



Nighthawk Naturalist School
Air Quality Response Procedures
For all programs
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In the event of poor air quality in program areas due to wildfire, pollution, or other environmental issue, refer to the guidelines below for program health and safety.

General Information

We monitor the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) [Air Quality Index](#) (AQI). During times of poor air quality.

For regional fire information, visit the [Central Oregon Fire Info](#) website.

Please remember that children are particularly sensitive to smoke because their respiratory systems are still developing.

Parents: Watch the smoke forecast and decide when to limit your child(ren)'s activities. If you do not wish for your child to spend time outdoors, please consider if the activity or program is the right choice for your family this week.

Nighthawk Naturalist School Policies around Air Quality

*Nighthawk will inform participants and/or guardians by 7:00 AM the morning of cancelled programming via email and text message (when a mobile number is provided). Cancellations are on a **day-by-day** basis. For each day of programming cancelled due to air quality, a credit for the equivalent of the day's price will be applied to the participant for future programming.*



When the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Index (AQI) data at Bend Pump Station (24172) is between **1-100** (Good and Moderate), recreation program operating status for outdoor activities will continue as planned.



Measurements between **101-150** (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups) will result in modified activities at reduced physical intensity and/or duration at the discretion of facility managers and program coordinators. For staff, outdoor duties will be modified with increased rest periods throughout time of reduced air quality.



Measurements above **150** (Unhealthy to Hazardous) will result in cancellation of youth outdoor activities that cannot be altered or moved indoors. Youth outdoor activities that may be able to be relocated indoors may be adjusted in lieu of cancellation. Adult programs will be cancelled or moved indoors.

For staff, outdoor duties will be modified with increased rest periods throughout time of reduced air quality if outdoor activities continue at the discretion of administration.

The following day or when AQI drops below 200, outdoor activities may resume to modified activities with admin approval.



Measurements above **200** (Hazardous) will result in mandatory closure of all outdoor activities.

For staff, outdoor duties will be suspended and indoor only duties will continue in accordance with supervisor and work needs.

The following day or when AQI drops below 200, outdoor activities may resume to modified activities with admin approval.

Additional resources

Oregon Health Authority:

[OHA's information for student-athletes – English](#)

[OHA's "Wildfire & Smoke" information webpage](#)

[Bend-La Pine School](#) information for its activities, delays and closures.