**Gear Policy**

***Borrowing Club Equipment***

*StAUMC has a very large inventory of rock climbing, winter climbing, ski touring, hill walking and camping equipment and guidebooks. It is all available for all matriculated students to borrow (free for StAUMC members while non-club members pay a £10 flat fee).*

*A list of available club equipment:*[*https://gearlog.org/api/login?shareCode=e22f669e-4785-4777-abe7-0eaac0039926*](https://gearlog.org/api/login?shareCode=e22f669e-4785-4777-abe7-0eaac0039926)

***How to Borrow Equipment:****All gear is loaned out for one week.*

1. Come and collect what you want to borrow on***Thursday evenings between 18.30 and 19.30 (TBC)***In exceptional circumstances (e.g. last-minute plans) contact the gear officer.
2. Use the club equipment and have fun.
3. Log any use of club equipment*(*[*here*](https://tinyurl.com/gearuse)*)* or direct to GearLog as soon as possible after using it. Be honest.
4. Return the equipment you have used***clean***and ***dry***the following***Thursday***evening.

***Borrowing Equipment for Club Trips:***This is the priority use for club equipment and takes precedence over all other use. Standard gear borrowing rules still apply, with a few differences.

* **The use of gear on club trips needs to be logged.**Either fill in [this report](https://tinyurl.com/gearuse)*(https://tinyurl.com/gearuse)* or log direct on GearLog (DOWNLOAD THE APP!).
* Gear is collected on Friday evenings. After the trip, keep hold of any gear that you have used and *return it****clean****and****dry****the following****Thursday****evening.***Very bulky items (e.g. skis) can be returned on Sunday evenings.**
* If club gear goes missing on a trip and isn't reported, the cost of its replacement will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

***Cleaning/Maintaining Club Equipment:****The club equipment is a communal resource, so it is vital that everyone takes responsibility for it and its condition. If everyone does this well, we can use more of the gear budget on new stuff and less of it on replacing worn out gear.*

* ***After Climbing near the sea:***<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/care-and-maintenance-of-metallic-equipment#:~:text=As%20soon%20as%20possible%20after,dry%20off%20the%20remaining%20moisture>
* ***Ropes and Slings:***<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKpbJVcGTZY>  (clean slings in the same way as rope). No need to buy rope cleaner- use mild soap flakes.
* ***Cams:***<https://dmmclimbing.com/Knowledge/November-2016/DMM-Cam-Maintenance>
* ***Nuts, Hexes, Carabiners etc.:***<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/caring-for-your-carabiners.html>
* ***Tents:***Ensure both the inner and flysheet are aired. If the tent is particularly minging, clean it like this (can use mild soap flakes instead of techwash): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzDQecIg84Q>
* ***Sleeping Bags:***Clean after every use! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3F-7idvPsEU>
* ***Crampons and Ice Axes:***Rinse off any muck. The club file can be borrowed to sharpen points if they are blunt. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TelFz1cSdQU>
* ***Ski Touring Skins:***Dry with cheat sheets on- return to bag as soon as dry.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfQqiqtHGJ0>

***What if I break/loose club equipment:***Please own up ASAP! If damaged equipment isn’t reported, it may pose a real danger to the next user if you don’t let us know! This is reviewed on a case by case basis- we probably won’t charge you! If you do something really stupid/that you wouldn’t do with your own gear, we may charge you the cost of replacing the lost or damaged equipment.