

MIGRATION CELEBRATION 2010 SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

When there is a potential for severe weather that could affect any of the sponsored events of the Migration Celebration, this policy shall be in effect. At a minimum, an event leader shall check the current weather forecast at least in the morning prior to any event and again at noon.

- The weather forecast (including weather radar) shall be checked at least hourly. Access to Internet shall be maintained in the refuge headquarter office and/or other computers that have on-site Internet access. If severe weather is observed to be approaching any MC venue, then the event leaders shall be notified and communication links shall be verified. The frequency of checking shall be increased as appropriate.
- If a storm containing lightning is eminent, then all “away events” shall be immediately notified and all participants shall go as quickly as possible to a safe shelter. Safe shelters include buildings, automobiles, and vans. All vans that are situated at the headquarters site shall be dispatched to pick-up people at the “away sites”. Other than van drivers, no one will be allowed to use a van at that time.
- The following criteria shall be used to determine eminent severe weather that shall require temporary cancelation of “away events”.
 1. Radar shows a severe storm cell approaching an MC venue.
 2. Lightning can be observed regardless of direction.
 3. Thunder can be heard.
- The following criteria shall be used to determine eminent severe weather that requires the sheltering of those at the headquarters area.
 1. Lightning can be seen and thunder heard within 30 seconds.
 2. Radar indicates an approaching thunder storm.
- “Away events” shall not resume until thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes. Local events can resume at the discretion of the event leaders.