

ROCKBRIDGE AREA RECREATION ORGANIZATION

Lightning-Specific Emergency Action Plan

1. Monitor the weather prior to each and every scheduled outside activity
2. Identify a “weather-watcher” responsible for actively monitoring threatening weather and notifying the chain of command “decision-maker” if need be. Ex. www.rarorec.org has a link to WDBJ weather, local radar and severe storm warning
3. Identify safe locations
 - a. @ Brewbaker Field: restrooms or fully enclosed metal vehicles with the windows closed
 - b. 1. Unsafe locations: shelters, dugouts, press box, swimming pool
4. Postpone or suspend activities if a thunderstorm appears imminent. Postponing is never a bad decision. Let’s play tomorrow or the next day. Safety is paramount!
5. Suspend all activities until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike and after the last sound of thunder is heard.