

# CAMPGROUND RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Hello UUCMP Campers,

Please read all this information. It will only take a few minutes.

## **NEW ENTRANCE PROCEDURE TO THE CAMPGROUND:**

**Every car will need to stop at the entrance to the campground to sign two release forms. Everyone 18 years and older will be asked by Madison, the campground host, to sign. The forms are about covid, and camping accidents/injuries.**

**ARRIVING AND DEPARTING:** The campground is ours starting at 2:00PM Friday afternoon, no earlier. On Sunday we need to be gone no later than noon. As always we want to leave the campground cleaner than when we arrived. Our goal will be to be finished with our collective clean-up of the whole grounds by 11:30 Sunday. If you need to leave early please consider doing some picking up before you go. If no new campers are arriving after us the campground hosts let us linger longer after departure time.

**THE CAMPGROUND AND WHAT TO BRING:** You will need to bring all your own camping equipment and food....tents, sleeping gear, chairs, stoves, food, dishes, pans, lamps, toiletries, first aid kit, etc. All cooking needs to be in the group picnic area, not at your tent. The water there is potable and tastes great. There is a big group picnic area with lots of tables, sinks, a large outdoor grill, and a campfire ring with benches. **This year we could use some extra tables. If you have card tables or folding tables please consider bringing them please.** You may bring a tablecloth to set up you space at one of the tables. We need to share tables.

The campground is set up for tent camping only. Small camper vans are welcome but need to be parked in the car parking area. Trailer tents are okay also. There are no designated tent sights. It's all open space. You may pitch your tent anywhere downstream, west of the campfire ring. After unloading your things, all cars need to be parked in the dirt parking area east of the picnic tables. There are more parking places along the dirt road leading down to the camping area. Do not park in the Health Centers paved parking area. Be mindful to not block the road or trash bin area.

There are bathrooms but not showers. Getting to and from the bathroom from the tent area requires climbing a 10-15 step flight of stairs with a railing. At night the stairway is able to be lit up. The light switches are at the top and bottom of the stairs. Remember to turn it off. Toilet paper is provided by the campground host.

We will need to transport some dry firewood from the church for our campfire ring. Please let Kerry know if you can bring some with you.

If you'll be arriving in the dark please bring a flashlight, especially to help you see the road signs.

We suggest that you dress in layers and bring warm pajamas and jackets. Check the weather report before you leave. The campground is mostly covered in shade, surrounded by redwoods and willows.

Rafts and inner tubes, folding chairs, good books, napping blankets, games, badminton sets, coloring books, cameras, art projects, etc. are all encouraged!

**CHILDREN:** Please keep a close eye on your children. Every parent is responsible for the well being and needs of their children. **They must be supervised at all times when playing down at the river, AND** when next to the fire. We ask that kids not play with sticks around the close confines of the campfire ring. If any of you would like to organize an art or craft activity, or games, those kinds of things are more than welcome!

**CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:** The area around the campfire is a cell phone/electronic free space. Cell phone coverage is minimal in Big Sur Valley.

**DOGS:** Dogs may come to the campout. They must be on a **SHORT** leash and held at all times. Too many people have tripped over the leashes and dogs especially when in among the picnic tables. Dogs must be with their owners at all times.

**MEALS, CLEAN-UP, AND ACTIVITIES:** You will need to bring your own food and drinks for Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, and Sunday lunch. There will be a "community food" table to contribute any food you'd like to share with others.

The campout budget will provide Saturday and Sunday mornings breakfast...pancakes and fruit on Saturday morning, and oatmeal with all the fixings on Sunday morning. Please bring your own dishes and utensils. If you have a camping stove, griddle, or big frying pan(s), please bring them if you'd like to help out with the cooking those mornings. It's all volunteer. If you have extra stoves please consider bringing them to share with the others who may not have a stove.

**STONE SOUP FOR SATURDAY EVENING DINNER:** We will be sharing our traditional stone soup. This is a communal soup named after the famous children's story. Please remember to bring a small item of something vegetarian to contribute to the pot, like vegetables, cooked beans, rice, herbs, etc. There will be plenty of soup for everyone.

**VOLUNTEERS TO COOK, PREP, AND CLEAN-UP:** We will pin up a volunteer sign-up sheet for those who would like to help prep and cook the breakfasts, help make the Stone Soup, and help clean up after meals. We will also post a loose schedule of meal times and activities.

If you would like to organize an activity you can post it next to the camp schedule with the time, when, and where.

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE:** Our dear Reverends Elaine and Axel will be providing a service at 10:30, next to the campfire ring overlooking the river. This will be about a 30 minute service. Please bring your chairs. This is always a very sweet time.

**CAMP RULES AND OTHER THINGS TO BE AWARE OF:**

\* No drugs or smoking. Hard liquor is not permitted as part of All Saints rules. Wine and beer are allowed, but "abuse of alcohol could result in our not being invited back to use the campground again." (All Saints). Please consider keeping your supplies of wine and beer in a container instead of sitting out.

\* The year round campground hosts are Madison and Jack.

\* **Quiet time is a 10:00PM. This is very important.** Soft voices not only amplify through our camp but they also travel across the river to the other campground. Please be courteous to campers on the other side of the river, whose quiet time is also 10:00PM.

\* Please do not gather wood, cut trees, or disturb the plant life. Please be aware that there are small patches of poison oak in the general area.

- \* There are recycling bins for glass, tin, and plastic.
- \* Fires are allowed ONLY in the BBQ pit, or campfire ring. **Fires must not be left unattended.** Please make sure your children are not playing carelessly around the fire, especially with sticks on fire.
- \* Please bring a small first aid kit.
- \* **When swimming in the river children must be accompanied by an adult.**

If you have any questions, or are a new camper and could use some help figuring out what to bring camping, call or email Kerry Sissem. (831)646-0224  
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See you under the redwoods!