

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

For the most part, summer camps are entirely outdoors, which means that if there is rain or wind, we still will be hosting programs in the same location. Please ensure to pack weather appropriate gear, as the programs will be hosted outdoors, even in case of inclement weather.

In the event that there is an extreme weather warning issued in the City of Vancouver and Lower Mainland, Sea Smart will follow the steps below:

1. The Program Coordinator is responsible for monitoring the weather by checking the weather report regularly to determine if the weather is safe for outdoor activities.
2. The Program Coordinator will inform staff if the following warnings are issued and will advise staff on what to do based on the warning advisory level.
 - a. **Extreme Air Quality:**
 - i. "Moderate" (4-6): Programs will need to be modified by reducing high-exertion activities, with frequent and longer-lasting rests and water breaks. Participants with respiratory health conditions will need to be closely monitored.
 - ii. 'High' (7-10) or 'Very High' (above 10): Programs may be cancelled or moved to an indoor space. If cancellation is not recommended or Sea Smart is unable to provide an indoor space, we will modify our programming to be low-exertion activities, and participants with respiratory health conditions will also be closely monitored.
 - b. **Heat Wave:**
 - i. Level 1: when humidex temperatures are forecasted to peak at 32C or higher for two or more consecutive days in Vancouver, staff are instructed to use shaded areas more frequently, reduce intensity of physical activities, and ensure additional rest and water breaks.
 - ii. Level 2: when humidex temperatures are forecasted to peak at 34C at any point during the day in Vancouver, Programs may be cancelled or moved to an indoor space.
 - c. **Rain Response:**
 - i. Light or Moderate Rain: all outdoor programs will take place outside – rain or shine – as planned. Participants are expected to come prepared and dressed in weather appropriate clothing.

- ii. Heavy Rain: Programs may seek shelter in forest spaces or under Sea Smart tents, while others might operate as planned. Program adjustments and alternative activities will be scheduled.
 - iii. Thunder or Lightning: all outdoor programs will be cancelled or moved to an indoor space.
- 3. In the event that there is an extreme weather warning and programs are adjusted or cancelled, an email notification will be sent out by a full-time staff members (Program Coordinator, Managing Director, Executive Director) to guardians. If applicable, educators will also provide a letter of notice for participants to bring home to guardians. Every effort will be made to communicate information at least **one day** before an adjustment or cancellation takes place.
- 4. Guardians will receive a refund at a pro-rated rate for any day cancelled by Sea Smart because of extreme weather conditions.
- 5. In the event forecasted temperatures are at extreme levels, concerned guardians may withdraw the participant for the day and receive a refund at a pro-rated rate.

Sea Smart reserves the right to cancel programs under extreme weather circumstances.