



## Camp Tuhsmehta Severe Weather Procedure and Policy

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*Severe weather procedures are shared with leaders at check-in and with campers early in their stay. Drills are performed with fully licensed rental groups. Camp Tuhsmehta (Camp T) staff/leaders should use a local weather app (Wood TV 8) to receive severe weather and tornado watch/warning information.*

### **Lightning/Thunder**

- If you are running an outdoor activity and there is local thunder or lightning, end the activity and assemble everyone in a safe place indoors as quickly as possible.
- Outdoor activities may resume after 30 minutes have passed with no thunder or lightning.

### **Severe Thunderstorm**

*Severe thunderstorms have large hail or damaging winds. Watches and warnings are issued by the National Weather Service. Camp T personnel will ensure group leaders are aware of watches and warnings if they are present.*

#### **Severe Thunderstorm Watch**

No activities need to change, but the group should be prepared for a severe thunderstorm warning.

#### **Severe Thunderstorm Warning**

- If you are running an outdoor activity and there is a severe thunderstorm warning, end the activity and assemble everyone in a safe place indoors as quickly as possible.
- Outdoor activities may resume after the warning has been lifted and 30 minutes have passed with no lightning. Camp T personnel will let group leaders know when the warning is lifted.

## **Tornado**

*Tornado watches and warnings are issued by the National Weather Service. Camp staff/leaders should use a local weather app (Wood TV 8) to receive tornado watch and warning information. Camp T personnel will ensure group leaders are aware of watches and warnings if they are present.*

### **Tornado Watch**

No activities need to change, but the group should be prepared for a tornado warning.

### **Tornado Warning**

- Assemble everyone in the basement of Birch Lodge.
- Do not leave the Birch Lodge basement until an “all clear” is given by Camp T staff.