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Rules for Masonic Youth Center at Buttonwoods

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Welcome to the out-of-doors, and piece of "Nature's Beauty". The Masonic Youth Center at Buttonwoods is a 70-acre site located on the waters of Narragansett Bay. It is ideal for picnics, outings and get togethers. The Center is available during the summer months to all Masonic Groups, responsible community groups, Masonic Families, civic organizations, etc. Permission for use of the Center must be approved by the Director of the Masonic Youth Center, President of the same, or their designate.

The following standards, requirements and regulations pertain to the usage of the Masonic Youth Center by any and all organizations or groups. All non-Masonic usage must have a Masonic sponsor. Masonic Lodges, Shrine, Concordant Bodies of Masonry, Masonic Youth, Eastern Star, Rainbow or DeMolay, will have first preference for use of the facilities. Those needing a sponsor must have him/her present during the entire outing

General

- A. A completed application must be submitted to the Masonic Youth Foundation office by all requesting use of the facilities thirty (30) days prior to use.
- B. Approval must be secured from the Director or President prior to use.
- C. The Masonic Youth Foundation reserves the right to cancel a usage permit at any time.
- D. Any conduct contrary to the purpose of the Masonic Youth Foundation (i.e. use of drugs, profanity, intoxication, etc.) is prohibited.
- E. The use of the facilities does not imply endorsement or sponsorship of the event by the Center or Foundation. The Director or President must clear any publicity in advance.
- F. Decorations, posters, etc. must meet the following condition;
 1. All decorations, posters, etc. must be removed immediately following the event
 2. All signs must be of the proper decorum
 3. No political signs or materials allowed at any time.
 4. Stakes, pipes, or pointed objects are not to be put into ground without prior approval. Electrical and underground sprinkler system are just inches below surface in some areas
- G. Prior approval for decorations should be secured from Director to avoid problems
- H. If any usage of the Center is to be canceled, the Director must be notified.
- I. Each group that uses the Center is responsible for leaving the facility in the same or better condition than you found it.

- J. The Center closes hours are 10AM-8PM all persons using the Center must vacate the property when the Center is closed.
 - K. The person(s)(the person that signed application)in charge of the group using the facility shall be responsible for all damage to facilities or equipment caused by the group, and shall remit to the Masonic Youth Foundation the full cost of repairs or replacement of the damage, once a bill has been submitted to them. The Masonic Youth Foundation assumes no responsibility for personal property or possessions brought onto the property.
- I. Parking
- A. A parking lot is provided. The Masonic Youth Foundation and the Center is no responsible for thefts or damage to vehicles.
 - B. No Vehicle is allowed off of the designated parking areas for any reason without approval and direction of the Center staff. Permission must first be secured from the Director or Assistant Director. No Exceptions.
- II. Group Supervision
- A. All groups are to have a responsible leader (21 years of age or older) to insure proper conduct of all participants. Youth groups are required to provide one (1) leader for every fifteen (15) youths. Group leaders must be present when members are at Center. This does not apply to Rainbow or DeMolay.
- III. Alcohol
- A. The use of alcoholic beverages is limited to your assigned picnic area only. This is a family oriented Youth Center, treat it as such. Be discreet, carrying alcoholic beverages around in plain sight will not be tolerated. Keep it at your table, bottles are not advised due to broken glass. The Director and his staff will strictly regulate alcohol use and enforce the rules.
- IV. Pool
- A. The pool hours are 10AM-6:30PM
 - B. There are certified lifeguards on duty at all times; they are the authority at the pool. All patrons shall adhere to the pool rules and listen to the lifeguards. The number one rule is Lifeguards word is Law.
 - C. There is no eating or drinking in the pool or pool apron.
 - D. Running, rough play, profanity, throwing of objects, etc. will not be tolerated; all persons not following the rules will be asked to leave the pool and pool apron for the day. Readmittance will only be granted by permission of the Director or Assistant Director.
 - E. The wading pool is for the smaller children, admittance is only allowed with an adult to supervise them at all times.
- V. Special Regulations For The Grounds
- A. Charcoal cookers may be used. We have a limited number so please reserve one in advance, or supply your own. Charcoal is not provided.
 - B. Trash is picked up in the morning. So please be sure that all trash that you leave is securely inside the barrels prior to leaving.
 - C. Restrooms are located in the Bathhouse next to pool.
 - D. Picnic tables are reserved based on the size of your group.
 - E. No animals (pets) allowed on the grounds. Please leave your pets at home, many adults and children go barefoot. Need we say more?
 - F. The snack bar is open from 11AM-6:30PM for Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Chips, Candy, Soda, Ice Cream, etc.
- VI. Donations
- THE MASONIC YOUTH CENTER IS RUN ON DONATIONS, PLEASE DONATE WHEN YOU COME IN OR MAIL A DONATION TO US TO KEEP THIS CENTER CLEAN, THE POOL RUNNING, AND EQUIPMENT MAINTAINED. REPAIR COSTS ARE MORE THAN MOST PEOPLE REALIZE.

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