



Camp Tuhsmeheeta Severe Weather Procedure & Policy

A severe weather drill is held for all visitors early in their stay at Camp Tuhsmeheeta (Camp T).

Lightning

- If you are running an outdoor activity and there is local 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 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.

I. Severe Thunderstorm Watch

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

II. 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. The PA Alert System in Tamarack will broadcast the NOAA Weather Radio alert for a tornado warning. Camp T personnel will ensure group leaders are aware of watches and warnings.

I. Tornado Watch

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

II. Tornado Warning

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