



Air Quality Policy

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Monitoring Air Quality Index (AQI)

- WRI holds the health and safety of our participants and staff as the primary concerns.
- We will closely monitor the **Air Quality Index (AQI)** using [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov) and [Fire.AirNow.gov](https://fire.airnow.gov) as our primary references.
- We recognize the complication of changing AQI during the summer and strive to create clarity for our community around how we will respond to AQI conditions and communicate about them.
- For Summer Camps, we will assess AQI at 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM on days of concern. For Community Programs, we will assess AQI 2 hours prior to the start of the program.

Summer Camp Operations

1. **AQI below 100** (i.e. Good to Moderate)
 - a. Activities occur as planned without any modifications.
2. **AQI between 101-200** (i.e. Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups to Unhealthy)
 - a. **Camp Continues with Modifications:**
 - i. During this range, camp activities will proceed with necessary adjustments.
 - ii. Groups will split their time between indoor and outdoor activities.
 - iii. While outdoors, campers will engage in low-exertion activities.
 - iv. Staff will actively monitor campers for any signs of smoke-related effects.
3. **AQI 201 or Higher** (i.e. Very Unhealthy to Hazardous)
 - a. **Indoor Activities or Cancellation:**
 - i. If the AQI reaches 201 or higher, camps should be conducted indoors or be cancelled.
 - ii. For camps that can continue their advertised program indoors (i.e. any art camps), activities will proceed.
 - iii. For camps unable to continue their program indoors (i.e. River Wild Camp), camp will be cancelled for the day.
 - b. In the event of cancellation of camp due to AQI concerns during the day, WRI will keep kids indoors and reach out to guardians via phone to retrieve campers.

- c. In the event of the cancellation of camp prior to the start of camp we will email an alert to families and add an alert banner to our website by 8:30am.

Community Programs Operations

1. **AQI below 100** (i.e. Good to Moderate)
 - a. Activities occur as planned without any modifications.
2. **AQI between 101-200** (i.e. Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups to Unhealthy)
 - a. **Program Continues with Modifications:**
 - i. During this range, activities will proceed with necessary adjustments, including splitting time between indoors and outdoors and/or engaging in low-exertion activities while outdoors.
 - ii. Staff will actively monitor and check in with participants for any signs of smoke-related effects and make further modifications if needed.
2. **AQI 201 or Higher** (i.e. Very Unhealthy to Hazardous)
 - a. **Indoor Activities or Cancellation:**
 - i. If the AQI reaches 201 or higher, programs should be conducted indoors or be cancelled.
 - ii. For programs that can continue their advertised program indoors (i.e. art workshops), activities will proceed.
 - iii. For programs unable to continue their program indoors (i.e. any outdoor experiences), the program will be cancelled for the day.
 - b. In the event of cancellation, we will email an alert to participants and add an alert banner to our website.
 - c. In the event of cancellation of a program that did not require registration nor RSVP, a notice will be put in the event description on the website and an alert banner will be added to our website.