

What do we do in case of rain?

**APAA members go paint outdoors when there is only a 40% chance of rain or less, especially if the rain is isolated or scattered.** We actually painted once with an 80% chance and were fortunate that the 80% fell at night!

The host and/or yours truly usually make the call on whether or not to cancel a paint-out. **We watch the weather radars closely**, knowing that the weather changes so I always have my phone set to receive alerts in order to contact you all out painting and tell you to head for cover!!! (All hosts need to have a weather app on their phones!) **That is one reason why it is SO IMPORTANT to write down your cell phone number for the host at check-in.**

**IF A PAINT OUT IS CALLED OFF DUE TO BAD WEATHER APPROACHING AND THE WEATHER FOLKS GIVE US SUFFICIENT NOTICE, WE WILL CONTACT ONLY THOSE WHO SIGNED UP TO PAINT 48 HRS. IN ADVANCE SO YOU MAY CANCEL ANY HOTEL RESERVATIONS.**

**WHY PAINT IF IT'S GOING TO RAIN????** Again, we paint if a 40% chance or less is predicted. Those of us who are old hats at this know that there is typically cover of some sort around for misty rain. Some paint under their umbrellas or auto hatchbacks and are happy as clams to do so. Some find a porch, store awning, abandoned gas station cover, etc... We paint together for the fun of being with each other, so we can always take brief shelter and chat in a coffee shop or pack into our cars and chat until the rain passes. IT'S F U N !!!!

**Here are two tips:**

(1) Carry a large lawn & leaf bag to pop over your easel during a rain shower. If it's windy, anchor your easel with a rock bag & rocks or anything else heavy like your backpack. That's just one of many ways.

(2) Rain does not hurt oil or acrylic paintings. Just shake off the drops (then let the oil painting dry) or start a new study! Is your palette box full of water? Oil painters, just pour the water out and let it dry. Acrylic and Watercolor painters - you've likely got paint soup! So pack up or cover up before the rain sets in!

Painters, however, must **use your own discretion** to or not to travel. If you decide not to come just please send the host a courtesy text or email.

Stay dry out there! And Happy Painting!

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