

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency the dining pavilion is the rally point. Non-critical injuries should be treated at the unit (Band Aid First Aid) if additional treatment is necessary the Scout needs to report to Administration, 911 will be called. Be prepared for a trip to the hospital. Staff trained in CPR and First Aid will be on site.

If an emergency occurs then follow the emergency action steps should be executed:

CHECK -- CALL -- CARE.

CHECK -- Check the scene for safety -- if the scene is safe then approach the victim and check for responsiveness. If the scene is unsafe call for help. If the victim is unconscious or confused or suffering from a life-threatening condition then call 9-1-1

CALL -- For life-threatening and serious medical emergencies: 9-1-1 (and notify event staff).

CARE – Get assistance from the trained Health and Safety First Responder Team located at admin to provide care for life-threatening conditions. Do not move the patient unless the area becomes unsafe or you have to move him to provide care for life-threatening conditions (e.g., CPR).

LIGHTNING SAFETY

NOAA's National Weather Service says "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" If you can hear the thunder then you are in the danger zone. Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder.

Each year in the United States, more than 400 people are struck by lightning. On average, about 62 people are killed and many others suffer permanent neurological disabilities.¹ Most of these tragedies can be avoided if proper precautions are taken. Lightning leaves many victims with permanent disabilities. While only a small percentage of lightning strike victims die, many survivors must learn to live with very serious, lifelong disabilities.

NOAA's NWS no longer recommends the crouch position. The crouch position has not been proven effective and it can take up precious time that the person at risk could use to run to a safer location. Also, since the NWS guidance is written for the general public the lightning safety awareness committee (the group that prepares the NWS guidance on the NOAA website) is concerned that the general public might mistakenly get the impression that the crouch position is an acceptable method to reduce the risk of injury.

Acceptable courses of action when the person hears thunder are to get inside a safe building. A safe building is one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls and floor, with electrical wiring and plumbing. (safest course of action) or safe vehicle. A safe vehicle is any fully enclosed metal-topped vehicle such as a hard-topped car, minivan, bus, truck, etc. (less safe than a safe building) if one is nearby, and for a person in the backcountry where there are no safe buildings or vehicles (such as the backcountry at Philmont Scout Ranch), to take cover in a forest, in a stand of the shorter trees, staying as far as possible from any single tree, if possible. The person should keep their feet together.

BE AWARE

To estimate the distance between you and a lightning flash, you can use the “Flash to Bang” method: If you observe lightning, count the number of seconds until you hear thunder. Divide the number of seconds by five to get the distance in miles. Remember that if you can hear the thunder then you are in the danger zone.

SEVERE STORM EMERGENCY

The camp shall operate on a (2) two tiered storm emergency plan:

Tier 1 Emergency

Unit leader’s discretion. Shelter in place. Be prepared to evacuate.

Tier 2 Evacuation

In the event of a severe storm emergency declaration all scouts and scouters **SHALL evacuate the campsite to vehicles.**

Tier 2 evacuation will be announced by 3 (three) distinctive blasts of either an air horn, or car horn.

Tier 2 “All Clear” will be announced by 2 (two) distinctive blasts of either an air horn, or car horn.

The unit leader will perform an accountability check for his/her unit and will report to the Administration area either in person or send a responsible representative with the ability to report back to the unit leader any further instructions.

INJURIES AND ILLNESS

If any of our adults who attend this event are medical professionals then please let the Camporee Staff know upon your arrival. If units know of campers with serious medical problems, please discreetly inform the Health and Safety Staff.

A trained Health and Safety First Responder Team will be available at all times for minor first aid. For a medical emergency that requires emergency medical services (EMS) dial 911 and tell the dispatcher your location (including directions to get to site

at camp). Please stay on the line until the dispatcher releases you. Send someone to the designated site access point to escort the EMS personnel to the patient. Notify Event admin immediately. Troops are responsible for ensuring compliance with youth protection guidelines by providing additional Scouts or Scouters in the event a Scout is transported offsite for treatment. **YPT (1 Adult and 2 additional scouts or 2 adults)**

In the event of an emergency, contact any member of the Camp staff; they will be able to get you the help you need. The Health and Safety Staff will have FRS radios for the event. If a Troop Scoutmaster or other Adult Leader desires to stay in contact with the Health and Safety Staff using his own FRS radio, please bring the radio to the Friday evening Leaders meeting and the Health and Safety Officer will provide the channel they will be operating on. Adults only please!

911 Camp Address:

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