

MEDICAL & SAFETY CONCERNS

What about allergies and medical conditions?

All allergies and medical conditions notified during registration are documented with the information available to those who need to know.

A coloured dot is put on the camper ID badge so that the appropriate people are aware of it.

The information is also supplied to the team leader, the kitchen staff, the first aid company and the camp director.

The kitchen staff are responsible for handing out team prizes so they make sure there is suitable prizes for anyone with restrictions eg nut allergy, gluten-free etc.

Team leaders are given information about any medical conditions and, if necessary, that team is given extra support.

Is there First Aid on site?

Yes, there is always an external first aid provider on site. Usually this is St John's. The first aid tent is set up in a central location readily accessible by everyone.

The camp leadership, safety officer, kitchen staff and first aid coordinator all carry walkie talkies.

What about safety?

The event is insured by the Uniting Church in Australia. We complete a comprehensive risk assessment of all planned activities to ensure we are providing the best level of safety for everyone.

Adult-child ratio guidelines are in place. Each team of approx. 8 campers will have an adult plus 2-3 teen helpers.

Except when teams are in their gunyahs, they are in view of other adults whether that is at craft, near the fires, around the kitchen, in the tent, doing water activities etc.

Sign in / sign out procedures (see "Why do I have to sign my child in and out?").

There is a designated safety officer onsite responsible for movement of vehicles, safe gunyah sites, safe rope swings and structures, safety around the fires, site boundaries etc.

Safety guidelines are taken seriously and anyone endangering another person will be dealt with by direct discussion, discussion with caregivers or removal from site, as may be deemed appropriate.

What is the level of supervision?

Teams generally consist of approx. 8 campers, one adult leaders and 2-3 teen helpers. Sometimes the designated leader will be a 17 yo helper with Day camp experience in which case there will be an adult assigned to the team as a helper.

As well as the team leaders, other adults on site include:

- 2 in the kitchen
- 2 in craft
- 1 safety officer
- 3 at the fires
- 3-4 chaplains
- 1 camp director
- 2 camp admin
- 2-3 other floating support adults
- First Aid officer (St John First Aid, First Responder, or similar)

The only time the teams are out of site of multiple adults is when they are in their gunyahs. We encourage the teams to set up their gunyah next to another team and look out for each other.