

Inclement Weather Policy Activities

Thunder and Lightning

In the event of a member of activities staff witnessing thunder or lightning, all at height activities are to temporarily cease operation. Non-ropes activities may continue as long as they avoid rope activity structures/areas. Take the following steps for closing a roped activity:

1. Make other activity staff aware of thunder/lightning by radio
2. Inform the group that you will have to stop the current activity due to the weather
3. Lower any participants that are currently at height in a safe and controlled manner
4. Once participants are safely on the ground, bring the group a safe distance away from roped activity area. Keep all equipment on for the time being
5. A 30 minute period must pass without any further thunder and lightning in order for the activity to be re-opened. If any further thunder and lightning occurs during this 30 minute window, you must then reset and begin timing again for another 30 minutes

High Winds

Winds (including gusts) in excess of 40mph result in temporary closure of **ALL** activities. Use the anemometer wind gauge to measure wind speeds located in the climbing tower shed and also in the activities office. Take the following steps for closing an activity:

1. Make other activity staff aware of high winds and that you are closing your activity
2. Inform the group that you will have to stop the current activity due to the weather
3. Lower any participants that are currently at height in a safe and controlled manner
4. Bring the group back to the main house, away from forested areas. Keep all equipment on for the time being
5. Continue to monitor wind speed. If wind speed has dropped below 40mph, check activity and area for damage and re-open the activity if safe to do so