

Cub Scout Pack 3944

Air Quality Policy Related to Outdoor Events

In keeping with the United States Environmental Protection Agency guidelines on air quality, especially as they pertain to suspended air particles of 2.5 microns and below (PM2.5), the Pack has determined that for the safety and health of all Cub Scouts and their parents and guardians, that a reading of 300 + (hazardous) from the United States Embassy monitoring site (the Beijing City monitoring site if the U.S. Embassy site is inoperable), as determined two hours prior to the departure of a Pack sponsored outdoor event, will lead to an automatic cancellation of such event. Notice will be given to all den leaders by the Cubmaster that such event is cancelled for further notification of parents. No one should go to the rally point if the event is cancelled. Den only activities will follow den leaders and parents' wishes and may deviate from Pack sponsored events.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE

1. If a PM2.5 reading of <300 is indicated two hours prior to the event, the Pack will still go on the outing. Parents must determine for themselves if they do not wish for their Scouts and children to participate in the event. In the case of a no show on the part of the parents, all prior deposits for the event will be forfeited.
2. On events that require an overnight stay (such as the spring campout), the Pack will go regardless of the air quality index. It is up to the parents to determine if they feel their Scouts and children should participate in the event. In the case of a no show on the part of the parents, all prior deposits for the event will be forfeited.
3. If stated on the event flyer that an alternative indoor activity will be planned in case of cancellation of the outdoor activity, please proceed to the designated meeting point at your own discretion. If an alternative indoor activity is planned, no refunds will be given. The Pack will endeavor to plan an alternative activity, but there are no guarantees that such events will be arranged due to lack of volunteers to plan and coordinate the alternative activity.

RETURN OF DEPOSIT IF AN EVENT IS CANCELLED BY THE PACK

In the case where an event is cancelled by the Pack due to bad air quality, the Pack shall refund the deposit to all participants who confirmed and paid in advance, except for tangible item costs, like fishing gear, water, and firewood, which can still be delivered to and/or utilized by the dens, parents or Cub Scouts at a later date for a den or Pack activity.

The Pack will pay for cancellation costs associated with transportation and venues from its general fund and make every effort to minimize the cancellation costs by getting advance agreements with the transportation and destination location vendors for the cancellation fee. Nevertheless, it is recommended that dens and parents recognize these vendors and consider patronage for family and den activities so that future Cub Scout reservations are always welcome.