

Weather Considerations for Outdoor Events

☐ Designate shelter areas if available

- ☐ No one is safe outside of a solid enclosed structure during any thunderstorm; tents are ***not*** suitable shelters

☐ Establish weather thresholds that will prompt the activation of sheltering and evacuation plans

- ☐ Examples/suggestions:
 - ☐ Thunderstorms (lightning) within 8 mile radius
 - ☐ Consider how much time is needed to notify of plan activation and time needed to actually move attendees; add 25% of that time as a safety factor
 - ☐ Heat index of xxx degrees
 - ☐ Non-thunderstorm wind gusts exceeding xx mph
- ☐ The weather thresholds should drive when sheltering/evacuation plans are executed

☐ Designate a Weather Watcher

- ☐ Have internet access
- ☐ Completed Weather Watcher Training Module
- ☐ Be aware of the basic suite of weather information available (see list below)
- ☐ Understand any established weather-related thresholds and evacuation/sheltering time
- ☐ Begin monitoring forecast information at least three days prior to the event
- ☐ Have ability to maintain a continuous weather watch on event day; it is encouraged that they ***not*** be designated for any other responsibilities
- ☐ Must have direct communication with incident command staff especially when a threshold is expected to be met
- ☐ Have access to NWSChat; request an account several weeks ahead of time:
<https://nwschat.weather.gov/create.php>

☐ Relay weather information to staff and attendees ahead of potential hazardous weather

- ☐ Examples/suggestions:
 - ☐ Severe Thunderstorm Watches or Tornado Watches
 - ☐ Prior to possible evacuation, reminding what the evacuation plan is and where storm shelters are