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Introduction

This Lone Patrol Guideline is to assist Scout and Venture Scout Sections in organising a lone patrol activity. Lone Patrol activities are an essential part of the Scout Programme. Scouting Ireland Campsites are keen to support young people and their Scout groups through these activities. When a Scout Patrol / Venture Unit participates in a Lone Patrol Activity, the primary concern is the welfare and best interests of the youth members involved.

Campsite Guidelines

We're delighted to welcome you to our campsite! To ensure a safe, enjoyable, and environmentally friendly experience for everyone, please keep the following in mind:

Environmental Stewardship

- **Leave No Trace:** Help us protect nature by minimising waste, noise, and disturbances to wildlife.
- **Waste Management:** Dispose of rubbish, compost, and recyclables at designated stations. Please refrain from leaving large items such as broken tents or chairs behind.
- **Wood Usage:** Firewood is available at designated woodpiles. Please return unused wood to the pile and avoid collecting deadwood or felling trees.
- **Disposable BBQS:** Ensure they are thoroughly cooled and disposed of responsibly.

Respect for Others

- **Quiet Hours:** Enjoy the peacefulness of nature with a noise curfew from 23:00 to 08:00.
- **Speakers & Musical Instruments:** Use these thoughtfully to avoid disturbing others.
- **Visitors:** Guests are welcome during visiting hours and must check in at reception upon arrival.

Safety and Compliance

- **Water Safety:** Please adhere to posted safety advice. Note that rocks in the area can be slippery, and diving is prohibited due to hidden hazards.
- **No Smoking or Vaping:** Our National Scout Centres are smoke-free zones to ensure everyone's safety.
- **Alcohol & Drugs:** Alcohol and illegal substances are not permitted. Visitors under the influence will be asked to leave for the safety of all.
- **Fire Safety:** Fireworks, balloons, and Chinese lanterns are strictly prohibited.
- **Facilities:** Only use facilities that are open and designated for use.
- **Safe Activities:** If a group of Young People use the campsite as a base for hiking/hill walking, they should leave a route card and ETA with the Team in the centre.
- **First Aid:** A member of the lone patrol must have training in First Aid appropriate to their age and the activity.
- **Mobile Phone:** Before leaving the campsite, please ensure that your mobile phone is fully charged and will last the duration of the event.

Courtesy to Wildlife

- **Dog Policy:** While service dogs are welcome, we kindly ask that other dogs remain off-site to ensure harmony with nature.

Accountability and Behaviour

We value a respectful, inclusive atmosphere and expect everyone to contribute to this spirit.

- **Conduct:** Maintain behaviour that considers the environment and fellow campers. National Scout Centres are 'Dry Sites', and alcohol must not be consumed on-site.
- **Responsibility:** Group Leaders are accountable for the actions of their members on site, ensuring respectful and safe behaviour.
- **Consequences:** To ensure a positive experience for everyone, we may ask individuals or groups to leave the site if their behaviour disrupts others or violates campsite guidelines. In such cases, refunds may not be provided.

Additional Responsibilities for Scouters in Charge

For Lone Patrols / Lone Venture Units attending a National Scout Centre, additional commitments for Scouters include:

1. Ensuring young people's health, safety, and welfare during camp.
2. Always remain reachable by phone.
3. Visiting the group at least once every 48 hours to offer support and guidance.

We appreciate your cooperation in creating a wonderful camping experience for everyone! Thank you for being part of our community.

When making a booking for a Lone Patrol / Lone Venture Unit, the Youth Member will be listed as the "Booking Contact" in our system. A Scouter from their section can be added as the "Billing Contact" for convenience.

Next Steps for a Lone Patrol / Lone Venture Units Activity

- Book your stay with a National Scout Centre.
- Provide a copy of your programme to the National Scout Centre for the duration of the activity.
- If you are leaving the site for a hike, please leave a route card and your estimated arrival time back to the Centre with the Staff on the site. Your Scouter in Charge should also have a copy of this route card.
- Ensure that there are mobile contact details for members of the patrol/unit with the campsite staff.
- If your return to the National Centre is delayed, please get in touch with the campsite staff to inform them that you are delayed.
- If you need support/advice on your activity, do not hesitate to ask the campsite staff, who will be delighted to help.
- If you get into difficulties while away, contact the relevant emergency service if necessary, and then contact the National Centre and advise what the situation is. We will help you in whatever way possible.
- It is essential that you have an appropriately equipped First Aid Kit with you for your activity.

How to book your Lone Patrol:

To make a booking, please click on the link below for the National Scout Centre you wish to attend

- Larch Hill Scout Centre: [Fill in Form Here](#)
- Lough Dan Scout Centre: [Fill in Form Here](#)
- Castle Saunderson Scout Centre: [Fill in Form Here](#)

Finally, have fun and enjoy yourselves.

