

SENECA LAKE CAMP RULES

Camp Use Guidelines and Procedures for General Church and Family Groups
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Seneca Lake Camp is a camp facility developed for use by Church youth and families. It provides a location where the Young Women's Camp Program can be implemented. It also provides a setting where Young Women, Young Men, church units, and families can enjoy outdoor experiences "away from the world" in which the Holy Ghost can be heard and felt so that each can come to know he or she is a child of God.

This document is intended to define the administrative functions, guidelines, and procedures that have been established for use and management of the camp. It is within this framework that stakes, wards and families create and carry out their programs, applying principles of the Gospel in a camp setting. *Guidelines and procedures may change from time to time as the camp is used and matures.*

General Information and Policies

- Check-in time is no earlier than 2:00 p.m. unless previously approved by the Missionary Camp Director. Complete the check-in form provided by your camp Operator.
- Check-out time is no later than noon except Saturdays when campers may stay as late as 5:00 p.m. unless approved by the Missionary Camp Director. (Occasionally, the camp is reserved on Saturday afternoons for special open houses or other activities. Campers will be asked to leave by noon on these dates, and will be informed at the time the reservation is made.) Complete assigned clean-up duties and check out with the camp operator.
- Damage found while your group is in camp or after your group leaves will be charged to your group.
- Report to the Camp Operator any damage to building or equipment either before or as a result of your group's use of the camp facilities.
- The Check-out procedure is to be completed satisfactorily prior to your group's departure.
- No generators are permitted. Electricity is available in cabins, pavilions and restrooms.
- No pets are permitted.
- No camp trailers, RVs, motor homes, ATVs, or other motorized vehicles are permitted.
- Service projects are available upon request. Please submit your interest in an assignment in advance to the Camp Operator. Bring your own tools, shovels, rakes, etc. No chain saws are permitted unless we ask you to bring them.
- Quiet hours are from 11:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. each night. Please be courteous to other campers.
- Please be sensitive to the noise from your camp or group. Do not disturb the other campers. Walk around, not through, other camps. No trespassing in any building not assigned to your group.
- Cooking is only permitted in the fire rings and grills provided.
- All restroom facilities are equipped with flush toilets and are available to all campers. Toilet tissue, hand soap, and hand towels are provided in the sink areas. Hot showers are available - bring your own bath towel and soap.

Supervision

- Adult campers and leaders: you are responsible for supervising all members of your group, especially youth and young children. You should know what they are doing and where they are at all times.
- All groups must have two-deep adult leadership at all times while at the camp.

Sleeping Accommodations

- Each campsite has two or three cabins. Each cabin has 16 built-in bunk beds. Fire regulations prohibit more than 16 persons from sleeping in a cabin.
- No flames are allowed in cabins. No cooking is permitted in cabins.
- Use only the cabin's overhead electric lights or your own battery-operated lights.
- No tents may be used except at the designated tent camping area. If additional sleeping accommodations are desired, please reserve additional campsites.

Recreation

- Numerous hiking trails are available. For your safety, please do not hike without the consent of the camp operator. Always hike with another person - use the "buddy system." DO NOT hike off the groomed trails or cross-country. Do not pick wild flowers or tamper with native vegetation. Please carry out all trash.
- To use the waterfront facilities, you must have properly certified lifeguards and must make prior arrangements with the camp operator.

Dress, Grooming and Conduct

- Each group should observe a Christ-like attitude of thoughtfulness and consideration towards all.
- Dress and grooming should be modest, tasteful, and conform with LDS Church standards.
- For your safety, it is recommended that only closed-toe shoes be worn.
- For your safety, it is recommended that long pants and long-sleeved shirts be worn to protect from mosquitoes and other insects, especially when hiking. Wear insect repellent.
- All campers must observe LDS standards of conduct and speech.
- No smoking, alcohol or use of illegal drugs is permitted.

Campfires

- Campfires may be built in provided campfire rings ONLY.
- Ample firewood is available. DO NOT bring firewood from home.
- Fires must be attended at all times. Make sure fire is completely out before leaving.
- Fire extinguishers are located in each building and cabin.
- No campfires may be built on the day of your departure without approval of camp operator.

Safety and Security

- The following are all prohibited at camp: firearms, air guns, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, skates, skateboards, ATVs, roller-blades, candles, liquid fuels, fireworks, or sparklers.
- Provide your own first aid and emergency supplies.
- Two-way radios are available for your use. Please reserve them with the camp operator.
- Be aware of those who should be in your group. If unauthorized persons are observed, please notify the camp operator immediately.
- Park vehicles only in the areas designated by the Camp Operator. If you need to load/unload your vehicle during the arrival/check-out periods, see the Camp Operator for a parking card to be displayed on your windshield. After unloading, all vehicles must remain in the parking area by Zion Dining Hall. DO NOT move logs or other barriers.
- Nothing should be attached to any tree, building, cabin or sign with screws, nails or tape.
- In case of emergency, contact the camp operator via two-way radio or at 315-585-9583 (house).
- In case of fire or other emergency, follow all orders given by the camp operator or other emergency management personnel.
- In case of storms, seek shelter in the cabins. Campers will generally be safer in the cabins than in vehicles trying to transport them out of camp.
- The nearest hospital is in Geneva, approximately ten (10) miles from the camp.

Maintenance Projects

- Groups at camp for the purpose of working on assigned maintenance projects should be composed of able-bodied adults and youths.