



### **Mackinaw Area Historical Society - Heritage Village Rental Information**

Heritage Village provides a unique Northern Michigan setting for various types of life events: picnics, memorial services, weddings, vow renewals, family gatherings, etc. Heritage Village, located on the west side of Mackinaw City, encompasses over 143 peaceful acres. The renovated historic Chapel with seating for approximately 80 is handicap accessible. The Pavilion is covered with space for picnic tables and benches accommodating approximately 75 people. Other historic buildings are on the site of Heritage Village, which is operated by the Mackinaw Area Historical Society (MAHS) in partnership with the Village of Mackinaw City. If you choose our setting for your special event, we have certain requirements.

1. You must complete a rental agreement and include a refundable deposit with MAHS as well as an Event Application with the Village of Mackinaw City (weddings exempt).
2. Life events held at Heritage Chapel should be conducted in such a way to promote dignity appropriate to worship. Use of the Pavilion and grounds should be in keeping with the setting and family-type events.
3. **You will abide by/or enforce the general rules of Heritage Village and the specific facility/grounds use rules.**

#### **General rules of Heritage Village**

- \*No animals are allowed in the Village proper. Exceptions are Certified Service Animals.
- \*Fireworks, firecrackers, or other types of explosives are not permitted on the grounds at any time. The release of Chinese lanterns is not permitted.
- \*The dispensation and consumption of alcoholic beverages in/on MAHS buildings or grounds is not permitted without various permits and licenses.
- \*Food and beverages are not allowed inside any of the buildings. The Pavilion may be used for food and beverages (nonalcoholic unless pre-authorized.) The premises must be cleaned up.

#### **Specific facility/grounds use rules, requirements, and conditions**

##### **The Grounds:**

- \*Restroom facilities consist of portable restrooms. (very limited number)
- \*Parking will be in the east lot (enter from Central Avenue.) If a handicapped person is attending, permission will be given ahead of time for him/her to be driven to the Chapel or Pavilion. There is no overnight parking.
- \*Rental tents, tables and chairs require separate planning with MAHS.

##### **The Buildings:**

- \*There is no heat in the Chapel or the outdoor Pavilion. The use of any portable heating devices is strictly prohibited.
- \*Furniture and seating are not to be moved or rearranged without prior written approval of MAHS.
- \*Heritage Village does not store items overnight and if items are left overnight, MAHS is not responsible for those items.

### **The Chapel (for weddings and special services):**

- \*The chapel is not heated; electricity is not available in the building. Period lighting is available.
- \*There is a minimum two-hour charge for use of the facility. You may use the furniture and the piano. Seating is available for approximately 80 people. An on-site MAHS docent (not a wedding planner) will be available for questions that may arise. \*Additional time for the facility is available at an hourly rate.
- \*Rehearsal on a day other than the scheduled event day will require an additional hourly rate.
- \*The applicant must provide the minister and all other ceremonial/planner responsibilities, including an experienced pianist if using the piano.
- \*Decorating: you may use silk, dried or real flowers. DO NOT use staples, nails or tape in the Chapel. If candles are used, they must be placed in or on top of a nonflammable container. They must be extinguished as the guests exit.
- \*After the wedding party leaves the Chapel, the guests may throw or scatter flower petals, bubbles, ecofetti or bird seed outside.

### **The Stimpson home:**

Although electricity is not available in the building, this home is on the grounds and available for an additional fee as a dressing area for the bridal party.

### **Open Air Pavilion:**

There is a minimum two-hour charge for the use of the Pavilion. **Food and drink (nonalcoholic unless approved) can be served here.** No other place in Heritage village allows it. The wooden tables and benches will seat 75 people. The Village of Mackinaw City exercises a curfew for music at 10:00 p.m. in consideration of nearby residents.

<b>Rates</b>	
Heritage Chapel two-hour minimum charge	\$250
With each additional hour	\$ 75
Open Air Pavilion two-hour minimum charge	\$150
With each additional hour	\$ 75
Stimpson Home	\$ 75
Refundable Security/Clean up deposit	\$100

Contact us today to make arrangements. We can be reached at [mail@mackinawhistory.org](mailto:mail@mackinawhistory.org).