

EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

IMPORTANT: In the event of an emergency in the youth camp area, the first number to call is: **407-886-3411**. Put this number in your cell phone to have it handy. When calling from the camp phone in the office, you must dial "9" first. If there is no response at that number, call **911**.

These plans have been formulated to provide a systematic accountability of all campers, volunteers, and counselors in the event of an emergency. An emergency could be a wildfire, building fire, lost camper, severe weather, personal injury or any other situation where everyone in camp needs to be notified and verified.

- In the event of an emergency, the park manager or his assistant will be notified. A siren from a park vehicle will be sounded for five minutes.
- At the sound of the siren, all activities stop. Volunteers close down the activity areas and go directly to the Craft Hall.
- If someone cannot be verified, the Ranger Station will be notified and given a complete description of the person, what they are wearing, and the location where they were last seen.
- Proper action will take place accordingly.
- To ensure proper head counts, anyone leaving camp must sign out and leave your cell phone number.
- In the event of an accident or emergency that might result in media attention, the only people who are to speak with the media are: the Camp Chairman, The Camp Director, or a designated camp representative. Counselors, other paid staff, volunteers, and campers are not to discuss events with the media.

Strangers: Because Wekiva Youth Camp is in a state park with public trails and a nearby campground, we often get people in the youth camp area who are not part of our camp. A good clue is they will not be wearing one of our nametags. Usually they are just lost or have come to see what we are all about. Should this happen, report it immediately to a Counselor, or Camp Staff.

Lightning: Summer lightning storms can come up quickly and violently. We have a lightning detector in the office and we monitor the weather. If we don't get word to you, then observe the sky yourself if it appears to be menacing. At the first sign of lightning, very dark sky, gusts of strong wind, or thunder, move the campers to the closest indoor area and wait for further instructions. If you are at the Springs, go to the bathroom area and wait there until the storm passes. If lightning occurs during a time when scheduled activities are going on, we will keep you in a safe location until the storm passes. Please remain where you are until you hear the all clear message.

