

WATER SLIDE

Goal – Purpose of the activity.	
Camp Cooby has a waterslide that is approximately 60m long that descends our gully and into a constructed pool. While it looks a little scary, the fast and slippery ride to the bottom always has our campers screaming for more! While not an activity session in itself, the water slide it is a great way to finish off at hot day at camp. Typically, schools schedule a good 30min of water sliding at the conclusion of a day's program. Kids love it! And so do the adults. It just good fun.	
Participants	Leadership and Qualifications
All ages and sizes of people are capable of using the slide.	Camp Cooby staff are given directions as to the appropriate use of the slide.
Participant/Leader Ratios	
Ratio 2: 30 – generally there are 2 staff allocated to supervise the slide. 1 at the top to separate sliders and 1 at the pool at the bottom to ensure they exit the slide appropriately and quickly.	
Operational Procedures	Location: Lake Cooby
Pre-slide Checks The water slide sits in a gully surrounded by Australian Bush. Prior to anyone entering the slide the following checks need to be made: - The slide is clear of all sticks, rocks, any other debris which could cause injury - Check the slide tarps are securely pegged to the ground, and that the overlaps are sitting flat, and that there are no tears in the tarp. - Thoroughly check the pool at the bottom. Drain beforehand, clear any sticks and rocks, shovel out any built-up dirt. Pre-slide Prep - Connect water pipe (or disconnect from the sprinkler) - Turn water on (switch down) - Check the green light is on, on the bore pump at lower part of Amphitheatre. - Allow water to run down the slide and fill the pool at the bottom. Must be overflowing before anyone uses the slide. Sliding Briefing The following instructions should be given: - One at a time on the slide - All participants must sit on the slide to start - Wait to be given the instruction to start - Where possible slide feet first. Must enter the slide feet first - Exit the slide as quickly as possible	
Equipment and Logistics	
No extra equipment necessary.	

Levels of Challenge and Possible Variations
Safety Considerations
Behaviour Slides can be very exciting and fun. Ensure at all times participants do not develop poor habits. This means following directions. Participants can become adventurous and try new things on the slide. Discourage running onto the slide, especially if the participant goes feet first. This may cause the participant to slam their head into to slide. Always encourage them to enter the slide feet first. Sun Safety Sunburn is a risk for anyone who participates in outdoor activities, particularly in Queensland. Leaders should take reasonable steps to prevent or minimise the likelihood of staff and participants suffering excessive sun exposure.

Weather

Effective planning requires access to up-to-date weather and fire information, which is generally available through newspapers, radio and television. The most up-to-date information is available on the website of the Bureau of Meteorology at www.bom.gov.au/qld . Or <http://www.eldersweather.com.au/qld/darling-downs/geham>

Emergency Management Procedure

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| A | Assess situation, call emergency services, assist those in danger |
| E | Evacuate students, staff and visitors, if appropriate |
| I | Inform School Camp Leader onsite and off site, Camp Cooby Directors or Camp Manager if not onsite |
| O | Organise resources, advise parents |
| U | Undertake recovery operations and return site to normal |

Risk Assessment

Danger	Risk Description	Risk Level	Management Strategies	Residual Risk Assessment – after Management Strategies
Environment				
Trees next to slide	Injuries due to sliding into trees	M	Trees next to the slide are padded to avoid injuries to participants when sliding Slide is shaped and maintained to ensure that participants cannot slide near to trees Amount of water on slide is moderate to ensure that sliding isn't uncontrolled	L
Terrain being uneven	Downhill nature of the slide may result in injuries during or whilst walking back to the top of the slide	M	Participants advised on appropriate clothing and equipment (must have enclosed water shoes for sliding) Shirts must be worn Instructors to check over the course before the program for rocks / tree branches / damage to the slide Participants must slide on their bottoms, legs out in front with minimal runup Participants are not permitted to run back to the top of the slide – must walk or sit out if they cannot follow directions Participants must not sit or walk on the sides of the slide and must follow the pathway back to the top of the slide	L

Winds	Falling branches Falling trees.	S	Monitor winds before activity and check slide for any fallen branches prior to commencing activity Aggressive movement of trees nearby are an indication of thinking about strong management strategies or cancellation. No activity will take place during strong winds, or near dead trees, no pulling or swinging on trees. All dead trees & fallen branches will be monitored All dead trees and branches deemed a risk will be removed from the area Review weather conditions prior to the activity. Assess students' ability to cope with increasingly difficult wind conditions. www.bom.gov.au/qld . Or http://www.eldersweather.com.au/qld/darling-downs/geham	L
Rain	Wet Equipment Hypothermia Slips and trips	S	Pre-briefing and equipment list outlines appropriate clothing and wet weather gear. Group condition is monitored closely during wet weather. Group to be briefed on safe practice in wet conditions using extra caution. Students will wear firmly fitting, covered footwear with a non-slip sole. Consideration should be given to postponing or stopping the activity when rain events occur to avoid hypothermia	L
Bushfire	Burns Smoke Inhalation Death	H	Participants advised on appropriate clothing and equipment. Fire Pump is ready to go in the trailer and participants are aware of evaluation areas. Staff to evacuate to safe points if required. Encourage peer reminders and monitoring. Review weather conditions prior to the activity. www.bom.gov.au/qld . Or http://www.eldersweather.com.au/qld/darling-downs/geham Aggressive heat waves are an indication of thinking about bush fire management strategies or cancellation. Fires may only be lit in specified areas. Fires should not be lit in windy conditions. Participants will be briefed on emergency procedures.	L
Dead Trees	Impact Injuries	M	Participants are briefed about the dead trees and the likelihood of tree fall if hit.	L
Steep Banks	Sprains & Strains	M	Appropriate pathways are chosen to avoid any difficulties. Students will wear firmly fitting, covered footwear with a non-slip sole.	L
Rubbish	Cut Feet Embedded Objects	S	Participants are expected to wear closed in shoes at all times.	L
Environmental Impact		M	Participants are to be briefed on specific environmental factors that concern Cooby Dam. Ensure rubbish is 'carried out'. No soap or other chemical to be used on the slide as runoff will end up in the environment	L

			The slides pool should be regularly drained and lowered during non-used periods to avoid insect breeding	
Wildlife		S	Participants are expected to wear closed in shoes at all times. Appropriate pathways are chosen to avoid potential wildlife Participants will be instructed to be aware of the ground underfoot, & to avoid walking through unmown areas & to be aware of trees, branches & brambles which may be home to various wildlife, & not to run. Pathways are kept clear and mowed to ensure all wildlife can be seen and avoided. Participants will be instructed to give all wildlife a wide berth to avoid injury. Instructors will inspect all activity areas prior to use to ensure no wildlife is in close proximity.	L
People				
Inexperience	Participants explained what to do and what they can expect of the walk and the hazards	H	Pre-activity planning will consider whether the planned challenge matches the maturity and abilities of the group. Participants will be given clear boundaries to avoid hazardous areas. Participants will be given a detailed activity brief prior to activity. This includes instructions on how to slide, exit the pool at the bottom and return to the waiting area at the top of the slide.	L
Poor technique	Slips resulting in strains and sprains	M	Pre-activity planning will consider whether the planned challenge matches the maturity and abilities of the group. Participants will be briefed on the risks of slipping and on ways to minimize this risk Students will wear firmly fitting, covered footwear with a non-slip sole. Participants will be given clear boundaries to avoid hazardous areas.	L
Poor Technique	trips resulting in minor soft tissue or skeletal injury	M	Participants will be briefed on the risks of trips and falls when completing activity	L
Inconsiderate Participants	Participants being inconsiderate of other participants resulting in soft tissue, skeletal or emotional injury / damage	M	Participants will be briefed on the risks associated with the activity. Inconsiderate participants will be removed from the activity. Instructors will ensure safety procedures are met and will cease any actions which may result in a participant's safety being jeopardized.	L
Allergies	Environmental triggers (pollens, dust)	H	Check medical information, be aware of possible triggers. First aid kit relevant to the activity requirements and the training of the instructor will be on site and available during the activity	L
Equipment				

Faulty	Faulty equipment could result in further damage to equipment and increase risk of incident,	M	Staff will inspect all equipment before and after activity. All equipment will be used and maintained according to the manufacturer's or centre policy.	L
Incorrect use of equipment.	Failure to follow activity guidelines	M	Clear instruction about how to complete activity correctly.	L
Sliding surface broken / not secured	Injury to participants	M	Instructors will inspect the entire length of the slide including the pool for damage / uneven surfaces / unsecured of slides prior to usage by participants Tree padding (where necessary) will be in place and secured prior to activity commencing Rocks / sticks and other sharp materials will be removed from the pool area and water changed prior to the activity commencing PVC hose will be in place prior to activity commencing.	L

Consequence					
Likelihood	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (almost certain)	S	S	H	H	H
B (Likely)	M	S	S	H	H
C (Moderate)	L	M	S	H	H
D (unlikely)	L	L	M	S	H
E (rare)	L	L	M	S	S

Risk Level

H – High risk: e.g. likely or almost certain to occur, with at least moderate consequence – at least medical treatment required (See table below)

S – Significant risk

M – Moderate risk

L – Low risk

CONSEQUENCE RATING TABLE		
1	Insignificant	No injuries, No financial loss
2	Minor	First Aid treatment, Low financial loss
3	Moderate	Medical treatment required, Medium financial loss
4	Major	Extensive injuries, High financial loss

5	Catastrophic	Death, Major financial loss
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