
OUTDOOR EDUCATION KIT STORE

Membership Scheme

AIMS OF THE SCHEME

This scheme is to provide Rochdale and Bury schools and other establishments access to the full range of equipment held by RBC's Educational Visits Advisory Service (EVAS). The scheme aims to promote outdoor education activities amongst service users; it also acts as a cheaper alternative to schools using external providers to deliver similar adventurous activities where school staff hold the appropriate awards.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

Membership gives access to the following areas of equipment which can all be hired subject to availability. Please see Kitlist section for a breakdown of equipment available –

- Bushcraft equipment – including shelter building, fire pits, Trangias, Ghillie Kettles and EzyStoves.
- Journeying equipment – including rucksacks, tents, sleeping bags/mats, stoves, staff and pupil waterproof tops and safety equipment.
- Team Building equipment – including games and activities for class of 30 pupils
- First Aid equipment – including Flat Stan First Aid for students and Resusci Annes, Choking Charlies and bandages for staff refreshers.
- Mobile traverse wall (extra build/dismantle fees apply)
- Climbing Equipment – for use in climbing walls and rigging climbing outdoors on single pitch crags.
- Paddlesport equipment – including kayaks, open boats (canoes), sit-on-tops and accessories.
- Trailers – including kayak trailers and box trailer.

HOW THE SCHEME WORKS

PAYMENT

The member will pay an annual fee to EVAS at the beginning of the financial year (April - March). There are two levels of membership available, please see below:

Standard membership – this gives you access to anything in the bush craft, journeying, team building, first aid and the mobile climbing wall sections. The current fee for this is set at **£300p.a.** If Outdoor Learning Card Training is delivered to your establishment during the year (additional cost) the membership is reduced to **£100** for that year.

Standard plus membership – this gives you access to the full range of equipment available. The current rate for this is set at **£700p.a.**

For primary schools, this could be an appropriate use of some of the School Sports Premium funding.

The different levels of membership are to cater for schools where staff hold relevant adventure activity awards (*standard plus*) and schools that don't (*standard*).

The fee covers maintenance, administration, repairs, and servicing. Any surplus will be used to expand and develop the equipment in the kit store – we welcome any recommendations for purchasing further equipment. This is a non-profit scheme and membership fees are to make the scheme sustainable. Membership fees will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Any extra days use of equipment will be charged at a standard rate, see credits section for info.

EQUIPMENT

Members will have access to all of the equipment free of charge (unless otherwise stated below). The member will be able to book the use of equipment by contacting Tom Booth, on 01706 926759. It is important for organisers to check the availability of the equipment before making any other arrangements. In the first instance we offer a fair usage policy for the hiring of kit. If the demand for hire increases to a greater demand the fair use policy will be superseded by a credit system mentioned below. All members will be informed prior to this change.

CREDITS

Each member will be given credits each quarter to use in exchange for one day's hire of equipment. The credit system is to avoid bookings being made which aren't then honoured. The credits are non-transferable; credits remaining at the end of each quarter cannot be carried forwards. Any extra day's hire after all credits have been used will be charged at the standard rate – 25% discount for members, please ask for details.

Quarter	Paddlesport credits	Climbing credits	Journeying credits	Mobile bouldering wall credits	Team building equipment
Autumn Term	35	42	30	10	7
Spring Term	35	42	30	10	7
Summer Term	35	42	30	10	7
Summer Break	35	42	30	10	7
	<i>This equates to roughly 7 days of activity per term.</i>	<i>This equates to 7 days activity with 2 rigging ropes and 2 climbing ropes per term.</i>			

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

JOURNEYING AND BUSHCRAFT EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Quantity available	Credits (per day)
Rucksacks	6	1 for set
Sleeping bags/roll mats	16	1 for set of 8
Trangias (gas and meths option)	10	1 each
Ghillie kettles	5	1 each
Mobile fire pits	5	1 each
EzyStove (3 include kettles, frying pans, pots and utensils)	6	1 each
Shelter building kit (includes tarps, ropes and pegs)	6	1 each
Vango Tepees (5 person)	3	1 each
Vango force 10 Mk 3 (3 person)	3	1 each
Vango Helix (3 person)	4	1 each
Vango Halo (2 person)	1	1 each
Vango Vortex (2 person geodesic)	1	2 each
North Ridge Altitude (2 person geodesic)	1	2 each
Lightwave G20 (2 person geodesic)	1	5 each
Vango Helium Superlight (2 person)	1	2 each
Indiana Tepee (8 person)	2	1 each
Event shelter	1	2 credits
Helsport Varanger Lavvu 4-6 person	1	2 credits
Helsport Varanger Lavvu 12-14 person	1	5 credits
Safety equipment (e.g. group shelters, first aid kits...)	various	1 for set

TEAMBUILDING EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Quantity available	Credits (per day)
Pick of any equipment available in bulk*	Unlimited	1
Box trailer	1	1

*you may load the box trailer with any of our equipment available but priority goes to EVAS courses.

PADDLING EQUIPMENT

All paddling equipment comes with paddle, buoyancy aid*, cag (sizes vary)* and helmet as standard. Other leader kit is available on request.

Equipment	Quantity available	Credits (per day)
Standard Kayaks	12	4 for set
Sit-on-tops (mixture of single & dbl)	8	1 each
Open-boats	4	1 each
River-boats	6	1 each
Sea Kayaks	6	1 each
Trailer	2	1 each
Paddles, buoyancy aids and helmets	As per boats	1 per set if taken without boats

CLIMBING EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Quantity available	Credits (per day)
Rigging ropes	3	1 each
Set of harnesses + helmets	15	1 for set
Climbing ropes	3	1 each
Climbing hardware (nuts, cams, karabiners, rope protectors and slings)	various	1 for set

MOBILE BOULDERING WALL

Equipment	Quantity available	Credits (per day)
Mobile bouldering wall (ask for details)	1	£150 + 1 per day (minimum 4 days)

**charge may be revised if staff members are available to support build/dismantle wall. Please also be aware that the climbing wall may only be erected in a suitably secure environment (usually indoors). It may also only be booked out a minimum of 4 days at a time.*

TRAILERS

Equipment	Quantity available	Credits (per day)
Box trailer – 1780kg*	1	1 each
Kayak trailer – 1000kg*	1	1 each
Open-boat trailer – 1300kg*	1	1 each

**The towing vehicle must legally be able to tow (at least) the figures stated, whether or not that weight is actually being carried and the driver must have the appropriate licence for towing a trailer*

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

All aspects of the Membership Scheme will be reviewed on an annual basis. This may include price, terms and conditions, offers or credit allowances. This is to make the scheme work for everybody and also make it sustainable for the future. The aim of EVAS is to encourage and facilitate more outdoor learning opportunities for young people.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any equipment borrowed from the kit store will be the responsibility of the person who made the booking. The following conditions will apply:

- 3rd party damage of equipment and normal wear and tear – this will be covered by the EVAS
- Damage to equipment due to lack of care - member will be liable for full replacement or repair costs
- When a trailer is attached to your car the trailer needs to be covered by your car insurance (check with your insurer). As long as the equipment is secured (with wires or other method) then they are covered by RBC, the equipment is also covered when in use. Unattended items are not covered unless secured by lockable device. Insurance claims carry a £1000 excess which the member will liable to pay.
- An inspection of the equipment (including trailers) upon collection should take place and any damages/faults must be reported to EVAS
- An inspection of returned equipment will take place.
- Any bookings must be made by a qualified/verified instructor of the activity involved (if appropriate).
- Equipment will be returned within a 1day period and arranged when making the booking.
- Failure to return the equipment on the day arranged will result in a fine of 1 credit per day.
- If your staff want to borrow kit to develop their personal skills the establishment member will be liable for any damages or loss of equipment and establishment will be invoiced for the amount of damages or loss by the EVAS.
- Loading/unloading will be the responsibility of the member. The EVAS will, where possible, assist with this but members must include loading/unloading time into their planning. Canoes must have a minimum 2 adults loading/unloading.
- *Where equipment such as wetsuits, cags, buoyancy aids or waterproofs are borrowed the member will return these in the same condition (clean, right way round). Failure to do so will incur a £20.00 charge for time of EVAS.

- *Any journeying equipment used for cooking/boiling will be washed before returning or member will incur a £10.00 charge per item, this includes Trangias and fire pits etc.

*EVAS will make an assessment of the equipment as soon as practicable on its return.

Signed by appropriate member in establishment: Date:

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By signing this you agree to the terms and conditions in the agreement on behalf of your establishment.