

**Severe Weather Monitoring Plan  
For Pack Events (Camping)  
Pack 225, Windermere, Florida**

The Boy Scout motto of “Be Prepared” is an integral part of the Scouting culture. In an effort to follow this guideline, Pack 225 has instituted the following Severe Weather monitoring and communication plan. This plan should not, however, replace the judgment of the parent or guardian responsible for the safety and well being of each Cub Scout. Parents and guardians should also take it upon themselves to monitor weather and make the final decision regarding the safety of their child and family.

1. Prior to the event, one person shall be designated to monitor and make decisions regarding severe weather for either part or the entire event. A set time of departure shall also be determined for purposes of notification (for instance – noon on the Friday of the event).
2. The week of the event, said person should monitor the weather forecast using the National Weather Service website ([www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)) and the Weather Channel ([www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)). During the event/campout, the designee should have an NOAA weather radio on at all times in order to make decisions regarding weather situations that may occur upon arrival.
3. If severe weather is forecasted, the event should be postponed or cancelled for the date or dates as early as possible (for instance in the case of a hurricane).
4. If severe weather is likely, then the designee should monitor the situation on a constant basis up until 2 hours before departure. If the intended area is under severe thunderstorm warning, tornado watch, or tornado warning then the event should be cancelled or postponed. Remember that lightning strikes are a real concern in Florida and a high number of strikes associated with a storm should be a consideration. Flood watches and warnings should also be heeded, however since we do not participate in water based activities, this consideration should be used as a guideline in the event that this would affect the plans.
5. Notification – Each camping family is to provide a telephone number with answering service/machine that they will check prior to the given time of departure. It is suggested that the designee either handle all of the calls themselves, or create a phone tree using the camping committee or by den. Also, each camping family is to provide an e-mail address that will also be checked prior to departure. At a minimum of 1 hour before the predetermined departure time, all families will have been contacted by telephone and e-mail IF the event is cancelled or postponed.
6. If no action is needed, then no communication will be made.
7. If parents or others are unclear about whether or not an event will be held then the contact information for the designee will be provided on the campout/event information sheet – e-mail and telephone.

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