

# Camp Concordia Retreat Campsites Policies & Procedures

Camp Concordia (CC) is primarily a Christian children's camp. Your Group's use of the Campsites, including additional donations, supports this ministry. Camp Concordia has 18 sites with electric hook-ups (some with water & sewer), bathroom, pavilion, and play area. *The Base Camp is NOT part of any campsite use* – it is the cabin and lodge area of Camp Concordia used for summer camps and fall retreat groups. Our purpose is to provide an atmosphere where campers and families can come to know & follow Jesus. As a Christian camp, we request our guests reflect exceptional family values (i.e., kindness and respect for neighbors) — disruptive conduct may result in immediate removal. **Note: If you are attending a Camp Concordia Family Camp, your family is considered a Group (\*Does not apply to individual families).**



## Financial & Legal

- Group Retreat BALANCE:** Collection of fees are the responsibility of the group leader. **Balance is due prior to groups' departure.**  
*NOTE: Additional fees for boat/canoe rental, firewood purchase, and/or boat launch may not be included in User Agreements.*
- CLEANING/DAMAGE:** Damage of campsites or camp rental equipment, due to negligent behavior, will be billed to the Group at the cost of parts and repair or replacement plus 20% (administrative fees).
- MEDICAL:** Group understands it is fully responsible for the safety and welfare of participants in the Group; and the \*Group will provide a Health Officer in charge of all medical decisions and actions for participants in the Group.
- INSURANCE & PERMITS:** \*Group must provide hospitalization and liability insurance, and any permits required by the state of Michigan. A copy of said license and insurance must be provided to Camp Concordia prior to arrival at camp.
- One RV, trailer or tent per site.** Up to 8 campers from one immediate family may occupy a site. Extra tents may be setup for minor, unmarried children only (state Statute).
- One vehicle per campsite.** All other vehicles should be parked in the CC parking lot.
- Camp at Your Own Risk:** Unfortunately, CC has no control over wind, storms, and falling branches. Our camp is in a beautiful forest of oak and pine. It is possible that one of these thousands of branches could fall on your tent, trailer – or you. Camp at your own risk. We are happy to move you if necessary.



## Facilities & Meals

- Facilities in General:** Camp Concordia facilities are clean but rustic.
- The **Pavilion**, when available, may be used for quiet gatherings and fellowship. Roller blades, bicycles, remote cars/toys, etc. are not permitted. For exclusive group rental please contact the camp office. Clean up, mop up, sweep up when finished using.
- NO PETS:** For safety reasons, no pets on Camp Concordia when children and youth are on site and without prior written permission and additional cleaning deposit. Pets are to be kept on a leash at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of pet waste. Absolutely no pets on beach area (state statute).
- Special Food Service (If Scheduled):** CC provides all food service in the Base Camp part of Camp Concordia. If your Group is scheduled for any CC supplied meals in the Lodge, CC supplies and maintains a healthy food service. Special diets may require Group or Personal supplementing to the published CC menu.  
8:00 am Breakfast  
12:00 noon Lunch  
5:30 pm Supper



## Program

- Children must have **adult supervision**, within visual and/or hearing of adults who are supervising their safety and CC facilities safety, at all times—even closer at the waterfront.
- \*Group MUST provide certified **lifeguards for the waterfront** for all swimmers below 18 years of age. NO lifeguards are provided at the waterfront by CC unless arranged in advance. Posted rules are to be observed.
- Challenge Course:** CC has a **Team Initiative Program (TIP)** for groups of 8-12 people led by trained facilitators. This is available to your group for a fee, if available, with advanced arrangements. All

campers should stay out of the TIP area unless accompanied by a trained CC facilitator and provided with appropriate safety instructions.

- Trails and Safety:** Since Michigan has poison ivy, it is strongly recommended that Groups stay on trails. Minors must be accompanied by adults. If a Group has made arrangements to go off trail, it is recommended that hikers wear long pants, socks, long sleeves, etc. to protect themselves. Only feet and bicycles are to be on trails. **Bicycles** are limited to roadways and trails.
- Natural Hazards:** There are bugs in the woods. They will nest wherever it is easiest. CC cannot control nesting in the woods but will try very hard to control nesting in and around buildings and can make no guarantees. You can help by paying attention to the following: Loud vibrations (that shake buildings or facilities), sweet drinks and proteins help to draw these bugs out of their nests.
- Observe the posted 10 mph **speed limit** on camp — for the safety of all our campers.
- Nature: Take only pictures. Leave only footprints.



## Community

- Quiet time is from 10:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m.** Guests should be in facilities.
- Music, radios, etc. should stay contained to your facility and not heard by neighboring areas with the exception of evening campfire devotions.
- Camp Concordia is a children's camp. Unless no children are on camp and prior arrangements have been made, no **alcohol** should be on camp.
- Camp Concordia is a **no smoking facility**. This includes marijuana or items that contain marijuana.
- Fires are permitted only in existing fire rings and must be attended. Make sure all fires are fully extinguished before retiring/leaving campsite. The state of Michigan strongly recommends no wood be transported from county to county to control insects and tree disease; so as a convenience, CC does its best to have wood available. Check with your retreat host.
- Please **do not leave your trash in fire pits**. There is an additional charge for CC staff needing to clean trash out of fire pits.
- Garbage: Please recycle first. Place bagged garbage in dumpster (located north up road from site 18).
- Fish cleaning at designated cleaning station only. Please bag waste and place in camp dumpster.
- Illegal/Controlled substances are not allowed at CC and may result in Police involvement.

