

# RULES OF USE FOR CAMP WILKES

February 26, 2010

Organizations/Events are **responsible** for their campers' conduct and any damages to physical property while in camp. Damage observed at checkout will require that a fee be added to your cost before departure.

Each organization/event must have an adult **Group/Event Leader** assigned and this leader must check in with the caretaker upon arrival and must be present in camp at all times.

The assigned **Group/Event Leader** must check out with the caretaker prior to departure. At this time, all facilities used must be returned to the same or better condition than they were in when your organization/event arrived. For example, the following will be checked:

- In all cabins used, the bunks will be checked to see that they have been swept off and the floor swept (even under the bunks) and mopped if necessary (latrines and showers must be mopped).
- In all latrines used, the floor must be swept and mopped, commodes flushed and scrubbed, sinks wiped cleaned, and mirrors wiped clean.
- In the dining hall (if used) the following will be checked:
  - A. Refrigerators/Freezers are emptied and wiped out.
  - B. Stoves, ovens, grill, fryer, and grease receptacle cleaned.
  - C. Dining area and kitchen swept and mopped. Dining area is mopped when necessary, kitchen mopping is a must.
  - D. Dishes and pots are cleaned and returned to the pantry.
  - E. Garbage cans (if used) emptied and cleaned out. If food is spilled inside can, it must be washed out.
  - F. Garbage is to be placed into bags, put into the dumpster, and the dumpster is to have its doors closed.

Failure to comply with this rule will result in a request for a repeat cleaning, a forfeiture of your reservation fee, or both.

If the assigned **Group/Event Leader** leaves camp, another adult must assume this responsibility and the Camp Caretaker must be notified of this change.

**MALES and FEMALES** will not be housed overnight in the same cabin, unless the organization charter or event coordinator permits this type of housing. A copy of the organization's charter showing this allowance must be attached to the Application for Reservation if males and females are to be slept inside the same cabin.

**BOATS or CANOES** will not be removed from Camp Wilkes property, and they will not be taken out of the permitted usage area in the Back Bay of Biloxi assigned by the managers of Camp Wilkes.

A **CERTIFIED LIFE GUARD** (with proof of current certification attached to Application for Reservation) must be on duty at all times in the pool enclosure when the pool is in use.

**POOL GATE** must be **CLOSED** and **LOCKED** at all times when the pool is not in use.

**CAMPFIRES** and **COOKING FIRES** must be in fire circles and be attended at all times when burning. A smoking fire may still be burning.

Only **CEREMONIAL FIRES** are permitted in the amphitheater fire pit.

**BONFIRES ARE NOT PERMITTED** at Camp Wilkes due to city fire regulations.

After your area has been policed, the TRASH and GARBAGE must be placed in cans, carried to the dumpster and emptied, and then the can is to be returned to the cabin, building, or shelter from which it came.

The restroom facilities are designed for receipt of human waste only. **DO NOT** place anything other than supplied toilet paper into commodes. **FEMALE SANITARY ITEMS and PAPER TOWELS and NAPKINS** are to be placed into trash cans for proper disposal.

Camp Wilkes is located within the City of Biloxi where it is illegal to discharge firearms. Therefore, **GUNS<sup>1</sup> ARE NOT** permitted on Camp Wilkes property.

**FIREWORKS** are illegal in the City of Biloxi and are not permitted on camp property.

The City of Biloxi has a Leash Law. So, for the safety of our campers, **Dogs, Cats, and Other Pets** are **NOT** permitted on camp property. This protects your pet, our campers, and many kinds of wildlife that naturally exists on Camp Wilkes property.

City fire codes require **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS** in all facilities. Discharge of fire extinguishers for any purpose other than a fire will require a fee of \$20.00 per extinguisher to pay for the recharge of the canister.

City fire codes require **SPRINKLER SYSTEMS** in all newer dormitory facilities. Discharge of these systems for any purpose other than a fire will require a fee of \$1000.00 per system to pay for a reset of the system and you will be billed for any water damage to Camp Wilkes' property inside these dormitories.

Mississippi State Laws governing Youth Camps states that **NO VEHICLE** will be operated in a youth camping area except Maintenance and Emergency vehicles. **ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED IN THE PARKING LOT. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

A day rate of \$1.00 per day is charged on each **Visitor/Guest** who comes to camp to participate in your event/activity.

A pool fee of \$1.00 per day is charged for each person who participates in pool activities.

Beds in the cabins of Camp Wilkes are **NOT** to be rearranged. They are to be left as you found them.

No items may be placed in front of the heat and air conditioning units in any building.

There **shall not be** rough housing, play fighting of any sort, or combat of any sort taking place inside any building of Camp Wilkes. All conduct of this nature is to take place in the outdoor areas of camp.

Due to the size of Camp Wilkes, no user can be guaranteed **EXCLUSIVE USE OF CAMP**. The exclusive use fee is for the cabin area only and does not prohibit tent camping north of this area.

A list of fees for common types of damages is on file in the caretakers' office. This list covers fees for incurred damages to property of Camp Wilkes and includes, but not limited to:

- Broken Windows/Doors
- Graffiti of any kind on any surface
- Misuse of a commode as a trashcan clogging the sewer system.
- Shutters that were not properly secured and damaged by the wind.
- Damaged beds/bed covers due to roughhousing

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**1. Exception: Hunters Education classes will have demonstration only firearms that will be empty of ammunition at all times. Summer Camp programs have permission to use BB guns under strict supervision at all times.**