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2025 GROUP CAMPING CLUB PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

Group camping offers organized adult group camping clubs the convenience of camping close together in one large area without having to make individual reservations. Group Camping Applications are required for groups that would like to use our Group Camping campground areas and meet the below qualifications. Applications must be received a minimum of 14-days prior to the requested date.

- GROUP CAMPING BASICS** – A minimum of seven (7) family units are required in order to be considered a group. Group camping areas are located in Blydenburgh County Park, Cathedral Pines County Park, Cedar Point County Park, Indian Island County Park, Sears Bellows County Park, and Southaven County Park. Group areas contain between 10 and 20 sites, see site capacity below before applying to ensure your group will fit in the requested areas. The camping in-Season is from April 1st – November 11th; the camping off-season is from November 12th – March 31st.
- GROUP CAMPING RESERVATIONS AND SITE FEES** – Your reservation is for the dates stated on the application, no exceptions. Early check-ins and late check-outs are not permitted; however, individual single-site reservations can be made as walk-up reservations based on availability and period of stay rules. Your group will be charged based on the amenities of the group area and the Green Key rate per night for each member listed on the roster for the entire duration of the Group Reservation.

	Resident		Discounted		DAV		Non-Resident	
	Cash	Credit	Cash	Credit	Cash	Credit	Cash	Credit
In Season	\$18.00	\$18.45	\$9.00	\$9.23	\$0	\$0	\$36.00	\$36.90
Off Season	\$9.00	\$9.23	\$5.00	\$5.13	\$0	\$0	\$18.00	\$18.45

- GROUP ROSTERS** – The Group Roster must be filled out in its entirety, or the application may be rejected. A Group Roster is required to be completed and submitted at the time of application submission; necessary roster adjustments will be accepted in writing up to 45-days prior to the first day of the reservation. Group Roster adjustments will not be accepted after that date. The Group Roster must list all of the families that are expected to arrive during the camping trip. This is required to properly track payment and ensure that all campers are charged according to their Green Key Card status, or lack thereof. Only individuals/families listed on the Roster will be allowed to check-in at the campground for the group camping reservation. If an individual or family is not listed on the roster and attempts to check-in, they will be asked to purchase a site through our walk-up reservation process.
- GROUP CAMPING RESERVATION PAYMENTS** – Group camping fees will be calculated based on the family units listed on the group roster for the total number of nights reserved by the group. For all Group Camping Reservations, a non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 will be due within five (5) business days of the reservation being booked. The deposit will be applied to any remaining balance. If the deposit payment is not made within that time frame the reservation will be canceled. The remaining balance must be paid at least 30-days before the check-in date to avoid having the reservation canceled. Reservation cancelations for any reason will result in a forfeiture of the deposit.

Group Camping Reservations that are made less than 30-days before the check-in date will be required to pay the full balance within five (5) business days of the reservation being made.

5. **PERIOD OF STAY** – Groups are not permitted to stay more than seven (7) nights in a campground (14-night stays are only allowed at Cedar Point, Blydenburgh, and Sears Bellows). There is a three (3)-night minimum on all group camping reservations, holiday weekends are a four (4)-night minimum reservation.

Individuals may camp with different groups, but the Parks Department reserves the right to deny groups or individuals that may be abusing the Period of Stay regulations.

6. **GROUP CHECK-INS** – All group members are required to check-in with the park attendant and provide a valid government issued photo ID, proof of valid vehicle registration and inspection documents, and anyone with pets will need to provide proof of rabies vaccinations.
7. **GROUP CAMPING LOTTERY** – Suffolk County Resident-based adult group camping clubs may submit one (1) Group Camping Lottery Application each year beginning January 1st for the opportunity to secure a preferred date/location for their group. Applications will be drawn at random, and reservation will be made based on first or second choice selections. Additional Group Camping Applications will be accepted starting March 1st.
8. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS** – If 50% of the Group Roster includes residents outside of Suffolk County, the group is considered a Non-Suffolk County Resident based group camping club and must wait to submit an application until the lottery is over. Submissions may be submitted starting March 1st.
9. **PAYMENT** – Payment can be submitted in person, using a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover), certified funds or cash payments. Online payments can be made using the reservation system portal using a credit card. To pay online, payment instructions will be provided via email once your reservation is confirmed. Personal checks will not be accepted.
10. **CANCELATIONS** – Each date/park choice is treated as a reservation, and you will be charged the appropriate reservation fees if your dates are available. Reservations can not be modified and if you choose to cancel/modify your reservation, your group will lose all prepaid fees. Reservations will not be refunded due to inclement weather unless closures were made by the Parks Department directly.
11. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** – Organized Adult Group Camping Club Leaders should be the only person filing for and/or inquiring about their requested application. Other Club Members participating in Group Camping events must contact the Group Club Leader for more information, not Suffolk County Parks.

Group Event Permit Application or Cathedral Pines Activity Building Application would be required to be submitted alongside the Group Camping Club Permit Application if you are requesting to use the Activity Building, Picnic Areas, Pavilions, etc.

Incomplete applications will not be processed. Application submissions will only be accepted through the online form. Applications must be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the first day of the camping reservation.

All Suffolk County rules and regulations must be followed, including, but not limited to:

Campfire Regulations – All fires must be contained within designated fire rings or as directed by park staff. Fires must be attended to at all times and be thoroughly extinguished before site departure. Use only firewood found in piles at site or on the ground. Do not bring any scrap lumber for burning. Do not dispose of firewood and/or ashes into the woods from designated fire ring. Do not cut, remove, or damage any standing trees, shrubs, or other vegetation for burning.

Prohibited Alcohol Usage – The use of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited in all park locations. Alcohol use by persons over the age of 21 is only permitted in the designated Picnic Areas with proof of an approved Group Event Permit and a signed and notarized Hold Harmless Agreement. No alcohol

of any kind should be seen in any of the Group Camping Areas; Suffolk County Park Rangers will remove groups that violate the rules.

PARK REGULATIONS PER LOCATION – As a reminder, all group area reservations must have at minimum of seven (7) camping units in order to be considered a group. Below are the Rules/Policies regarding Group Camping locations. These are not inclusive of all Suffolk County Rules and Regulations. Please visit our website for further information on Park Rules and Regulations. A unit is equivalent to a camping spot, example: 7 units= 7 camping spots

1. Blydenburgh County Park

- Maximum one (1) vehicle permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Blydenburgh County Park.
- Group Area 1 is located within the General Family Camping Sites. Designated Group Area 1 Sites: 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, and 35.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
1	15 Units	Yes	No

2. Cathedral Pines County Park

- Maximum two (2) vehicles permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Group Areas 1, 2, and 3 are located within the General Family Camping Sites on the B Field. Group Area 1 is on the opposite side of the field, with Areas 2 and 3 near each other. Designated Group Area 1 Sites: 1-10. Designated Group Area 2 Sites: 44-49 & 58, 59, 61, 63. Designated Group Area 3 Sites: 60, 62, 64, 70-76.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
1	10 Units	Yes	Yes
2	10 Units	Yes	Yes
3	10 Units	Yes	Yes

3. Cedar Point County Park

- Maximum one (1) vehicle permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Cedar Point County Park.
- Group Areas A, B, C, and D are located off the main road in the park, near the designated Glamping Areas. Enter the park on Cedar Point Road, continue straight past the Check-in booth until you reach

the fork in the road at General Family Camping Area. Turn left into the Group Camping Area; on one side of the road will be Group Area A, B, and D, with Group Area C on the opposite side.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
A	20 Units	Yes	No
B	10 Units	Yes	No
C	15 Units	Yes	No
D	15 Units	Yes	No

4. Indian Island County Park

- Maximum two (2) vehicles permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Indian Island County Park.
- Group Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4 are located on the main road in the park, parallel to the General Family Camping Sites. Enter the park on Indian Point Road, go past the Check-in Station; continue past the Picnic Area (Left Side of Road) and Parking Area (Right Side of Road) then make a right. The Group Areas will be on the Left Side of Indian Point Road, with the General Family Camping Areas across the way. *For Large Groups: Areas 1 + 3 are next to each other; Areas 2 + 4 are across from each other.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
1	15 Units	Yes	Yes
2	15 Units	Yes	Yes
3	15 Units	Yes	Yes
4	10 Units	Yes	Yes

5. Sears Bellows County Park

- Maximum two (2) vehicles permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Sears Bellows County Park.

- Group Areas 1C and 2C are located beyond the General Family Camping Sites (Trailer ONLY Area). Enter the park on Bellows Pond Road, make the first right and continue straight until you reach the Restroom Building (passed sites 57-60).

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
1C	15 Units	Yes	1, 15-amp in Area to share between sites
2C	10 Units	Yes	1, 15-amp in Area to share between sites

6. Southaven County Park

- Maximum two (2) vehicles permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Southaven County Park.
- Group Areas A and B are located on the North End of the Campground. Southaven County Park operates on a ONE-WAY drive system; enter the park on Victory Avenue, continue straight and make a right when you see the playground. Continue past the General Family Camping Sites until you reach the end loop of the grounds.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
A	15 Units	Yes	Yes
B	15 Units	Yes	Yes