

JDD Emergency Procedures

Medical Care – Adult Scout leaders and parents are responsible for the health and safety of their children and their unit’s scouts. In the event of a medical emergency, scout leaders will begin administering first aid and will seek professional medical assistance. The following resources are available at Fort Gordon:

1. For Medical Emergencies (Threat to life, limb, or eyesight): Call 911 and explain that you are on Barton Field at Fort Gordon. Calls will be routed to Fort Gordon Emergency services (Ambulance, Police, Fire). Please have someone also notify any JDD Staff. They will assist with providing directions and getting the emergency services to the correct location as quickly as possible.

2. For NON-Medical Emergencies.

a. JDD Medical Staff. JDD Staff has a Health and Safety Section that includes combat lifesavers, combat medics, and nurses available to assist with First Aid. You may get their assistance by notifying the Medical Tent, the JDD operations center, or any JDD staff member. You may also call 706-726-4976.

b. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Emergency Room. The closest Emergency Room is at Eisenhower Army Medical Center located approximately 2 miles from Barton Field. They will have an onsite ambulance available. EAMC will accept medical emergencies from JDD. Unit leaders should bring medical forms and insurance card to the hospital. The hospital will bill the scout’s medical insurance provider.

Non-Emergency, Non-Urgent Medical Situations: In the event of non-emergency cuts, bruises, sickness, etc. Scout leaders are encouraged to seek medical care at a civilian hospital in the Augusta area. The closest Hospital is Doctors Hospital located at 3651 Wheeler Road, Augusta GA 30909. Telephone: 706.651.3232

Severe Weather – The JDD Operations Center in coordination with the Installation Operations Center will monitor the National Weather Service for any severe weather Watches/Warnings/Advisories during the JDD weekend. Severe Weather would include tornados, thunderstorms, severe wind, and lightening. In the event that such weather is predicted or expected JDD staff will inform Scout leaders. Participants and staff will be directed to seek shelter in GYM #3 and GYM #5 (See Attached Map).

Note: Generalized rain and wind does not constitute severe weather and events will continue as possible.

Thunderstorms – Thunderstorms and the resulting lightning pose the most likely weather threat on Fort Gordon. If thunderstorms are predicted then scouting leaders will be advised and prepared for quick response. If a thunderstorm warning is issued for Fort Gordon, JDD participants will be directed to seek shelter in their cars or in Gym #3 and Gym #5 until the threat is passed.

In the event of unexpected thunderstorms or lightening, then Scouting leaders should direct their troops to the closest shelter. If shelter is not available then leaders will follow the following general lightning rules:

1. Go to a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles, or metal objects. Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding.
2. Be a very small target! Squat low to the ground. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible.
3. Do not lie flat on the ground— this will make you a larger target!

Lost Scout – Unit adult leaders should establish accountability procedures. They are encouraged to designate meeting times, locations, and hold accountability formations as they deem appropriate for their unit. They should also designate a meeting location in case of separation. Scouts should travel as troops or patrols or dens; no scout should be left alone. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at a minimum must use the Buddy System. By policy, Cub Scouts must be with a responsible adult at all times.

If a unit discovers it has a lost scout, they should notify any JDD staff member or the JDD Operations Section located next to the Band Stand at the East end of Barton Field. They may also call the Health and Safety Officer, MAJ Helms at (706) 726-4976. The JDD Operations Center will then begin a search using JDD staff and scouts. They will also coordinate with the Fort Gordon MP's who will assist in the search.