bring to a team
- Making time for physical activity
- Able to solve problems
- Able to learn something from every new situation
- The right skills and attitudes to build friendships
- Communicate with others

**SPICES:**

- Social: Chat and socialise with fellow ventures
- Intellectual: Plan, carry out and review a project
- Physical: Get involved in an activity



# SPICES Review Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Month: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Social</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationships <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Communication Skills <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Other Cultures <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Community Involvement <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Promise &amp; Law <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul> <p><b>Physical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eat Well <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Personal Hygiene <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Balanced Lifestyle <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>How Body works <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Physical Limitations <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Health Choices <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Access Help <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<p><b>Intellectual</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieving Goals <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>New Ideas/Creativity <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Learn from Decisions <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Team Member <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul> <p><b>Character</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promise &amp; Law <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Friends &amp; Friendships <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Plan before do <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Ensuring Fairness <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Respect <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Differences &amp; Views <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Following Dreams <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Live the Scouting Spirit <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<p><b>Emotional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aware of feelings <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Asking/Giving Help <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Responsibility for Emotions <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Controlling Emotions <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Going Further <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Beliefs &amp; Values <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Developing Talents <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul> <p><b>Spiritual</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promise &amp; Law <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Impact on Environment <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Reflection <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Changing Beliefs <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
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**Gear List (for each individual venture):**

PACKED ✓

3 /4 changes of clothes	
Rain gear (its Ireland)	
Hiking boots	
Spare shoes	
Plenty socks	
Plenty underwear	
Head torch	
Sleeping bag	
Ground mat	
Bivvy bag	
Cutlery, plate, bowl	
Water bottle (reusable)	
Personal hygiene products	
Hammock (if necessary)	
Consent form	
Managing medications form (if needed)	

**Budget:**

(For a group of ..... participants.)

**INCOME**

**TOTAL  
INCOME**

Monies Collected from participants @ €..... pp	€
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**EXPENDITURE**

Camping Fees	€
Food	€
Programme	€
Leader catering / camping	€
Surplus	€
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>€</b>