



GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN OKLAHOMA
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF
SECURITY RATINGS FOR
OVERNIGHT HIGH ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Troop/Group: _____

Activity Date(s): _____

WHEN TO BE USED

This Security Rating method is to be used to determine the relative security associated with any activity that involves an overnight stay in connection with a high adventure activity such as backpacking, trip and travel camping, extended canoe trips, or caving. It is to be used in conjunction with Form #598T, Checklist for Overnight High Adventure Activities.

PURPOSE OF THE RATING METHOD

- o Provide reasonable and prudent security for our girls and adults while participating in a high adventure activity that involves an overnight stay.
- o Provide a practical and flexible means for the council and leaders to "build their own security package" for an activity based on the nature of the activity and the security resources available to them for the activity.
- o Provide an easy, unbiased means to evaluate the relative security available for a particular activity, even if the activity takes place in remote wilderness areas.
- o Utilize modern methods of security.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RATING METHOD

This method utilizes several factors or items deemed to enhance the security for an activity. Each of the items has been assigned a relative point value, its Security Rating. The items that contribute to security are listed on the reverse side of this form. The items are grouped into categories for convenience.

HOW TO DETERMINE A SECURITY RATING FOR AN ACTIVITY

1. From the list on the reverse side of this form, determine the items that apply to the site you are planning to use. Each of these items has a security rating associated with it.
2. For each item applicable to your activity, enter its security rating points on the line under the column "Security Rating."
3. Total the Security Rating points you recorded. If the total is 14 points or more, your activity meets the security point guidelines required by the council. If it does not total at least 14 points, you must arrange to meet the requirements for a sufficient number of additional items until the total is 14 points or more. If the security rating does not reach the 14-point minimum, the council will not consider your request for approval.
4. Participants in high adventure activities must be 12 years of age or older. Your request will not be considered for approval if girls under the age of 12 are involved.
5. In addition to meeting the minimum point total of 14 points, you also must have your activity arrangements agreed upon by leaders and parents, and approved by the council. Attach this security rating, along with a roster, itinerary and emergency contact information for the area where the activity is taking place to Form #585F and submit to the director of programs.

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SECURITY RATINGS FOR HIGH ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Write the security rating numbers which apply to this activity on the line in the column "Security Rating". Total points at bottom of column. Minimum Point total: 14.

Security
Rating

Leader/Adult-in-Charge – Additional Training and Experience

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| _____ | 2 | Previous experience and/or knowledge of the trail, waterway, wilderness area, etc. |
| _____ | 2 | Leader/Adult-in-charge has documented training and/or experience in orienteering (attach documentation to this form). |
| _____ | 1 | Previous experience in a leadership position during similar activities of one or two nights. |
| _____ | 2 | Previous experience in a leadership position during similar activities of three or more nights. |

Adult Presence

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| _____ | 1 - 2 | Additional adults above <i>Safety Activity Checkpoints</i> and <i>Volunteer Essentials</i> requirements. (Maximum of 2 points, 1/ adult) |
| _____ | 3 | Adult(s) sleeping in quarters with girls. |
| _____ | 2 | Adults sleeping in adjoining or adjacent tent/area within sight of each girl tent/area. |

Ability to Summon Help

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| _____ | 1 | Cellular phone within a cellular service area. |
| _____ | 3 | Satellite phone (worldwide or appropriate regional signal service). |
| _____ | 2 | Emergency Medical System (EMS) response expected within 15 minutes of notification. |
| _____ | 1 | Emergency Medical System (EMS) response expected within 30 minutes of notification. |

Emergency Preparedness

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| _____ | 3 | An adult is currently certified from a nationally recognized provider of training in Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder and CPR (attach documentation to this form). |
| _____ | 2 | All participants have been trained in basic first aid and CPR. |
| _____ | 1 | Leader/Adult-in-charge has a reliable GPS unit and is familiar with its use. |

Location

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| _____ | 2 | All overnight camping sites are located within the confines of a National or State park, wildlife refuge, etc., and a detailed itinerary has been filed with the ranger service or other appropriate authorities. |
| _____ | 3 | Activity is confined to established, well-marked public trails with check points. |
| _____ | 5 | An experienced professional guide will be accompanying the group. |

Youngest Girl Maturity Level and Experience

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| _____ | 1 | Cadette (ages 12 – 14) |
| _____ | 2 | Senior/Ambassador (ages 15 – 18) |
| _____ | 3 | All participants have experienced a similar high adventure at least once. |

===== TOTAL POINTS (Must total at least 14 points)