

## **Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp**

### **Rules and other information**

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-of-way also need to come and go. Cars found abandoned are subject to being towed at the owner's expense. We strongly urge you to car 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.

The Camp Caretaker should be available for check in on Friday (5-7:00PM) and Saturday (8-10:00AM). If he happens not to be there when you arrive, proceed to your approved cabin or tent area, and he will appear later.

### **Cabins**

There must be at least one adult (minimum 21 years of age) in each cabin. There are seven cabins, all equipped with bunks. **No cooking is allowed in the cabins** (see 'Authorized fire areas', below). 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 equipped with baseboard heaters. The cabins are not wired adequately for electronic equipment (TVs, computers, etc). Use of electronic equipment, computers and projectors is limited to Durant Hall.

No smoking in the cabins.

### **Tent camping areas**

There are 3 tent camping areas in the main camp.

Tent Area # 1 is equipped with steel fire pits. In Tent Area # 1 and an area near the Fauquier Host Cabin fire pits, poles for dining tarps, and picnic tables for four separate patrols are available.

Tent Areas # 2 and # 3 are not equipped with any fire pits, and **under no circumstances should open fires be ignited in these areas.**

### **Authorized fire areas**

**Fires are to be made only in the steel fire pits.** Fire pits are located near cabins, in some tent camping areas and at the amphitheater. If your group builds a fire (for whatever reason) anyplace other than a steel 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. Youth group 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!!!

Cooking may be done in one of the steel fire pits or on approved camp stoves.

### **Bathhouse – Divided into separate male and female facilities**

A bathhouse (with shower areas, flush toilets and sinks) will be available to all campers during the spring, summer and fall periods. 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). When the bathhouse is locked, port-a-johns will be available. Groups doing winter camping will need to bring their own water for drinking, cooking and washing. Please keep bathhouse doors closed at all times for your safety. Snakes and other animals may wander in. Be sure that bathhouse is clean when you leave. Take all trash with you.

### **Durant (Dining) Hall – Advance Reservation Required**

Use of Durant Hall and the kitchen may be reserved for an additional \$100.00 deposit. Deposit refund is contingent upon a clean inspection by the Camp Caretaker, after campers have left the camp.

The kitchen is equipped with refrigerators, stoves, ovens, preparation and serving tables and a steam table. There is an assortment of utensils for camper use, 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. Take your trash and garbage with you. The water in the kitchen is not turned off during the winter months. The bathrooms in Durant Hall are not for general use. Campers should plan to use the bathhouse or port-a-johns.

### **Additional camp information**

**There is an emergency phone located in Durant Hall.** Generally speaking, cell phones don't work from the camp. Don't waste time trying, go to the emergency phone immediately (dial 911). This phone is for outgoing emergency calls only. It does not have a number to receive calls.

**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 youths, their parents will be called to come for them. Such an incident will jeopardize the group's future use of the camp.

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 refund and future use of the camp. Groups that book the entire camp but do not need or use the whole camp risk forfeiting their deposit and future use of the camp. The camp is in high demand and we often turn down groups for lack of space.

No pets are allowed at the Youth Camp. However, service animals (i.e. guide dogs for the blind) may enter the campground, and must be under the direct control of the owner at all times.

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 is 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.

### **Exit procedure**

All lights and heaters should be turned off and all windows and doors should be closed when you leave. This includes all the facilities that you used (bathhouse, cabins, Durant Hall).

All your trash must be removed from the camp when you leave. This means cabins (and surrounding wooded area), bathhouse, Durant Hall and kitchen. Always leave the camp better than you found it.

After your group leaves, the Camp Caretaker will check the areas you used and report any problems to the Youth Camp Board, which will contact the responsible person for your group.

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