

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