

WBC Homework #5 (2020)

To be completed after reading assignments for and experiencing presentations from, class 4. Will be reviewed just prior to start of class 6.

1. A good source for weather forecasts to help you plan a backpack trip can be found through:
 - a. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – National Weather Service
 - b. By contacting the managing ranger station for your hike destination
 - c. By calling Alisse's mom in Indiana; she uses crystals, a very stable rock form to forecast with
 - d. Both a. and b. Definitely not c. – sorry mom
2. True or False. A gray cloud means it will rain.
3. What should you do if you hear an unusually loud roaring sound coming from upstream – even if the sun is shining? What could it be caused by?
4. Which type of weather and potential ramifications are of most concern to hikers in Southern California?
 - a. Sun; exposure and heat
 - b. Severe rainfall
 - c. Significantly cold temperatures
 - d. All of the above
5. True or False: You should seek shelter under a big sturdy tree if it begins storming with heavy rain and lightening.
6. Thank goodness for today's technology and 911 services, right? Emergency services have very rapid response times and sometimes we are only a few miles away from a road. That's all good right?
7. One reason you should stop and treat a blister immediately, even if the pain is mild, is it could start hurting really badly later. If you are with a group of people what is another reason to treat a blister?
8. If you think you might be recently lost from your group you should:
 - a. Keep heading downhill and you will eventually get to a road.
 - b. Stay put, calm down, look for familiar landmarks, alternate making noise and listening.
 - c. Leave a trail of things from your pack so other's can follow and find you.
9. True or False: You are going on an organized trip and have been told the leader and the sweep will be carrying first aid kits so you don't need to bring one yourself.
10. True or False: Because of battery issues cell phones aren't worth the extra weight on a backpack trip.
11. How can GPS lead you astray when it tells you where to go?