



Extreme Weather Policy

What is Extreme Weather

Extreme Weather includes unusual, severe, or unseasonal weather.

Camp management and office staff routinely check the weather and stay informed of severe weather warnings. All possible accommodations are made in a timely manner to ensure the safety and movement of campers to emergency safety locations.

Watch

Keep watch for favourable conditions of storms. Make staff aware of these conditions as necessary, and monitor weather closely.

Camp Oconto Emergency Safety Locations

- The Basement of the Bung
- The Basement of Awakening
- The Workshop

What to do in the Event of Extreme Weather in Section

Staff are responsible for moving campers from their location to one of the emergency safety locations.

Tads - Basement of the Bung

Chips - Basement of Awakening

Eagles - Basement of Awakening

Ints - Basement of the Bung

Seniors - Main floor of the Bung

QCs - Main floor of the Bung

Awakening - Main floor of Awakening

All others - Head to the nearest of the above locations

What to do in the event of Extreme Weather at an Activity/ Around Camp

Staff are to bring campers to the closest safety location to their current position. Communicate to Director, or designate, where people are waiting.

Camp Directors will:

- Determine where people should assemble.
- Determine the need for evacuation of camp.
- Determine the need to contact emergency services.
- Determine the need to implement Emergency Media Plan.
- Debrief as soon as possible following extreme weather event.
- Gather all information needed for incident report.

Staff will:

- Ensure safety and wellbeing of campers.
- Perform accountability checks and report information to directors – via walkie talkies.
- Supervise movement of campers as needed.
- Maintain a calm atmosphere.
- If evacuating, ensure groups stay together.

Extreme Winds

Upon notification of a hurricane watch status, all personnel will attempt to accomplish the following on an individual basis:

- Clear grounds of anything that will 'fly' and secure it in cupboards or under buildings. Start closest to the lake, where wind will be the strongest.
- Clear desktops completely of paper and other articles (stash in drawers or cupboards).
- Protect books, valuable papers, and equipment by covering with plastic sheeting and masking tape (or put into cupboards).
- Where necessary and possible, move desks, file cabinets, etc., away from windows.
- Open windows about 2 inches on both sides of buildings to allow pressure to equalize. Remove screens so they don't blow in and hit someone.

Hurricane Warning: Action-Responsibility

- Director will communicate emergency planning in effect to all section heads, directors, medical, maintenance, and office staff, who in turn will notify all personnel.
- Establish media connection if needed.
- Notify the municipality of your camp's status and request a police unit to secure and assist patrolling the facility.
- Close main gate.
- Make final facility check for debris.

Hurricane Post-Storm: Action-Responsibility

- Safety of all campers and staff is the top priority, so deal with them first.
- Assess damage and report to Director any security/safety concerns (e.g. Hydro lines, fallen trees, major erosion).
- Have Section Heads or designate inspect facility for broken glass and other safety hazards.