

Spring Grove Lodge and Camp Rules

In addition to rules, regulations and restrictions of the club, the Spring Grove Camp Committee has adopted the following rules for the operation of the camp and lodge. Any questions or concerns are to be e-mailed to the camp chairman and co-chairmen.

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1. REGISTRATION AND MAIN GATE

- A. All members and guests entering and leaving the camp must sign in and sign out at the kiosk in front of lodge and pay any fees due. Fee envelopes are located in the kitchen to the right of the door.
- B. All members and guests that are staying in lodge must also sign in the blue lodge manual located on the kitchen table.
- C. Main gate must remain closed at all times. Members are responsible for informing their guest(s) of the temporary gate code.

2. VEHICLES

- A. The speed limit is 10 miles per hour.
- B. No parking in front of the lodge.
- C. Cars must be kept in the parking lot except for loading and unloading.
- D. Special care must be taken when the grounds are wet and soft. (See rule # 22 for more information)
- E. Only one site holder vehicle is allowed to be parked at site. Additional site holder vehicles and all guest vehicles must be parked in the parking lot at all times.
- F. No mini-bikes or ATV's are allowed unless they are used for camp work or a club sanctioned event.
- G. No parking of recreational vehicles, including but not limited to, boats/trailers; utility trailers, pop up trailers, etc. is permitted on trailer sites at any time.

3. GOLF CARTS

- A. All golf carts must be registered annually. The following requirements must be met at time of registration to receive registration sticker:
 - Proof of Liability insurance must be provided by the owner. Owners are responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused by golf cart operation. The Prairie Club assumes no liability for accidents, misuse, theft, damage, injury, or any other occurrence or mishap arising from golf cart operation.
 - All golf carts will be inspected for proper equipment. Each cart must have operational headlights, and must have operational rear tail light(s) and/or red reflector(s). Gasoline powered carts must have a muffler/silencer in place, and shall not emit excessive noise or smoke.
 - Signed "Golf Cart Agreement"
- B. Your cart must display a registration sticker, provided by the caretaker, to prove that the requirements above have been met.
- C. Only members 14 years of age and older shall operate golf carts. Guests shall NOT operate golf carts at any time on camp property.
 - Passengers are limited to the number of seats on the golf cart.
 - Golf carts cannot be driven from 12:00AM to 8:00AM unless necessitated by a medical condition.

- Golf carts are to be operated in a safe and responsible manner at all times. Please stay on common roads at all times and abide by all posted speed limits.
- Recharging of golf carts is limited to your own site only.

4. QUIET HOURS

All persons should refrain from making, or allowing excessive noise, which will disturb others. Quiet must be maintained between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. during the period from Memorial Day to Labor Day. During the off-season, quiet time is 11:00 p.m. through 8:00 a.m.

5. FIREARMS

Firearms, air rifles, fireworks, slingshots, bow and arrows or similar devices which involve projectiles of any kind, are not permitted in camp. The only exceptions may be authorized by the camp chairman for camp sanctioned events.

6. FIRES

Outdoor fires may be built only in the fireplaces or designated areas.

7. ALCOHOL

Alcohol is allowed when consumed responsibly in accordance with state laws. Situations arising from the abuse of alcohol will result in the suspension or revocation of club membership, in accordance with Prairie Club bylaws Article III Section 4.

8. POND

- A. Swim at your own risk, there is no lifeguard on duty.
- B. Never swim alone. Always swim with a buddy; look out for each other's safety.
- C. Children under twelve years of age are not permitted near the pond unless accompanied by an adult.
- D. All non-swimmers must wear a life jacket or Coast Guard approved flotation device when in the vicinity of the pond.
- E. No Glass allowed on main dock
- F. Put away all flotation devices upon leaving the pond.
- G. No boating, fishing or canoeing around swimmers.
- H. No un-attended fishing gear on main dock.
- I. No climbing on the rocks
- J. Fishing from main dock is NOT ALLOWED when swimmers are present.

9. GARBAGE

All garbage must be placed in plastic bags, tied securely, and placed in the dumpster in the parking lot. Recycle bins are located throughout the camp. PLEASE RECYCLE

10. PETS

Owners are responsible for the actions of their pets and must clean up any messes. Pets must be controlled at all times and should not be allowed off a leash when there are groups using the camp. Dogs are not allowed in the house unless leashed and kept in the bedrooms.

11. FIRE PROTECTION

- A. Each camper must have a fire extinguisher at an accessible location. All fire extinguishers should be checked at least once each year.
- B. Smoking is not allowed in the clubhouse at any time.
- C. See rules #19 & #20 for more information

12. SIGNS AND NOTICES

A bulletin board has been provided in the dining room and the front kiosk for signs and notices to the members and their guests.

13. WATERCRAFT

- A. Belonging to club members are not be used without permission of the owners.
- B. Club owned equipment maybe used only in the pond, and should be cleaned and secured after use.
- C. Flotation devices (tubes, rafts etc.) are to be returned to storage after use.

14. ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

- A. Belonging to club members are not be used without permission of the owners.
- B. The camp has a large variety of sports equipment for your use; please see Caretaker for sign out.

15. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

- A. Use of maintenance equipment and storage building access is only permitted by members authorized by the grounds chairman.
- B. Removal of trees, wild flowers or brush must be authorized by the camp or grounds chairman.

16. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are willing to help on camp projects please check with the camp caretaker or facility chairman to find out what needs to be done.

17. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

- A. Non-Member guests (6 years and older) visiting the camp and trailer owners must pay the daily fee.
- B. Members are responsible for collecting fees for any guests that they invite to the camp.
- C. Members and guests should be familiar with, and comply with these rules. Membership and use privileges may be denied to any person who continually violates club and camp rules.
- D. Members **must be present** when they have guests at the camp and are responsible for informing their guests of these rules.
- E. It is the responsibility of the member or guest using the lodge to leave their rooms and the public rooms of the lodge in a clean and orderly condition upon checking out. Rooms should be swept and mopped.
- F. All members and guests utilizing the kitchen and washroom facilities are responsible for the cleanup.
- G. All adults (18 years and older) occupying trailers must be active members. Site holders must be members.
- H. Member should notify office and caretaker in advance whenever possible of guests visiting camp.
- I. Site holders **must be present** if guest(s) stay overnight in their trailer. Overnight fees are waived but daily fees apply.

18. SITES

- A. Campsites that become available need to be posted at Spring Grove and announced via email.
- B. Once a site becomes available any member may request use of the site by submitting a written request to the Spring Grove Chairman. If more than one request is submitted, priority will be given to the senior member of the club.
- C. All prior billings for the site need to be cleared by the Prairie Club office before the site can be used by the new lessee.
- D. **NO BUILDING OF ANY PERMENENT STRUCTURES OR ADDITIONS IS PERMITTED.** Building of temporary decks, storage sheds, site foundations, etc must be pre-approved. Requests must be submitted in writing and approved by the Building and Sites Committee, Camp Council and the camp chairman before construction of said project is commenced. The only structures permitted on sites are decks and sheds. Decks cannot be enclosed or screened in. Sheds are limited to a maximum size of 10'W X 13'W X 8'H. Multiple sheds are allowed if combined square footage does not exceed 130 square feet.
- E. Any temporary additions to the site (decks, sheds, lighting, etc.) must be sold or removed by the lessee before a new owner takes over.
- F. Rules of the Spring Grove Camp will be attached to the campsite lease to assure that all site holders know the regulations before purchase.
- G. Potential lessees should be made aware of potential hazards on each site.
- H. An equitable pro-rating of assessments needs to be worked out when a site is transferred during the year.
- I. A lien may be placed on the lessee's camper if all club billings are not satisfied prior to leaving of the site.

19. FEES

- Please remember that you are responsible for the collection of fees from your guests.
- All fees contribute to the expenses and operating costs of the camp and must be paid in full before signing out.
- If you have not paid in advance, please put payments into the envelopes provided and drop in the mailbox located in the kitchen. Full payment is required before departing the camp.

20. LITTER / CIGARETTES

Please make sure to dispose of all litter and cigarette butts into the proper containers. Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and in the spirit of conservation and the beauty of our camp, PLEASE do not drop them on the grounds or parking lots.

21. USED CHARCOAL

DO NOT DUMP USED CHARCOAL ON THE GROUNDS! This is a fire hazard and very unsightly. Please utilize the metal garbage cans marked, "CHARCOAL" which are located by the garbage dumpsters.

22. THROWING OBJECTS (STICKS, STONES, BRANCHES, ETC.)

Do not allow children to throw objects of any kind into the mowed areas of the camp or the pond and creek.

These objects damage our lawnmowers and snow blower blades and can cause serious damage or injury!

Please keep in mind the balance of nature and ensure that nothing is thrown that will harm the spot where they land (such as the creek, the pond, and woods).

23. DAMAGE TO GRASS AND GRAVEL AREAS

When the soil and gravel are wet or soft, major tire ruts are created when driven upon. These ruts cause our caretaker to spend many hours to repair. We also understand that sometimes these things happen. If you notice you have made ruts, please inform our caretaker and assist with the repair.

24. FIREWOOD

We offer clean & dry firewood for our indoor fireplaces at \$5.00 per bundle. The bundles are located in the lodge and envelopes are provided nearby for payments. If you use any of the outdoor firewood located down by the large mulched fire pit area, we expect you to pay \$15 per evening of burning to the camp so we can replenish the log pile yearly. This firewood is not to be used in our indoor fireplaces.

25. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STORAGE

Limited storage is available at an additional fee. Requests for additional recreational vehicle storage must be submitted in writing to the camp chairman. Upon approval by camp chairman and grounds committee, a lease will be issued on a yearly basis. **NOTE: NO STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BOATS/TRAILERS, UTILITY TRAILERS, POP UP TRAILERS, ETC IS PERMITTED ON TRAILER SITES AT ANY TIME.** Only approved golf cart parking at trailer sites is allowed.

26. CONFLICTS/ RULE VIOLATIONS

The caretaker reserves the right to inform members when rules are not being followed and report to the chairman. If a member has a conflict with another member or witnesses a rule violation, they should speak with that member first. If the situation cannot be resolved, an e-mail should be sent to the camp chairman and co-chairmen voicing any concerns. The chairman or co-chairmen will address the situation with the member(s) in question. If there is no resolve, the chairman will inform the Prairie Club Board and the situation will be rectified at the Board level. The Board may suspend or expel any member for cause, per the Prairie Club By-laws.

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