

PARK RULES

1. The Village's parks and parks facilities are available and maintained primarily for and by the residents of Park Forest. It is the general intent of these rules and policies to give village residents priority in the use of these facilities.
2. All park permit requests must be applied for by a responsible adult who assumes all responsibility for the actions of the group during the time stated on the permit.
3. Use of the parks by groups for special events where mechanical rides, amusement equipment, carnival acts and/or fireworks take place, must be approved by the Mayor and Board of Trustees. The Village reserves the right to require a damage deposit to assure clean-up and repair of damage to park areas.
4. Any collection of money, admission charges or solicitation of contributions in any park must be approved in advance by the permit process.
5. Lotteries and gambling of any nature in the parks are strictly prohibited.
6. The sale of merchandise or refreshments to the general public is allowed only by the permit/licensing process. Groups using a park area have the privilege to serve refreshments and assess their membership the cost thereof in advance of the event.
7. Any activity which develops to the point of becoming a danger to any citizen, or which in any way infringes upon the rights or well-being of a citizen shall be terminated at the discretion of the Village Manager, or appointed representative or any law enforcement officer.
8. In the interest of safety, all rocket launching, motorized model airplane flying and similar activities are prohibited in parks except as approved by park permit.
9. No person shall stay overnight in any public park without a permit.
10. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on park properties except as specifically allowed by an approved group's picnic permit. All picnic permits allowing alcoholic beverages shall expire one half hour after sundown.
11. Park sites shall be closed to the public between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and sunrise except for lighted facilities where permit approved activities are taking place.
12. The person or organizational representative to whom a permit is issued shall be personally responsible to see that the premises are left in a clean and orderly condition, and shall be liable for any damage to property or loss or damage to equipment or facilities.
13. Meetings or gatherings will not interfere with programs scheduled by the Recreation and Parks Department.
14. Fires are permitted only in such locations and places as designated. Portable grills may be used in parks as long as there is no interference with the aesthetic features of the area during, or following, their use.
15. Live coals or embers must be extinguished before being deposited in waste containers.
16. No automobile, truck or other private vehicle will be permitted to be driven onto or parked upon any park area except in improved parking areas without an approved written permit.

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GROUP PICNICS

The Park Forest Recreation & Parks Department has available a number of areas, facilities and services especially geared to make your next group or organization picnic a more successful one. Our three major picnic facilities are located at Somonauk, Logan and Central Parks. These, coupled with other facilities at smaller parks throughout the Village, provide facilities for groups from a small neighborhood gathering to a large community organization. We hope that the following information will be of help in planning your summer's events.

1. A park permit is not required for use of any outdoor park facility. The permit is intended as a convenience and service, as all facilities are available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis when not reserved by permit. A permit will assure your group the park area and allows the Recreation & Parks Office to advise other groups making inquires that the facility is taken.
2. Picnic permits do not include "reserved" usage of other specific park facilities such as tennis courts, ballfields, playground facilities, etc. Such facilities are open to the public and to permit-holding groups on a first-come, first-served basis. Please limit your group's use to one hour so everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the facilities. (Ballfields may be reserved two weeks in advance for a 1 ½ hour period.)
3. Rain dates for permits are generally not issued. If weather is inclement during the days immediately preceding a permit activity, phone the Recreation & Parks Office to determine what alternate days are available. If the activity is cancelled, a permit for an alternate date will be issued. Cancellations for reasons other than inclement weather should be made two weeks prior to the permit date.
4. Groups having a permit for the Somonauk Park Pavilion will be issued keys for the restroom facilities and will be expected to take full responsibility for supervision of use of these facilities by both group members and the general public.
5. Additional portable grills, our large super cookers, picnic kits (containing a variety of recreation and sports equipment), and other special arrangements for your group's event should be made through the Recreation & Parks Office at the time the permit is issued.



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