Risk Management Workshop, RoVent Oct. 18-20th, 2013.

Informal workshop led by Chuck Fraser on Risk Management.

Peter’s notes:

1. Summed up in our motto: **BE PREPARED !**
2. Category 2 versus Category 3. What’s the difference?
   1. Cat2: 2 nights, supervised
   2. Cat3: 3+ nights, greater risk, potentially unsupervised, out of country. Parental Consent required.

IMHO, both the same from a Risk Management (methodology) point of view.

1. Paperwork:
   1. COAA, RMP, Parental Consent, Tour Permit
   2. Registration with authorities, etc.
   3. 3rd Party Insurance. Don’t assume SC insurance is applicable.
2. Scouter-in-charge on COAA:
   1. Assuming something went wrong…
      1. How would you feel?
      2. What would a parent say/do?
      3. What would Scouts Canada say/do?
      4. What would the Judge say/do?
   2. Use collective decision making when appropriate.
3. Training: By thinking ahead to the RMP, what training is necessary to offset the risk(s) of both the youth and the Scouters?
4. First Aid Kit(s): Reviewed and current for the trip.
5. Communication technology: Use the best you can afford for your trip. Practice and understand its limitations.
6. Recce the facility/location and/or seek out local knowledge and ask probing questions:
   1. What are the risk factors (terrain, weather, wildlife, plants, water sources, navigation, etc.)?
   2. What are the top 5 reasons for emergency (action/rescue)?
   3. Who is the Emergency Authority?
7. Be Prepared…but failing that…Know Your Limits (of skills, physical ability, equipment and liability)
8. RMP Template Review
   1. Who should read the RMP? All participants and parents!
9. Extreme Tripping: **Demands extreme research, insurance, training, preparation and safe execution!**