

# Troop Weather Preparedness

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# Safety



Weather CANNOT be controlled, only prepared for and reacted to



Weather Safety is just as important as tool, fire, and food safety



BE PREPARED: Review the weather in advance of an outing - SHARE WITH SCOUTS & ADULTS



Always locate the nearest hard shelter and communicate to the Scouts



Have a "bug out" evacuation plan

# Scenario

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- On the last night of Summer Camp at 1am, a severe wind & thunderstorm continues its' path eastward across Wisconsin and slams into the camp. The camp-wide siren goes off and Scouts must seek shelter. How do we get the Troop awake and move them to the shelter? How do we make sure everyone is present and safe? How are we prepared if the camp receives a direct hit from the storm and we must evacuate?
- BSA Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation, Wisconsin July 2019  
after a Derecho hit the camp



# Plan

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DEVELOP A TROOP  
WEATHER PREPAREDNESS  
PLAN



TRAIN SCOUTS AND  
ADULTS



RUN WEATHER  
DRILLS



LOOK FOR AREAS OF  
IMPROVEMENT

# Training

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Hazardous Weather Training via [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) should be the minimum for both Adults and Scouts

Define an ASM-Weather or Den Leader-Weather role, responsible for weather awareness, training and safety

Encourage Scouts to complete Emergency Preparedness, Weather, and other Merit Badges

# Training Materials & Resources

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- [BSA's Scouting Safely](#) (Guide to Safe Scouting)
- Hazardous Weather Training via [My.Scouting.org](#)
- First Aid merit badge pamphlet
- Weather merit badge pamphlet
- Emergency Preparedness merit badge pamphlet
- Wilderness Survival merit badge pamphlet
- Scout Handbook, Field Guide
- ESCI Wilderness First Aid Field Guide, 2nd Edition
- [National Weather Service](#)
- [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)
- [Weather Wiz Kids](#)

# Questions

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