

# Bear Creek Camp

## Guidelines for Church Groups

Please read through and heed the following Guidelines / Camp Policies. **You, the Camp Director**, are responsible to ensure everyone in your group understands & follows the **Camp Policies & Guidelines** listed below. A member of the **Camp Staff** may visit your campsite to go over this form sometime during your stay. For questions not covered herein, contact the **Camp Manager** via email at [bearcreekcamp@ldsmail.net](mailto:bearcreekcamp@ldsmail.net) or call **515-321-2002**.

### Polices and Guidelines

1. The lock combination for the chain at the entrance currently is \_\_\_\_\_. Enter the numbers & squeeze the lock. It will pop open. Please scramble the numbers after opening the lock & snap it closed again on the post loop. It is recommended that the chain be pulled across the camp entrance **each night** to prevent unwanted visitors from driving through.
2. If the bathhouse is locked & no Camp Staff is on site, call **515-321-2002**.
3. Ensure you bring sufficient consumable items (toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, etc). The camp **does not** provide these. Cleaning rags & cleansers **are provided**. These can be found in the **center room of each bathhouse**. Please leave behind any consumables you can spare.  
**Please - NO Feminine Products in the toilets!! ONLY toilet paper.**
4. Church groups must follow church guidelines regarding adult leadership for youth groups & Melchizedek Priesthood attendance.
5. At least one person needs a cell phone in case of emergency. Cell phone signal is spotty, so leaders should determine places in camp their cell phone works in case of emergency. If you have access to the lodge, there is a landline located in the nurse's station. The number is: **515-275-4888**.
6. Camp in designated campsites only. You must use the campsite that you reserved. There is No first-come, first-served once you arrive at camp, only during the reservation process.
7. Camp patrons are expected to keep **vehicles on gravel roads at all Times**. The loop road is an emergency lane & must be kept clear. Campers may unload their vehicles near their campsite, but then they should park in one of the parking areas provided at the **Pavilion, Lodge or Camp Entrance**.
8. Ensure All food & trash is put away in proper containers each night to prevent trouble with wildlife. Raccoons will enter cabins & tents to get goodies.
9. **All trash must** be placed in the **animal resistant trashcan** before retiring **each night**. Ensure that all trash is taken to the main dumpster before you leave.
10. Fire buckets must be in place & full at any fire ring used. Fires must be in fire rings, even in primitive sites. Campsite fire rings are primarily for cooking, so please keep flames low. Fires must be extinguished & pass the "**cold out test**" overnight or whenever the campsite is unoccupied.
11. Do not cut down any trees without approval of the Camp Manager.
12. The storm shelters may **only** be used for **storm emergency**.
13. Quiet time is **11:00 pm to 6:00 am**.
14. There is private property on the other side of Bear Creek (stream). **Do Not** cross Bear Creek **except** where marked.
15. Everyone in camp is expected to abstain from the use of tobacco & alcohol, to dress modestly and to follow Church standards.

16. There are **No Medical Supplies Or Medical Personnel** in camp. Groups are responsible for providing their own supplies and personnel.
17. No pets in camp except service animals.
18. No ATVs or other off-road motorized recreational vehicles allowed in camp.
19. No hunting or trapping is allowed anywhere on camp property. No firearms, paintball guns, air soft, or BB guns are permitted. Archery is permitted in designated areas and only under qualified supervision.
20. Please ensure everyone in your group uses the restroom facilities provided.  
**Again No Feminine Hygiene Products can be flushed down the toilet.**
21. Please be courteous and clean up after yourselves. Leave the camp & facilities in as good or better condition than you found them.

### **Checking OUT**

1. A member of the camp staff may check you out.
2. Ensure **all areas** used by your group are cleaned & left in the condition you would hope to find them. This includes your campsite, cabin(s), bath house(s), pavilion & lodge. Please follow the posted cleanup procedure in each of these areas.
3. Extinguish all fires with water & stack all unused firewood off to the side of the grass so the mowers can cut the grass. If rocks or stones were moved onto areas that are mown, please remove them so they don't damage the mower.
4. Take all trash up to the dumpster. New bags for the metal cans are in the center room of **Bathhouse 3**.
5. Ensure that either you or the last person to leave secures the chain at the camp entrance.
6. Campers have been, and may be, called back to correct deficiencies that are found by the Camp Staff after your group has left. Damage to camp property, accidental or other wise, will need to be addressed with the Camp Director. Make note of any such items on the back of this form & give it to the Camp Staff.

**Remember: All work at camp is by Church Calling & Volunteer Labor. There are No Paid Employees there. Each group who uses the camp is asked to do their part in following the Policies & Guidelines to help keep camp safe & nice.**