

**OUTDOOR PROGRAMMING
INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY
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Goal: To define why certain activities/areas should/should not remain opened as it relates to current weather conditions. Please try to adhere to the following policy as it relates to the safety of troops, staff and equipment.

- **Programs will be canceled in a timely manner based on the severity of the weather.** If storms are forecasted for the morning only, then afternoon programming may be permitted to run.
 - If programs need to be canceled due to weather, Camp Directors will
 - Notify Activity Specialists as soon as possible, but no less than 1 hour prior to their start time.
 - Notify Camp Operations Executive & Camp Ranger once Activity Specialists have been contacted.
 - Either take on the responsibility of informing the registrants or delegate the task to the Camp Ranger.

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS CAN REMAIN OPEN IF:

- **Light rain prior to the start of the day or as storms occur**
 - All program areas are subject to closure based on weather conditions and are able to be ran at the discretion of the Activity Specialist, Camp Director or Camp Ranger
 - Target Sports
 1. Visibility to the targets and beyond must be clear
 2. Wind speeds need to remain below 10 mph
 3. No flooding or water collection on shooting range can occur
 - Boating
 1. Visibility to the rescue boat/area must be clear
 2. Wind speed must be deemed safe by instructor
 3. All participants must be able to see their craft and at least 25 feet in front/behind them
 - Zip Line
 1. All portions of the climbing apparatuses (stairs, ramps, platforms, walkways, etc...) must be able to be walked on without slipping, sliding, or falling
 2. The instructor must be able to see the entirety of the zip cable

3. Helmets and harnesses must maintain the ability to be put on and taken off with ease (ex. In heavy rains, harnesses become more challenging to remove.)
- Rock Wall/Low Ropes
 1. Visibility to the top of the apparatus must be clear
 2. Wind speeds need to remain below 10 mph
 3. All equipment pieces (wires, hand grabs, ropes, etc...) must be able to be held without slipping, losing grip, or falling
- Tractor Rides
 1. Roads must be able to be traveled on by heavy machinery without getting stuck
 2. Instructor must be able to see the road/route clearly
 3. Wind speeds need to remain below 10 mph

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MAY BE CAUSE FOR CANCELLATION:

- **Heavy rains prior to the start of the day or as storms occur**
- **Thunderstorms**
 - In the event of a thunderstorm, all programs will be canceled immediately.
 - Troops should immediately go to the closest indoor space that is not occupied/rented by another group.
 - Upon the first thunder being heard, all program areas will close for 30 minutes. Program will be able to resume 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard.
 - Activity Specialists/Camp Rangers will notify participants when the thunder delay is over.
 - In order for programs to maintain timeliness, any sessions delayed by thunder will not be able to be executed unless there is a majority of the time remaining in the activity block

NOTE: Sessions may be canceled or cut short due to severe weather (at the time of the session as we can not accurately predict what or how bad the weather may be). On site staff will communicate all safety and weather conditions with the Outdoor Specialist/Camp Director before canceling a session of activities.

These Guidelines were developed and adopted by the Outdoor Experience Team as of September 2024. The members of the team hold multiple certifications, including Level 1 and Level 2 USA Archery, over-water & land zip line, self-belay rock wall, Small Craft, and low ropes. Team members have a combined history of +25 years in Outdoor Experience.