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Wild Within Reach Weather Policy

Wild Within Reach strives to reconnect people with the outdoors. Several of our programs are either partially or all outdoors. We understand that the outdoors can be unpredictable and weather changes can make it hard or unsafe to go outdoors. Below is our Weather Policy for summer weather, hot temperatures, winter weather, cold temperatures, inclement weather, and thunderstorms. We follow these policies or default to the policy of the partnering organization, municipality and/or school. Please contact us at Wild Within Reach (info@wildwithinreach.org or 720-432-3702) with any questions.

Summer Weather & Hot Temperatures:

Colorado can have some beautiful summer days, but these days can also be high in temperature and heat index. If summer weather and heat index pose a threat, Wild Within Reach may adjust or cancel scheduled programs, hours, or operations, and/or special events. If such circumstances occur, please see below for additional processes and procedures.

- ☐ If the temperature/heat index is 93 degrees and below, it's safe to be outside and programs will proceed as normal, with several water breaks.
- ☐ In temperatures 94 degrees to 98 degrees, indoor breaks will happen every 20-30 minutes with plenty of water breaks.
- ☐ For heat indexes of 99 degrees and above, Staff will move activities indoors and have appropriate indoor nature-based activities available.

Winter Weather & Cold Temperatures:

Colorado winter days can vary greatly depending on several weather factors. If winter weather poses a threat, Wild Within Reach may adjust or cancel scheduled programs, hour or operations, and/or special events. If such circumstances occur, please see below for additional processes and procedures.

Snow

- ☐ If there is a chance of snow/ice or there is 0 – 2 inches of snow/ice on the ground, it is safe to be outdoors, and the program will proceed as normal (providing the temperature is within our policy range).
- ☐ If snow/ice is between 2 – 5 inches, Staff will make sure all participants have proper footwear and indoor breaks will happen every 20-30 minutes (providing the temperature is within our policy range).
- ☐ If snow is 6 inches or more, Staff will move activities indoors and have appropriate indoor nature-based activities available.

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(Winter Weather & Cold Temperatures cont.)

Temperature/Windchill

- ☐ If the windchill is 32 degrees and above, it's safe to be outside and programs will proceed as normal.
- ☐ In temperatures 13 degrees to 31 degrees, indoor breaks will happen every 20-30 minutes.
- ☐ For windchills of 13 degrees and below, Staff will move activities indoors. We may go out for 5 minutes or less to 'test', 'observe' or 'experiment' as part of our program, however the program will be moved indoors and have appropriate indoor nature-based activities.

Inclement Weather & Thunderstorms:

When inclement weather poses a threat, Wild Within Reach may adjust or cancel scheduled programs, hours of operation, and/or special events. If such circumstances occur, please see below for additional processes and procedures.

- ☐ If the weather is only rain showers (no inclement weather forecasted), Staff will assess the situation and determine if the program(s) will continue outdoors.
- ☐ If a warning is issued for the program area, staff will move the participants to a place of safety within the nearest building. The weather will be monitored until the severe weather has passed. Staff will be responsible for helping to calm and reassure the participants at such times.
- ☐ At the first sight of lightning, all program participants will be required to head indoors with staff and remain there until the threat is gone. Staff have appropriate indoor nature-based activities available and ready for such moments.

If any participant does not want to participate in the outdoor portion(s) of any Wild Within Reach programs, and/or special events, please let Staff know ahead of time. We will try to accommodate your requests, however no program fee(s), registration fee(s), or supplies will be refunded. Please contact us at Wild Within Reach, info@wildwithinreach.org or 720-432-3702, to discuss your circumstance.