

Greenwell Foundation Hot Weather Policy

The Greenwell Foundation restricts program activities during extreme hot weather. This is for the safety of all participants, volunteers, staff and horses.

When the **Heat Index**, as determined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), reaches 100 degrees, Greenwell adjusts the schedule of the following activities:

- Horseback Riding lessons during Horse Camp are limited to 30 minutes.
- Horseback Riding lessons during afternoon and evening hours are limited to 30 minutes.
- Kayaking at summer camp is limited to the morning hours.
- Hiking is limited to the morning hours.
- Frequent water breaks are taken and activities are restricted to shady areas.

When the NOAA issues a **Heat Advisory**, Greenwell restricts the following activities:

- Horseback Riding lessons during Horse Camp are restricted to riding in the sprinkler.
- Horseback riding lesson in the evening are cancelled and replaced with barn lessons.
- Horseback Riding lessons during afternoon and evening hours are cancelled and replaced with barn lessons.
- Kayaking during camp is limited to the morning hours.
- Hiking is limited to 20 minutes and cancelled in the afternoon.
- Frequent water breaks are taken and activities are restricted to shady areas.
- Campers *may* be moved to indoor, air-conditioned locations during afternoon hours.

NOAA's heat alert procedures are based mainly on Heat Index Values. The "Heat Index," sometimes referred to as the "apparent temperature" and given in degrees Fahrenheit, is a measure of how hot it really feels when relative humidity is added to the actual air temperature.

Excessive Heat Warning/Advisory: The warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property. An advisory is for less serious conditions that cause significant discomfort or inconvenience and, if caution is not taken, could lead to a threat to life and/or property.

The NOAA issues Heat Warnings and Advisories when an excessive heat event is occurring, is imminent, or has a very high probability of occurrence.

