



Yale Outdoor Education Center Group Policies and Information

The group leadership is responsible for informing all group members about these policies, and is accountable for the actions and behavior of all individuals. *Additional policies and warnings on our website.*

Website: sportsandrecreation.yale.edu/recreation-centers/outdoor-ed-center

I. GENERAL

Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (The OEC is closed Mondays.)

All day-visitors and guests **must** depart by 6:30 p.m.

1. Stay out of the woods to avoid ticks and getting lost. (More tick information on website.)
2. Return all borrowed recreational equipment before departure.
3. DO NOT LITTER. Properly use trash and recycling receptacles/dumpsters provided.
4. 8 m.p.h. speed limit on all dirt roads. **No Motorcycles.**
5. Groups must clean facility prior to departure or you will be billed for clean-up.
6. All persons must sign in at check-in station or with staff attendant.
7. Showerhouse for overnight occupants only.
8. No pets or drones allowed.
9. **Yale covid information: covid19.yale.edu**
10. Our water source is limited, please help us conserve it. Do not let faucet run.

II. INSURANCE & ALCOHOL

1. Proof of adequate insurance is required for non-Yale groups.
2. If your group is serving alcohol a certified bartender is required.
3. NO KEG BEER or "Beer Wagons" allowed. Bottled jug water provided in pavilion.

III. SWIM AREA

Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (5:30 pm weekends)

1. Swim only when and where lifeguard on duty. Proper swim attire required.
2. Swim only in designated area, do not swim beyond float line.
3. No swimming from any shoreline. No pushing, running, or "horseplay" on docks or raft.
4. No swimming under docks or raft. No fishing from swim docks or beach.
5. No food or drink on swim docks. No swimming during thunderstorms.
6. Non-swimmers are not permitted in the deep end of swim area. Swim test required.

IV. ROWBOATS AND PADDLE-CRAFT

Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (5:30 pm weekends)

1. No swimming from rowboats or paddlecraft.
2. No docking of boats/paddlecraft anywhere along shoreline except boat dock/beach.
3. No flipping or swamping of boats or paddlecraft
4. Three-adult-person maximum in rowboats and canoes.
5. All persons, regardless of age or skill, must wear an approved flotation device ("lifejacket").
6. Always stay in view of the beach/lifeguards. NO paddling around corners out-of-sight.
7. Only one person rows in rowboats.
8. No food or drink on boats or paddlecraft. No boating or paddling during thunderstorms.
9. Swim test required for all youth paddlecraft use.

V. PARKING

1. Parking is available to the left of the Pavilion near the lakefront. Overflow parking is available just before the dining hall. No parking is permitted along roadways.
2. Groups must provide a parking attendant and signage for events of 100 or more persons, unless arriving in buses. Please remove all signs/balloons, etc. before departure.

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