**Contingency plan for sea kayaking trip in HAINES, Alaska OPES 2022**

**Early termination or delay of excursion due to a change in weather (basic outline of alternative actions and arrangements for students in the event of inclement weather).**

If weather forecast is exceptionally poor (high winds, rain, snow) the trip may be delayed. If winds are high once we arrive in Haines we will only paddle on the ocean once they lessen. Alternatives include paddling on Chilkoot Lake (more sheltered) or go hiking at Seduction Point, Battery Point or Mount Riley. Other possible activities include visiting the Sheldon Museum, the bald eagle preserve and fishing.

**Early termination or delay of excursion due to behavior (basic outline of arrangements and costs to parents for early termination due to behavior).**

Parents are in charge of picking up the student at the base camp at Chilkat State Park on Mud road. Expenses would be covered by parent/guardian. Student and parent would be meeting with WSC administration team upon return to Whitehorse and a plan of action would be discussed.

**Early termination or delay of excursion due to medical reasons (basic outline of alternative actions and arrangements for students in the event of a medical emergency).**

Administer first aid as required. Call 911 or 867-456-8401 for local emergency medical services if evacuation is required or Alaska Coast Guard if on the ocean\*. If severe injury or illness requires evacuation from trip, transport student to the nearest road access for vehicle support or a boat pick up. Once emergency medical plan activated, one group leader will contact the school administration and the ill/ injured students’ parents/ guardians. Once evacuation has been carried out, situation will be assessed and, if appropriate, group will continue with activities. Group remains at area until help arrives.

\* Any emergencies on the ocean should be called into the coast guard via radio.

Or calling 1-907 463-2980

Or by Inreach texting to 281-715-7360.

Once this action is initiated it is in the hands of the coast guard.

We will complete a float plan and send it to Barbara Smith and Kris Bruneau by InReach. They will know what the procedure is if the boat is overdue.

*When I asked my insurance company, it said it will cover the Medivac costs to a bigger hospital which may be in Whitehorse or not. Each case is different.*

If student or adult needs to seek non urgent medical advice or service, we will either call home to bring student back to Whitehorse for medical follow up or drive to Haines Health Centre.

**Haines Health Centre: 907-766-6300**

Hours

Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

After Hours: Call the After-Hours Nurse Advice Line 1.800.613.0560 to reach a Registered Nurse for answers to your health questions.

**Early termination or delay of excursion if the decision is made to evacuate a student**

1. The principal will be contacted and then the principal will contact the parents first. This is the standard communication practice on Off-Site Trips.
2. The trip leader will communicate with parents to coordinate a pick-up a as soon as possible (if possible) and the trip will continue.
3. If a student cannot be picked up by a parent a chaperone will drive them to home or a hospital, depending on discussion with parent(s) and principal.
4. If symptoms are severe, Emergency Medical Services 911 or Coast Guard will be contacted for help in the evacuation.

**If the decision is made to evacuate a leader**

1. The kayaking portion of the trip will be ended.
2. If possible, we will continue the trip doing day activities in and around Haines.