

Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp

Rules and other information

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The gate at the camp entrance must be kept locked at all times for your safety. **Make sure that all drivers for your group have the correct combination.** Do not park at the gate and walk up to get the combination. Cars are not to be left along the roadway and will be towed. The road must be kept open in case of fire or an emergency. The other landowners along the right away also need to come and go. Cars found abandoned are subject to being towed at the owner's expense. We strongly urge you to care pool. The combinations are changed frequently so do not assume that the old combination will work. The current combination will be in your confirmation letter. If your group has many people arriving at about the same time you might want to consider placing people at the gate to speed up the access.

NO firearms, drugs or alcohol are permitted on the camp property. Anyone (youth or adult) violating this policy will be sent home, in the case of youth their parents will be called to come for them. Such an incident will jeopardize the group's future use of the camp.

Cabins

There must be at least one adult (over twenty one years of age) in each cabin.

There are five cabins equipped with bunks. **No cooking is allowed in the cabins.** Cooking can be done outside in the cemented fire pits or on approved camp stoves. Fire pits are located throughout the camp near cabins, in tent camping areas and the amphitheater. Do not move the bunks in the cabins to block the exits. All exits in cabins must remain open. Do not tamper with the smoke and fire detectors or the fire extinguishers, that means do not "borrow" their batteries or otherwise cause them not to function properly.

All cabins are now equipped with baseboard heat. The cabins are not wired adequately for electronic equipment (TVs, computers, etc). Use of electronic equipment, computers and projectors is limited to the meeting hall.

No smoking in the cabins.

There is an emergency phone located in the meeting hall. Generally speaking cell phones don't work from the camp. Don't waste time trying, go the emergency phone immediately. This phone is for outgoing emergency calls only. It does not have a number to receive calls.

Fires are to be only in the cemented fire pits. If your group builds a fire (for whatever reason) any place other than a cemented fire pit you will jeopardize the future use of the camp and your deposit. There should be plenty of wood available either downed trees and wood stockpiled around the camp. Under no circumstance should standing trees be cut down. There is **no** need for a chainsaw on the camp property. Leaders should use their discretion concerning fires. During extremely dry periods or high winds a fire can spread rapidly. Make sure any fires have been completely watered down before leaving them unattended. If you think the fire is out, water it down again!!!

The bathhouse will be locked and the water will be turned off and drained in late fall when freezing weather starts (on or about December 1) and will not be turned back on until spring when all danger of freeze has passed (on or about April 15). There are port-a-johns located nearby. Groups doing winter camping will need to bring their own water for drinking and washing. Do not ask to have the water turned on for your group because we will not do it! Please keep bathhouse doors closed at all times for your safety. Snakes and other animals wander in. Be sure that bathhouse is clean when you leave. Take all trash with you.

There are two tent camping areas in the main camp. These are equipped with cemented fire pits, poles for dining tarps, and picnic tables for four separate patrols each.

The “hike-in” or Engleside Primitive camping areas are beyond the Clifton cabin. The parking for that area is located at the bathhouse. If you are using the Engleside Primitive area, **DO NOT PARK** in the area adjacent to the Clifton cabin. Use this area only to unload your campers, equipment and supplies and then move your vehicles to the parking area at the bathhouse. **Under no circumstance are motorized vehicles (pickup trucks, ATV’s, SUV’s, utility vehicles, etc) permitted beyond the Clifton cabin or in the woods on the property.**

Use of the kitchen can be reserved for an additional \$100.00 deposit. The kitchen is equipped with refrigerator, stoves, ovens, commercial dishwasher, preparation and serving tables and a steam table. There an assortment of utensils but do not assume we have everything that you will need. To meet health standards it is important to keep the kitchen area clean. The kitchen will be kept locked and only the group reserving it will be given a key. All trash and garbage is to be removed, as we do not have trash service. Do not leave anything in the refrigerator thinking the next group might use it; the next group may be weeks away. Take your trash and garbage with you. The water in the kitchen is **not** turned off for the winter. The bathrooms in the meeting hall are **not** for general use. Campers should plan to use the port-a-johns or bathhouse.

The caretaker should be available for check in, Friday, from 5-7:00 and Saturday 8-10:AM. (If he happens to not be there when you arrive go ahead and move in, he will appear.) After your group leaves he will check the areas you used and report any problems to the Youth Camp Board who will contact the responsible person for your group.

Remember your group may be sharing the camp with other groups. Please be considerate.

We cannot accept reservations made by one group/person for another. If your plans change and you need to cancel you must notify the scheduler. Failure to notify may jeopardize your deposit and the future use of the camp. Groups that book the entire camp and do not need or use the whole camp risk forfeiting their deposit and the future use of the camp. The camp is in high demand and we continually turn down groups for lack of space.

No pets allowed.

Please respect the property of the adjoining landowners. Theirs is private property and if you enter someone else’s property you may be prosecuted. The camp property should be plainly marked. We do not have access to and we are not adjacent to either Sky Meadows Park or the Appalachian Trail. To reach either of those you have to cross the property of others and we do not have permission to go beyond our property. If you wish to hike on those properties you need to access them from a public area.

All lights and heat should be turned off and all windows and doors should be closed when you leave. This includes all the facilities that you used (bath house, cabins, dining hall). All your trash must be removed from the camp when you leave. This means cabins, bathhouse, meeting hall and kitchen. Additionally paper and cans, etc must not be left in the woods. ***Always leave the camp better than you found it.***

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