Session Plan – Backwoods Cooking

Key Stage: 1,2,3,4	Activity Aims & Learning Outcomes (suggested content and uses of activity):
To learn basic skills and safety related to	Enjoyment
fire lighting and cooking in a woodland	Activity Skills
environment.	Health and Well-Being

Suggested session format:

	Duration:	Activity	Resources
Session Preparation:	60 mins	 Activity area pre check Check group information – any medical needs, special requirements, group size etc. Pre prepare bread twist dough/Jam/marshmallows/Biscuits Clear all fire bases of debris Prepare water buckets Set up tables Pre collect some natural firewood Prepare fire lighting boxes and materials 	Activity Operating guidelines
Start/ Safety Talk:	10 mins	 Welcome and introduction of activity. Explain boundaries of the area, fire safety as well as slips, trips and falls Set the scene – think about group and what they wish to achieve Consider learning outcomes of group and individuals and reviewing thereof during the session Safety brief- highlight relevant safety points as listed in activity operating guidelines i.e., Walking when near fire or uneven ground/sticks. 	Rule of 3. Fire Steel. Marshmallow skewers.
During the Session:	1hour 45 mins	 Manage participants ensuring Health and Safety is adhered to at all times, i.e. Keep participants inside set boundaries, supervised when near fire or fire lighting equipment. Produce a story of survival and emphasise skills. Rotate participants so that all people have a go. Motivate participants to collect wood. Maintain hygiene Be enthusiastic! 	Fire steel. Marshmallows. Bread Dough. Sticks. Cotton wool. Petroleum jelly. Water. Cleaning equipment. Tin Foil.
Extension Activities:		For older ages or longer sessions:ShelterWater Purification	Tarps/Poles Extra Buckets

	•	Further Fire lighting techniques (bow Drill, Flint & Steel, Battery & Wire Wool)	Basic filter (filter bag/Clothing)
Review: 5 m	mins •	Confirm any learning that may have taken place. Ensure equipment is returned to Backwoods Area ready for next group. Report any incidents/faults to office.	