

Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp

Rules and other information

The gates at the camp entrance are not locked. 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 carpool.

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 seven cabins equipped with bunks. **No cooking is allowed in the cabins.** Cooking can be done outside in steel 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 carbon monoxide alarm/ detectors or the fire extinguishers, which means do not "borrow" their batteries or otherwise cause them not to function properly.

NVLYC **does not provide mattresses and there are no mattresses in the cabins**, therefore, if a mattress is desired the camper(s) need to bring their own mattresses.

Do not **remove** any part of the bunk bed i.e., side rails.

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 are limited to Durant Hall and the Arcola Learning Center.

No smoking in the cabins.

There is an emergency phone located in Durant Hall. Cell phones do not work from the camp. Do not waste time trying, go to 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 steel fire pits. If your group builds a fire (for whatever reason) any place 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 or 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, with individual toilets, (4 Public and 2 ADA approved) a room dedicated for washing hands and brushing teeth is open year around and heated. Groups doing winter camping can get water at the bathhouse or Durant Hall. Please keep the bathhouse doors always closed for your safety. Snakes and other animals may wander in. Be sure that the bathhouse is clean when you leave. Take all the trash with you.

There are three tent camping areas on campus at the NVLYC. Tent Area # 1 is equipped with steel fire pits. Tent Area # 2 and # 3 are not equipped with any fire pits and under no conditions should open fires be ignited. An area near the Woodbridge Cabin has fire pits, poles for dining tarps, and picnic tables for separate patrols are available.

Use of Durant Hall, the kitchen and the Arcola Learning are included when reserved for your camping event. The visiting organization must request the facilities when completing the Request for Use application. The kitchen is equipped with two refrigerator/freezers, two stoves, with ovens, preparation and serving tables and a steam table. There is an assortment of utensils but do not assume that the camp has everything that is needed to cook. To meet health standards, it is important to keep the kitchen area clean. The Arcola Learning Center is locked and will be unlocked if the organization holding a camping event requests it on the Request for Use Application.

All trash and garbage are to be removed, as we do not have a 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 during the winter months.

Kitchen and Toilet supplies i.e., soaps, toilet tissue and hand towels etc. must be provided by the camping group. They are not supplied by NVLYC.

The caretaker should be available for check-in on Friday, from 5-7:00 and Saturday 8-10: AM. (If he/she is not to 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 must cross the property of others and we do not have permission to go beyond our property line. 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 (bathhouse, cabins, Durant Hall, Arcola Learning Center etc.).

All your trash must be removed from the camp when you leave. This means cabins, bathhouse, Durant Hall, kitchen, and the Arcola Learning Center. 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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