

HIGH ADVENTURE STATEMENT

High Adventure activity means " a camp program that requires specially trained staff or special safety precautions to reduce the possibility of an accident". [R 400.11401(1)] Each high adventure activity must have a written high adventure statement.

ACTIVITY:

A. Activity leader training and experience qualifications

The activity leader must be an adult activity leader who has training in conducting the activity. [R400.11401(3)]. The written training and experience qualifications must be specific to the activity, based on recognized standards for leading the activity, and in accordance with applicable laws. Training records for activity leaders must be maintained and updated on a regular (daily, monthly, or yearly) basis.

B. Specific staff-to-camper ratio appropriate to the activity

Supervision of the activity participants is essential for reducing the risk in high adventure activities. Identify the activity staff to active participant camper ratio required for this activity. The ratio should include the number of participants for the activity at any one time. Campers not involved in the activity, but still present, must also be properly supervised as required by R400.11111.

C. Classifications and limitations for camper participation.

Considerations for camper participation includes physical limitations/adaptations, parental consent/preference, camper age, camper experience level: beginning, intermediate, advanced, and other considerations identified by manufacturer or applicable national standard.

D. Arrangement, maintenance, and inspection of the activity area.

The activity area is the specific location where the activity takes place. This section must include details about how the activity is arranged (i.e. layout, set up, loading/unloading details, activity routes). The maintenance and inspection of the activity area should include details about documented pre-activity area checks and regular periodic (daily, monthly, yearly) maintenance and inspection area checks.

E. Appropriate Equipment and the Inspection and Maintenance of the Equipment
The equipment and inspection of the equipment for the activity must be written specific, detailed, and appropriate for the activity. The written materials must be available for the adult staff conducting the activity. The equipment inspection and maintenance schedule (pre-use, weekly, monthly, seasonally) must be clearly identified in the statement and in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.
F. Safety Precautions
Safety precautions are the procedures required to prevent accident or injury during the operation of the high adventure activity. Written procedures must be available at the site and include specific activity leader(s) responsibilities; pre-activity instructions for safe participation including the statements/commands between participants and activity leaders before, during, and concluding the activity; and procedures for safely operating the activity according to manufacturer recommendations and if available national standards for safe operation.