



BUTTONWOOD WEATHER RESCHEDULE POLICY

The following guidelines apply to our **Field Trip/School Programs** only.

What we will do:

- Consult several weather forecast websites
- Look at percentages, radar, and hourly forecasts

We will reschedule if:

- Temperatures are 40 degrees and below (actual or wind chill temperature)
- Raining and temperatures in the 40s
- Heavy rain
- Thunderstorms
- High wind: watch/advisory/warning
- Sustained wind speeds 15 to 20 mph
- Wind speed and wind gust: gusts 25 mph and over (overhead branches/trees dangers)
- High temperatures: heat watch/advisory/warning
- Heat index: consider cancelling if 90 degrees and above

Teachers–Field Trips:

- We will notify the school teachers the day before the trip by 12:00 PM.
- Teachers/administrative assistants will be contacted by email, text, and/or office phone.

Considerations:

- Safety is the priority. We will make decisions with the wellbeing of the students, teachers, and our Buttonwood staff in mind.
- Our goal is to provide a safe, pleasant experience for students, teachers and Buttonwood staff.
- Cautions taken to prevent hypothermia
- Combined weather/student preparedness factors:
 - Predicted cloud cover
 - Wind chill and rain
 - Wet clothing, wet shoes, and temperatures
 - Students arriving without appropriate clothing (no hats, no gloves, no winter coat, leggings, no layers, sneakers with thin or no socks)
- At this time, we have no run-in shelter to get warm. Pavilions and dugouts are not considered safe shelters during a thunderstorm.
- Unlike recess or gym class, we are outdoors for 4.25 hours with no shelter or wind block.



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