Inclement Weather Policy

At the Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, the safety and well-being of our visitors, staff, and volunteers are our top priorities. To ensure everyone’s safety during severe weather conditions, we have established the following inclement weather policy:

1. **Tornado Watches and Warnings:** In the event of a tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service for our area, the Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens will be closed to visitors. All scheduled activities, programs, and events will be canceled or rescheduled. In the event of a tornado or severe weather watch, we will monitor conditions and act accordingly.

2. **Extreme Heat Advisory:** When temperatures exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit (37.8 degrees Celsius), the Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens may close to the public for the safety of visitors, staff, and volunteers. During periods of extreme heat, visitors are encouraged to stay hydrated, seek shade, and avoid prolonged exposure to the sun.

3. **Long-Lasting Severe Weather:** In the case of long-lasting severe weather conditions, such as prolonged heavy rainfall, lightning storms, or high winds, the Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens may close temporarily until weather conditions improve and it is safe for visitors to return.

**Communication of Closures:**

- Closure notifications will be posted on our website and social media channels.
- Visitors can call 319-226-4966 for updates on closures and reopening times.
- Staff and volunteers will be notified of closures via email or text message.

**Reopening:**

- The Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens will reopen to the public once weather conditions have improved and it is deemed safe for visitors, staff, and volunteers to return.
- Updates on reopening times will be communicated through the same channels used for closure notifications.

**Note:** Please note that this inclement weather policy may be subject to change based on evolving weather conditions and recommendations from local authorities. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all who visit the Arboretum.