

# **MASONIC PARK & YOUTH CAMP, Inc., RULES and REGULATIONS**

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In the interest of more effective Recreation-Resource Management and to increase overall enjoyment of the visitor experience available at the Masonic Park & Youth Camp, Inc. (hereafter referred to *as* MPYC), the following Rules and Regulations have been revised. Your observance of the rules while a visitor to this facility will make your visit and visits of others more pleasant and enjoyable.

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## 100.0 APPLICABILITY

The regulations covered in this part shall be applicable to all persons or groups visiting the MPYC as paying or non-paying guests..

## 101.0 POLICY

- (a) It is the policy of those designated by the Members of the Corporation to manage the natural and cultural resources of the MPYC, providing the guests with safe and healthful recreational opportunities while protecting and enhancing these resources.
- (b) The term "**Manager**" is that person selected by the Board of Directors and operating under the supervision of the President of the MPYC (reference para. 4.03 of the By-Laws).
- (c) The term "**Assistant Manager**" is that person selected by the Board of Directors and operating under the supervision of the Park Manager (reference para. 4.04a of the By-Laws).
- (d) The term "**Full Time Park Host**", (reference para. 4.04(b) of the By-Laws) is that person selected by the Manager and Assistant Manager. This person will be required to live at the MPYC full-time and satisfactorily perform duties assigned to him.
- (e) The term "**Temporary Park Host**" (reference para. 4.04(c) of the By-Laws) is the person(s) selected by the Park Manager and Assistant Manager (as approved by the Board of Directors) and operating under the direct supervision of the MPYC Manager while doing the duties assigned to him/her (them) This term DOES NOT apply to those guests who choose to donate their time for the beautification, improvements or repair of the MPYC grounds, buildings or equipment
- (f) The terms "**MPYC Management**" or "**Manager on Duty**" refers to those persons of which the MPYC is under direct control. Specifically named - The Park Manager, Assistant Manager and Full Time Park Host
- (g) The term "**RV Campground**" is used in reference to the actual Recreational Vehicle Campground where guests of the MPYC spend time living in their Recreational Vehicle.
- (h) The term "**Camp Grounds**" shall include all the property owned by the MPYC and the buildings, including contents, as described in the records of the Hillsborough County Tax Appraiser.
- (i) All resources of the MPYC shall be available to the Members (who are in good standing) of all Lodges in Hillsborough County (unless they have been expelled under provisions of paragraph 101.01 below) and invited guests without regards to sex, race, color, creed or National Origin. No rules or fees or other devices may be used to discriminate against any Visitor or Guest.

- (j) The MPYC does not have paid maintenance employees. Therefore, all persons and groups using the MPYC are requested to clean up after themselves. All trash must be taken to the dumpster located on the entrance road. Floors in buildings must be swept clean of trash, debris and sand prior to departing from the Masonic Park grounds.
- (g) The term "**RV Campground**" is used in reference to the actual Recreational Vehicle Campground where guests of the MPYC park and spend time living in their Recreational Vehicle.

## **102.0 GRIEVANCES**

- (a) In the event that a grievance is lodged against a guest of the MPYC, the Manager will immediately notify the President of the Board of Directors who will then immediately appoint an Investigation Committee (consisting of at least three (3) and not more than five (5) members who may or may not be members of the Board of Directors (but must be members of the corporation) to investigate the grievance.
- (b) If the grievance is found to be factual and true, and of a non-Masonic nature, the person(s) whom the grievance is lodged against must immediately vacate the MPYC grounds (even if he is a member of the corporation) and will not be allowed to return.
- (c) If the grievance is found to be of a frivolous nature or not of a non-Masonic nature, the person(s) making the grievance must immediately vacate the MPYC grounds and will not be allowed to return.
- (d) The Investigation Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final action.

## **103.0 VEHICLES**

- (a) This section pertains to all vehicles, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mini bikes, trail bikes, dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, golf carts, trailers, campers, recreational vehicles or any other such equipment
- (b) Vehicles shall not be parked in violation of posted restrictions or in such a manner as to endanger any property or environmental feature or block access to the park by emergency vehicles. The owner of any vehicle parked, in violation of this section shall be presumed to have parked it and it will be subject to removal at the owner's expense.
- (c) No recreational vehicle shall park for camping or living, in any location other than in the RV campground. Further, no RV shall park, for camping or living in any other location other than a designated, numbered campsite. The exception will be for an overnight stay.
- (d) Vehicles per campsite shall be limited to one (1) vehicle other than the recreational vehicle, i.e. motor home and towed vehicle or recreational trailer and tow vehicle. All extra vehicles (cars, trucks, trailers or towed dollies) shall not be stored on RV sites, but in a location determined by the manager on duty. One (1) golf cart or *electric* powered handicap scooter will be allowed. An enclosed motor cycle trailer may be kept on the RV site for motor cycle storage only at the discretion of the Manager.
- (e) Day visitors of guests in the RV campground shall park their vehicle in a location other than the RV campsites as determined by MPYC manager on duty.

- (f) The operation of vehicles off of paved or improved roadways is prohibited in all areas of the MPYC unless otherwise approved by the MPYC manager on duty. Traffic lanes in the RV area are considered to be unimproved roadways.
- (g) Vehicles shall be operated only in accordance with posted regulations and only by licensed drivers *as* defined in State of Florida Statutes.
- (h) No person shall operate any vehicle in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so *as* to endanger the life of any person, wild life, pets, MPYC property or personal property.
  - a. Use of off road vehicles is prohibited except for use only by management personnel. The Manager or Assistant Manager (or any other of the MPYC Management team) reserves the right to direct persons violating the provisions of this paragraph to park and secure any such vehicle for the remaining duration of their stay. A second violation will result in immediate removal of the owner and vehicle from the IVIPYC grounds.

#### **104.0 SWIMMING**

Swimming, diving, snorkeling, canoeing or scuba diving at one's own risk is permitted in designated areas designed and designated by the MPYC Management Before any area is used for diving of any type, the swimmer shall first check the depth of the water to ensure it is not too shallow. Swimmers will not use the designated swimming area unless accompanied by a "BUDDY." Required safety equipment is available and must be present in the immediate area before swimming related activities are begun. A qualified swimmer must be present during swimming activities.

#### **105.0 PICNICKING**

- (a) Picnicking is permitted in all areas, where picnic tables are provided, within the MPYC campgrounds including the recreational vehicle area (only during the summer months). During the winter months, the recreational vehicle area is "OFF LIMITS" to recreational campers.
- (b) Picnickers shall keep their sites free of all trash and litter during the period of occupancy and shall remove all personal equipment and clear their sites prior to departure. Trash and litter must be removed from the site and placed in the dumpster provided on the entrance road.

#### **106.0 GENERAL CAMPING**

- (a) All campsites are under the direct control of the MPYC Management and are assigned by MPYC Management All campers must check in and register with the MPYC manager on duty.
- (b) Camping is permitted only at designated sites and/or areas unless otherwise approved by the Manager. Moving from one's assigned campsite to another is prohibited without the consent of the MPYC manager on duty.
- (c) Camping at one or more campsites for a period other than the previously approved duration is prohibited without the written consent and approval of the MPYC manager on duty.
- (d) The placement of camping equipment on a campsite or the intermittent personal appearance at a

campsite for the purpose of reserving a designated campsite for future occupancy is strictly prohibited.

- (e) The digging and leveling of any ground (other than actual tent space) or the construction of any structure without written permission of MPYC Manager is strictly prohibited.
- (f) Campers shall keep their campsites free of trash or other litter during the period of occupancy and shall clean their campsites and remove all personal equipment upon departure. Trash and litter shall be removed from the site and placed in the dumpster provided on the entrance road.
- (g) Anyone desiring to reserve *a campsite*, must make a request to MPYC Management ten (10) days in advance of their expected arrival. The request will include the name of any organizations sponsoring a group, the number and age of the persons in the group, the name, address and telephone number of the person designated to be in charge for the entire stay. Proof of Group Liability *Insurance* coverage is required.

#### **107.0 HUNTING. FISHING AND TRAPPING**

Hunting and trapping are not permitted in any areas of the MPYC. Wildlife WILL NOT be molested at any time in their natural habitat Fishing is permitted in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws in the river and lake with the approval of MYPC manager on duty.

#### **108.0 SANITATION**

- (a) Garbage, trash, rubbish, litter and any other waste material or waste liquid generated in the MPYC grounds and incidental to authorized recreational activities shall be either removed from the MPYC grounds or deposited in the trash dumpster provided for that service. Material will not be piled in front of the dumpster if it is full. Overflow material will be placed on the ground at the end of the dumpster and must be in some type of container, such as a tied plastic bag or suitable can. The improper disposal of waste, including burying is strictly prohibited.
- (b) The use of refuse containers or other refuse facilities for dumping or disposal of household or commercial garbage, trash, oil, rubbish, debris, dead animals or litter of all kind brought into the MPYC is strictly prohibited.
- (c) All black water sewage must be dumped only in a dump station located on the side of the paved road east of the recreational area or at the dump station on the paved road next to the Con Ehret building. Black water shall not be disposed of into the underground gray water system.
- (d) All gray water must be dumped into the underground collection system in the RV area or in a dump station located on the side of the paved road east of the recreational area or at the dump station on the paved road next to the Con Ehret building. Dumping of gray water on the ground is prohibited.

## **109.0 FIRES**

- (a) Gasoline and other fuels, except that which is contained in storage tanks of vehicle, camping equipment or approved hand portable containers, shall not be carried into or stored in the MPYC without the approval of MYPC manner on duty. The use of glass containers for storage or carrying of liquid fuels is strictly prohibited. The use of highly flammable liquids for starting campfires is strictly **prohibited**.
- (b) **Fires shall be contained to those areas designated** by MPYC Management and shall be contained to fireplaces, grills or other designated facilities for that purpose. Fires must not be left unattended and must be completely extinguished after use and/or before departure. Hot coals or ashes must be completely extinguished, preferably with water. **NO FIRE IS PERMITTED IN ANY AREA WHERE WATER IS NOT AVAILABLE.**
- (c) The gathering of wood is prohibited without permission of MPYC Management except the gathering of dead material on the ground. Trees will not be cut down for use as fire fuel.

## **110.0 CONTROL OF ANIMALS**

- (a) No person shall bring, or allow horses, cattle or other livestock in camping, picnic, swimming or other recreational area without the approval of MPYC Manager.
- (b) ALL guests of MPYC who bring animals (pets) with them are responsible for cleaning up solid waste left by their animal and disposing of it along with their household garbage (as per Hillsborough County Ordinance 00-26 Section 14). Failure to do so may result in rejection from the MPYC grounds. All said animals must be on a leash and licensed (as per Hillsborough County Ordinance 00-26 Section 10) and under the direct control of the owner at all times while on the grounds of the MPYC.
- (c) Unattended, stray, uncontrolled, vicious or unclaimed animals are subject to immediate impoundment and removal in accordance with state and local laws.

## **111.0 RESTRICTIONS**

- (a) The MPYC manager on duty may close or restrict any portion of the camp when necessitated by reason of public health, public safety, fire hazard, maintenance or other reason deemed necessary.
- (b) "Quiet Time" shall be maintained in all areas between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Excessive noise during such time which unreasonably disturbs other persons is strictly prohibited.
- (c) The operation or use of any audio or other noise producing device including, but not limited to, communications media and motorized equipment or vehicles in such a manner as to unreasonably annoy or endanger person in strictly prohibited.
- (d) Roadway and *fire* lanes in all areas of the park will remain open at all times. Vehicles of any type belonging to persons using the park will be parked off of roadways and fire lanes in designated parking areas only. Violators will be subject to towing at owner's expense.

## **112.0 EXPLOSIVES, FIRE ARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND FIREWORKS**

- (a) The possession of firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices and explosives of any kind is prohibited unless in the possession of local, state, or federal law enforcement officers or express permission has been obtained from the MPYC Manager. Persons who have a valid "Carry Permit" must also have the permission of the MPYC Manager if the weapon is carried out of their RV. Bows and arrows are permitted only in designated areas and then only for recreational purposes.
- (b) The possession and/or use of fireworks are strictly prohibited.

## **113.0 MPYC PROPERTY**

Destruction, defacement, removal or any alteration of camp property including, but not limited to constructed facilities, natural formations and vegetative growth is prohibited without the permission of MPYC Manager. Any such destruction, removal or alteration of camp property shall be in accordance with the conditions of any written permission granted.

## **114.0 ABANDONMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

- (a) Personal property of any kind shall not be abandoned or left unattended on camp lands or waters. After a period of twenty-four (24) hours, unattended personal property may be impounded and stored at -a storage point designated by MPYC Manager, who may assess a reasonable impoundment fee. Such fee shall be paid before the property is returned to the owner(s).
- (b) The MPYC shall, by public or private sale or otherwise, dispose of all lost, abandoned or unclaimed personal property that comes in to its custody or control. However, this property may not be disposed of until a diligent effort has been made to find the owner(s), heirs, next of kin or legal representative(s). If the above named are not found, the property may not be disposed of until the expiration of one hundred twenty (120) days after the date when notice giving time, date and place of intended sale or other disposition has been sent by certified or registered mail to that person at the last known address. When diligent effort to determine the owner, heirs, next of kin or legal representative(s) is unsuccessful, the property may be disposed of without delay, except that if it has a fair market value of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more the property may not be disposed of until after three (3) months after the date it was received at the storage point designated by the MPYC Management. The net proceeds shall be deposited in the general checking account of the MPYC as a personal donation.

## **115.0 LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES**

All lost and found articles shall be deposited by the finder with the MPYC manager on duty. The finder may leave his/her name, address and telephone number with the MPYC manager on duty. Owners claiming lost property will be furnished with the aforementioned information. All articles that are not claimed will be disposed of in accordance with section 113.0.

**115.0 ADVERTISEMENT**

Advertising by the use of billboards, signs, markers, audio devices or any other means whatsoever including handbills, circulars and posters is prohibited without the permission of MPYC Manager. Vehicles with semi-permanent or permanent affixed signs are exempt as long as they are used for authorized recreational activities and comply with other park rules.

**117.0 COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES**

The engaging in or solicitation of business without the express consent of MPYC manager is strictly prohibited.

**118.0 GAMBLING**

Gambling, in any form, including but not limited to that which is legal in the State of Florida is prohibited within the boundaries of the MPYC.

**119.0 UNAUTHORIZED STRUCTURES**

The construction, placing or continued existence of any structure of any kind under, upon, in or over camp lands is prohibited unless a permit, lease, license and appropriate written agreement therefore has been issued by the Board of Directors. Structures not so authorized are subject to summary removal or impoundment at the expense of the person(s) responsible for the unauthorized construction of the structure.

**120.0 SPECIAL EVENTS**

- (a) Commercial for profit events including, but not limited to, fireworks displays, music festivals, dramatic presentations or other special recreational programs are prohibited unless written permission had been granted by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The guests shall not be charged any fee, donation or admission by the sponsor of such events unless the Board of Directors has approved, in writing, the proposed schedule of such *a fee*, donation or admission charge. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to revoke permission and require removal of any equipment upon failure of the sponsor to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit / permission or with regulations as defined in section 118.

**121.0 MPYC USAGE**

- (a) The Board of Directors for the Masonic Park and Youth Camp shall adopt a rate schedule for the use of the Masonic Park and Youth Camp Inc. grounds, buildings and facilities as appropriate. (Amended August 14, 2015)
- (b) Deleted (August 14, 2015)
- (c) Upon arrival and registration into the RV Campground, all Adult Male Guests (main Guest as described in para. 202.0(b), plus any additional Adult Male Guest staying in the same RV unit) must furnish a valid and current Masonic Lodge dues card recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida. In the *event* the guest has an expired Masonic Lodge dues card, he will be allowed to pay for ten (10) days at the applicable posted weekly plus daily rates, to camp and will be given ten (10) days to produce a valid and current dues card (recognized by the Grand Lodge of



Florida) or immediately vacate the MPYC grounds. A copy of the Masonic Lodge dues card will be kept with the original registration record. Widows of Mason's possessing a valid widow's card are permitted to register the same as a Master Mason possessing a valid dues card.

Non Masons shall be allowed to stay in the R.V. Park Campgrounds on a space available basis at the Discretion of the Park Manager.(Amended June 14, 2013)

- (d) All numbered campsites are wired for thirty (30) or fifty (50) amps of commercial power. Any RV unit which draws sufficient power to damage the electrical outlet or equipment belonging to the 114PYC will be liable for the cost of necessary repairs.
- (e) The MPYC shall not be held liable for any damage to the RV's electrical system as a result of over draw of electrical current by the excessive use of electrical equipment by the guest.
- (f) NO GUEST is allowed to enter any electrical box (either main breaker panel, sub breaker panel of RV outlet pedestal for any purpose what-so-ever. If a problem is experienced with the electrical power, the MPYC manager on duty MUST be notified if the problem exists and necessary repairs will be made and/or corrective action taken.

#### **122.0 EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC TELEPHONES**

- (a) The telephone number for incoming emergency messages is (813) 634-1220 or (813) 633-9010. Messages will be taken for delivery to the party being contacted. Non-Emergency calls will be taken and the message will be posted on the bulletin board in the Mail Room building.
- (b) The telephone jack in Friendship Hall in the Campground area is for use by the campers to check their e-mail only. Absolutely No Toll Calls are Allowed.

#### **123.0 REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES**

Accidents and emergencies will be reported to the IVWYC manager on duty as soon as possible. Written reports will be provided if requested or deemed necessary by MPYC Manager.

#### **124.0 LAUNDRY FACILITIES**

A Laundromat is located in the RV Campsite area for use by Guests. A fee for the use of laundry equipment is requested. Payment for use of laundry shall be made at RV Park office. Persons using the laundry facility are required to clean up their area after each use. Garbage cans are provided for disposal of cleaning material and packaging.

**125.0 TOILET FACILITIES**

Toilet facilities are located in the Walt Harris building, camping area near the sports field and in the Laundromat/Bathhouse in the RV Campground (during the summer months only). They are for the use of guests and visitors. Please do not leave any trash behind. Garbage cans are provided for trash and waste material. Problems with the plumbing should be reported to the MPYC manager on duty when discovered.

**200.0 – FEES**

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**201.0 GENERAL**

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**202.0 RV PARK**

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**203.0-BUNK HOUSE TRAILER**

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**204.0-VEHICLES IN STORAGE**

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## **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**100.01 All future proposals for amendments, deletions, changes, etc. to the Rules and Regulations of the Masonic Park and Youth Camp be presented in writing and that all members of the Board of Directors be furnished a copy of such information.**

**The information must include the proposed amendments, deletions, changes, etc. to the Rules and Regulations along with the existing language in a side by side format so that reasonable comparison can be made and due consideration is completed before such proposal(s) are voted.**

**Such amendments, deletions, changes, etc. will become final only after being reviewed and confirmed for final adoption at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Masonic Park and Youth Camp Board of Directors. (Adopted May 9, 2014)**