

CAMP OPEMIKON RULES

GENERAL

Our primary aim is to make your visit to Camp Opemikon a safe, rewarding and fun experience for youth and adults alike. To accomplish this, there are a number of rules and guidelines, which we would ask you to respect. By doing so, you will enable us to ensure appropriate use of the camp facilities and the enjoyment of these facilities by your Group and those who follow you.

Please discuss these rules with your campers. To begin, there are certain things of which you should be aware for the purpose of planning your visit.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

1. Unless specifically authorized by the Camp Ranger, no vehicles (other than camp vehicles) may proceed past the gates at Barker Lodge, except to load/unload equipment in the spring/summer/fall time frames. Be prepared to carry your equipment to your assigned accommodations.
2. Each Group must have at least one vehicle available in camp for use in case of an emergency.
3. Pets are not permitted on camp property during Group camping, with the exception of "special needs" dogs.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

1. The Group leader is to check in with the Camp Ranger or designate.
2. Vehicles are to be parked in designated parking areas only. These include beside Barker Lodge (in the spring/summer/fall time frames), year-round in the small parking lot on the north side of Hanna Road and in the larger lot on the south side of Hanna Road.

WHILE YOU ARE AT CAMP

1. Smoking is NOT permitted in any building. Smoking is permitted only in the designated area between the main kitchen and Ye Olde Kitchen.
2. Furniture and equipment are to remain in each building and not be transferred to any other buildings.
3. Graffiti is not permitted. Our camp is painted and maintained primarily by volunteers. Please respect their time and effort by not writing on the bunks or walls. There will be a damage fee applied.
4. Turn off lights when they are not in use. Be wise in the use of our electrical resources.
5. Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are provided for YOUR safety and are not to be tampered with at any time.
6. Thermostats are set at 18 degrees and are to be maintained at that temperature.
7. When the building heat is on, ensure all windows and doors are closed to conserve energy.
8. Please remove garbage as it accumulates and place it in the red garbage trailer by the Maintenance Shed, or to a location as directed by the Camp Ranger.
9. Quiet time begins at 10:30 pm – no noisy activities are permitted between 10:30 pm and 7:00 am.
10. Campfires may be built only in established campfire pits.
11. No trees may be cut down on camp property.
12. Drinking water must be obtained from designated sources only.
13. Bicycle helmets are MANDATORY for anyone bicycling on camp property.
14. Firearms, alcohol or non-prescription drugs are not permitted on camp property.

15. Beavers or Cubs are not allowed within 10 metres of any lake unless accompanied by an adult.
16. The propane heaters in the Health Centre and Ye Olde Kitchen are to be turned on ONLY by the Camp Ranger.
17. The bell by the Dining Hall is to be rung only by designated camp staff.
18. Camp emergencies are signaled by the continuous ringing of the bell by the Dining Hall. In the event of such ringing, EVERYONE in camp is to proceed to the boardwalk area in front of the Dining Hall, where the Ranger will take charge as required.
19. Every incident of personal injury or property damage must be reported to the Camp Ranger as soon as possible after it occurs.
20. Campers must be careful not to trespass on the private property adjacent to the camp.
21. The area bounded by the Maintenance Shed/Equipment Shed/green gas tanks is out of bounds to all except designated camp staff.
22. The High and Low Ropes courses are out of bounds to all campers except during authorized periods when a qualified staff member is supervising the activity.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR WINTER USE

1. Vehicles (other than camp vehicles) are not permitted past the main camp gate by the Teepee for any reason, unless authorized by the Camp Ranger.
2. There are two authorized sliding hills in the camp: the hill in the Cub Field and the hill from the dining hall to the waterfront. Both hills may be used ONLY when authorized by the Ranger and an adult leader MUST be present during all sliding activities.
3. NO ONE is to proceed onto the lake ice at any time unless authorized by the Camp Ranger.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE CAMP

1. Prior to Group departure, sweep all floors and place any garbage in the red trailer, or in the locations directed by the Camp Ranger.
2. The Group leader is to report to the Camp Ranger or designate before Group departure.
3. If final payment has not been made, it can be made to the Ranger. Preferred payment method is by section or Group cheque.

Should you have any questions regarding these rules, please feel free to contact the Camp Ranger, Flip, at (613) 273-5291 or at warden@opemikon.org