



2026 Air Quality & Extreme Heat Policy for Caregivers

As our climate changes, Riverbend is committed to adapting camp operations to keep campers and staff safe during extreme heat and poor air quality. We follow recommendations from [AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov) and use their AQI data to guide decisions; masks are always welcome.

Air Quality Guidelines

AQI 101–150 (Code Orange) Camp operates normally. No modifications.

Parents of sensitive campers may:

- Keep their child home (no refund)
- Send their child with a mask
- Request an indoor day (staff-supervised)

AQI 151–200 (Code Red) Camp continues, light activities (no sports/hikes, more indoor breaks).

Parents of sensitive campers may:

- Keep their child home (no refund)
- Send them with a mask
- Request an indoor day

AQI 201–300 (Code Purple) Camp moves indoors (Barn/Farmhouse) for one day only.

- AC breaks provided if combined with extreme heat (greater than 95°F heat index).
- **If Riverbend asks parents to voluntarily keep kids at home to minimize the number of campers on site, we will issue refunds to those who stay home.**
- If conditions persist, camp may be canceled.

AQI 301+ (Code Maroon) Camp will be canceled. All families will receive a prorated refund.

Extreme Heat Policy

Heat Index 95.1–105°F

- Limited active play
- Water breaks every 30 minutes
- Extra stream & water time
- Staff monitor for heat illness

Heat Index Greater than 105°F

- Camp moves indoors with AC rotation (30-minute cooling breaks)
- Riverbend may cancel camp if indoor conditions are unsafe
- Families will receive a prorated refund for cancellations

Rainy Day or Extreme Conditions

As a last resort, Riverbend may show a nature-based, age-appropriate movie during extreme weather events.

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