

R.A.D. CAMPS **SMOKE** POLICY



RAD CAMPS SMOKE POLICY:

At RAD Camps, we understand that Central Oregon's fire season is an integral part of our region's environment. To ensure your safety and peace of mind when making decisions about attending camp during periods of poor air quality due to smoke, we have established the following policy. Please note that our approach aligns with Bend Parks & Rec's guidelines for wildfire smoke, which you can access **here.** We recommend checking this link regularly for updates and potential cancellations due to smoke conditions.

AIR QUALITY RESOURCES:

To assist you in assessing air quality and fire-related information, we provide the following resources:

- Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Quality AQI reader
- <u>Central Oregon Fire Information</u> (Available in Spanish and English)

SMOKE-RELATED CANCELLATIONS:

RAD Camps is uniquely positioned to adapt to challenging weather conditions, including smoke. Consequently, we rarely cancel trips due to smoke and poor Air Quality Index (AQI) levels in Bend. Beyond the city limits, we have the flexibility to select alternate locations within a hundred-mile radius of Bend, which often offers better air quality when needed.

In the rare event that changing the location is not feasible, we reserve the right to make last-minute camp cancellations, following the plan outlined by Bend Parks & Rec. This plan is as follows:

- AQI 100-150: Locations will remain unchanged, and camp activities will proceed as scheduled.
- AQI 150-200: We will endeavor to change locations when possible, diverting camps away from smoky areas.
- AQI 200 or higher: If there are no smoke-free locations available for diversion, camp for the day will be canceled.

IN THE EVENT OF A CANCELLED CAMP:

While infrequent, there have been instances when R.A.D. Camps found it necessary to cancel camp sessions due to adverse air quality conditions. Consequently, we extend the following alternatives to accommodate affected participants:

- 1. **DATE TRANSFER:** You have the option to transfer your reservation to a future date, subject to availability. This allows you to enjoy your camp experience when conditions improve.
- 2. TRIP CREDIT: Alternatively, you may choose to receive a camp credit that can be applied towards a camp session next summer. This credit provides flexibility in planning your next camp adventure with us.

Please note that the AQI level specified reflects the camp location for the day, not Bend's overall AQI. Decisions are based on the AQI at the time of our morning pick-up and may change throughout the day. Given our ability to access various areas within Central Oregon, smoke-related cancellations are rare.

STAY INFORMED:

Air quality conditions can change rapidly, and we are committed to keeping you informed of any changes or cancellations for the day. In the event of a camp cancellation, we will notify you via email and post an announcement on our website.

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY FIRST:

If you have concerns about your child participating in camp due to smoke, we recommend erring on the side of caution. Unless you receive notifications through the channels mentioned above, RAD Camps will operate as planned, making necessary location adjustments to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants.

Your safety and enjoyment are paramount to us. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this Smoke Policy, which allows us to provide you with memorable camp experiences while prioritizing safety during periods of poor air quality.

Please reach out to <u>info@radcamps.com</u> or call us at (541)-204-0440 with any questions.