



YOUNG INSPECTORS

Young Inspectors report on: Adventure activities

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

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The ‘Young Inspectors’ program is part of the Short Break service commitment to provide:

‘The opportunity for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs to contribute to the decision-making and development of services for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs on the Isle of Wight’.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the short breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

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1.0 Details about the provision what was inspected

The service offers Young people from ages 8-18 different outdoor activities from kayaking to zorbing. There are fully trained staff at each activity. The inspection was to help mould the sessions based on Young Inspectors thoughts of these sessions, as Adventure activities are a new provider.

Overview of the organisation/service:

Provisions of this service is to encourage children to participate in an adventure club that will engage and encourage participants to challenge themselves in a dynamic and exciting environment.

What they provide: The service provides trained staff to deliver different adventure activities to children and young people.

When is it available: Saturday 9:30-12:30

How much is costs: £25

Who to contact to book: Aston Rose-Kirby 01983 755838 or mitch@adventureactivitiesuk.com

2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Adventure activities?

We were asked by Adventure activities to come and to do a test run of the new Short break activity to see if Young Inspectors like it and what they could do to improve their provision.

3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Adventure activities?

We inspected Adventure activities with five young people, with various needs and abilities. The young people varied from 11 to 16 years of age. We visited on what would be set up as normal Saturday activity. To begin with Adventure activities sat down with Young inspectors and explained that they would like their input to help them make the session just right for young people.

4.0 Review analysis- What we reviewed

On this occasion the activities set up for children were kayaking and games as well as archery.

4.1 Staff

Out of three stars Young Inspectors awarded staff with 3 stars. There was also smiley faces for every aspect of this inspection. Young Inspectors stated that staff were friendly, helpful, happy, fun and that they were listened too. They also sated they were greeted nicely when arriving the activity. Young Inspectors like that they had an instructor in the kayak with them and that they got to play fun games. They said all staff were very enthusiastic and fun especially Aston!

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4.2 Fun and enjoyment

The overall star rating for fun and enjoyment out of 3 was 3 stars. Young people said they had a brilliant time. They said they met new people but many of them already knew most of the Young inspectors. All of the Young inspectors stated they would like to go again, although one inspector said she would if she does something different from kayaking. But she very much enjoyed taking photos of everyone at sea. For children that didn't want to go in the sea there were other activities at hand a member of staff with them at all times. All young people stated they felt happy at the activity and enjoyed it.

4.3 Accessibility

Out of 3 stars accessibility was awarded with 2 and a half stars. One of the Young people who were in wheel chair explained that because the staff was so helpful and friendly any problems with his wheelchair they incurred were sorted by the staff immediately. He also stated because the activities were done on the beach and there was a ramp there, there is only so much they can do.

The only recommendation they had were for possibility a disabled toilet and a ramp to enter the cabin depending on what wheel chair was going being used. Most of the Young people said the activity was quite expensive but it was explained that when kayaking there was one to one staff in the kayaks at all time and an instructor which they then understood more.

Young people felt this was a really good time for the activity but said there weren't many clear signs around the site with where to go. However, one inspector stated that staff were always engaging with Young people and explaining what was happening.

4.4 Safety and Surroundings

Safety and surroundings also received 3 out of 3 stars. All children felt they were safe and that staff helped them if they needed anything relating to safety. When arriving the instructor explained what was going to happen throughout the day in the cabin and let Young People feel all of the wet suits and helmets.

Young people were told they didn't have to do anything they didn't want to do and said they were scared of water so the instructor found them other activities to do. All Young people were informed about safety.

When it came to obstacles' a Young Inspector who was a wheel chair user stated that any obstacles' he came across he was helped in any way by staff and he stated 'they related to me and gave more confidence to overcome things'.

4.5 Food and Dining experience

Young people would be required to bring their own snacks and drinks but there is a break for them to eat and drink.

5.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found

Overall Young Inspectors had a fantastic day and parents and Young people felt this is a very good Short break activity. Young Inspectors felt instructors filled them with confidence which allowed them to go further in activities. All staff were very supportive in all activities and were very enthusiastic with Young people.

. 6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?

Recommendations from the Young Inspectors would be a ramp into the cabin so wheel chair users can access the cabin easier.

6.1 Young Inspectors views

Views of the Young inspectors felt they were listened too and had a really good and fun time. One Inspector stated ‘They were very helpful, the obstacles with accessibility were solved by staff because they were so helpful, and there’s only so much you can access on a beach in a wheel chair, although they helped me access everything. They also made it very inclusive and made me feel the same as everybody else.

6.2 Short breaks recommendations

Recommendations from Short breaks would be that if there are water activities that parents stay to help children and Young people into wet suits. Also that there are more visual schedules for Young people, Short breaks have spoken to Adventure activities and will support with different visuals and schedules.

7.0 Determining overall award

An overall award for Adventure activities is 3 stars out of 3 stars.

8.0 Provider feedback

Short Breaks offered the provider to come back to make comments regarding their report Short Breaks did not receive a response.