Seasonal Guidelines

Greene Hills
Family Campground & RV Park

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ABOUT GREENE HILLS FAMILY CAMPGROUND & RV PARK

On June 27, 1963, The Methodist Church purchased, from Betty Jane (Greene) Heine and husband Martin H. Heine, what is now Greene Hills Camp. The property is approximately 226 acres, being the residue of the Barree Forge property. The farm was an operating dairy farm until this time. A public sale was made of the machinery, dairy equipment and livestock.

Trailer and Tenting began along the Little Juniata River in 1968. A shower/toilet house, dump station and a 16’x50’ picnic pavilion was built. Picnic tables, electricity, water and fire rings were provided at each campsite.

A new Bath House was built at the RV Park in 1998.

On September 9, 2004 Hurricane Frances hit central PA and the RV Park was flooded. The water came up so fast at the RV Park that most of the tenants could not get their campers out. There were about 14 RV Units that were ruined; some were flipped on their side. The RV Park was closed and everyone evacuated. On September 18, Hurricane Ivan occurred, flooding the RV Park worse than Frances. The majority of the park was ruined, electricity was compromised, water lines were pulled up, and picnic tables were washed away, effectively shutting the RV Park down for the season. Electricity was out for 3 days and the campground was cut off from the rest of the world for at least 24 hours.

The RV Park was rebuilt in 2005 from Ivan and Frances, including adding to the playground. The holes were drilled under Barree Road for the future water and septic lines, and a new well was drilled between the RV Park and Manor Barn.

The campground’s electrical distribution was improved, and the ark was added to the playground in 2006.

In 2007, 11 sites were added in the pine tree section between the playground and Barree Road. The whole camp was hit by a severe windstorm in May and hundreds of trees were knocked down, and the pavilion destroyed. Work on the new septic system for the whole property continued.

The first rental camper was donated to the campground in the Fall of 2010. An additional trailer was given in 2011 and the third trailer was gifted in 2014.

Two new river sites were added in 2010, an additional seasonal site in 2013 and another seasonal site in 2014 bringing the total number of seasonal sites to 44, 7 nightly RV sites, 2 pop-up sites and 7 tent sites. Greene Hills Family Campground & RV Park is comprised of a total of 65 sites including the Manager’s site and the rental sites and a group tenting area.

Five new seasonal river sites were developed in 2015 and a new rental cabin was built in 2016 bringing the total number of seasonal sites to 52, 5 nightly RV sites 3 rental units, 4 RV/tent river sites, and 4 primitive tent sites plus the manager’s and office sites totaling 70 sites.

Greene Hills Family Campground & RV Park is financially supported by annual grants from the Susquehanna Conference United Methodist Church, capital campaigns, donations, gifts in kind of time, talents and goods, and established fees.

The policy remains that campers in regular sites who desire a river site must request to be added to the River Site Waiting List, which is a rotational list. IE When a river site is vacated, the first person on the list is eligible for the site. If they decline, they are moved to the bottom of the list and the second on the list is notified, and so on. Once a river site is obtained, the name will be removed from that list.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Greene Hills RV Park is greatly supported by volunteer time, talent and donations. There are several work days throughout the season to improve and/or repair facilities and grounds at the camp in addition to “as needed” help.

- Fall Workday - specific work projects
- Spring Equipment Day - heavier land-moving work on sites and roadways
- Spring Work Weekend - clean-up & set up for the season

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
In the event of severe storm warnings it is recommended that campers move to the bathhouse or to the basement of The Manor. DO NOT TAKE COVER IN THE PAVILION. If there is not time to relocate, find the closest depression or ditch and lay face down covering your head.

LIABILITY INSURANCE
Proof of current liability insurance coverage on the camping unit is required before camper may be set up on the assigned site. Unit must be listed on the policy. Local haulers will be notified to check with management before delivering campers. Please note that vehicle coverage does not apply to parked RVs.

SITE RESIDENCY CHANGES
Any seasonal camper who wishes to offer their site as a possible change may do so during the first two weeks of October for the coming season by following this procedure:

1. Notify the management by October 1st if you are not planning on returning the coming season.
2. Notify the management of your intent to offer your site for a change for the following season by October 1st of current year.
3. River sites may only trade with river sites, regular sites with regular sites. No exceptions.
4. Any changes MUST be reported to the office no later than October 15th of the current year.
5. In the event that a camper is not returning for the following season, the management will act as agents for that open site.
6. Physical changes may not/will not be made to campsites without prior approval of the management.

For this system to work, it is imperative that those choosing not to return the coming year must notify the office no later than October 1st.

Beginning April 1, 2015, those seasonal campers already in a river site will be removed from the river site waiting list, as this will offer opportunity for change, if so desired.
SEASONAL COMMUNITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION
- The season runs from April 1st to October 31st weather permitting.
- Semi-seasons are April 1—July 15 & July 15—Oct. 31.
- Subletting of sites for any length of time is not permitted.
- Use of a seasonal site by anyone other than the seasonal camper is up to the discretion of the management.
- A waiting list for river sites is available to seasonal campers only.

PAYMENT
- The seasonal rate includes up to 5 people (all one family), each of whom must be registered.
- There is an additional fee of $280/year per additional adult and $205/year for each additional child less than 12 (same family), under 3 free.
- A non-refundable deposit of $150.00 is due no later than October 15th of the previous season to hold a site. If a deposit is not received by due date, it will be assumed that the site is open for re-assignment for the upcoming season.
- Balance of the site fee is due by April 15th of the subsequent year. If payment is not received by that date, the campsite can be made available to other guests for nightly or seasonal rental at the discretion of the management.
- Payment arrangements can be made to remit payments during off-season months with the total to be paid in full by April 15th.

DONATIONS
- Receipts can be furnished for any donation made to the Greene Hills Family Campground & RV Park.
- Please be aware that any rental or service fees are not considered a donation.
- Donations are currently being accepted for the Playground Refurbishment Fund and the Plant to Remember Tree Revitalization Program. (See information on page 10.)

WATER USAGE
- Water use is for household use only, as there is one well and pump to serve all RV sites and the bath house.
- No washing of vehicles (cars, boats, etc.)
- RVs may be washed one time per year.
- Neither the removal of hot water from the restroom, nor the use of the restrooms for washing dishes, utensils or clothing is permitted. A utility sink at the outside of the bath house is available for that use.

ELECTRIC
- All RV sites are equipped with 30 and/or 50amp service. Most of the lines are underground - some in conduit, older lines may not be.

STORAGE
- Off-season RV storage is available on a first come basis.
- Cost is $25/month.
- Limited indoor storage of personal items is available for seasonal campers on a first come basis in the main camp lower barn. Space must be reserved through the campground office.
- As space is limited, wooden step/deck structures may not be stored there.
- Personal belongings must be removed from the storage area no later than May 15th prior to seasonal main camp events.

PROHIBITED
- The use of generators
- The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
- Firearms (including BB & Pellet guns)
- All types of Fireworks
- The operation of chain saws without prior permission from campground management
- Cutting or carving of any sized trees
- Removal of hot water from the restrooms
- Use of the restrooms for washing dishes, utensils or clothing

EVACUATION
- In the event of mandatory evacuation, you are responsible for the removal of all personal property, RV, and vehicles from the campground.
- You are responsible to contact a hauler if necessary.
- An evacuation plan is available at the campground office.
- Space is available at the main camp according to the plan of the manager.
- In the case of high water, please monitor your email, facebook and texting for notifications. Those without such will receive a phone call.
- Because of redesign and upgrades of the campground riverfront, the “at risk” level at Spruce Creek can be as high as 9’ before infringing on the grounds.

END OF SEASON
- RV Units and personal items are to be removed from site no later than October 31st. Late fees will apply for any site being occupied beyond November 7th.
- Winterization service is available for $40/unit.

DRY-DOCKING
- Is available from March 15 thru 30 and the month of November. The fee is $250/month or $70/week.
- There is electric service. Water and bath house are based on weather.
- It is recommended that units be moved to a Pine site in the event of high water or excessive snow.
RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES
- Seasonal fee includes the free use of the playground, recreational facilities and equipment.
- Please monitor the use of the equipment and be sure that the children return toys to the storage box at the bath house for others to use.
- Horseshoes, baseball or softball is to be played in the front field at the East end of the property.
- The activity field on the West end of the campground may be used for volleyball, badminton, soccer, kickball, Frisbee, etc.

PLAYGROUND
- The playground is designed for use by children ages 11 and younger under the supervision of an adult at all times.
- Please familiarize yourself with the Guidelines posted at the playground area.
- There are management appointed playground monitors in the vicinity of the playground on the weekends.

SWIMMING POOL
- The use of the swimming pool during designated times is at your own risk (no lifeguard)
- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- The pool monitor has the authority to dismiss any swimmers from the pool area as disciplinary action.

THE LITTLE JUNIATA RIVER
- Please use common ground to access the river and respect the sites and privacy of our neighbors.
- Entrance to the Little Juniata River for any reason will be at your own risk.
- The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church, its Camping and Retreats Commission, nor any of the agents of the conference will assume any responsibility or liability whatsoever for persons who enter the river.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT
- A Waiver of Liability must be on file in the campground office before using any power equipment or hand tools.
- A utensil shed is located by the fence near the dump station. Please return any tools to this location.
- A rake and shovel are located at fire stations at each end of the campground.
- Please be aware that most of the power tools and compressor in the garage are personal property of the manager. Please ask permission before use.
- To help conserve energy we ask that during the summer season when the camper is not occupied the thermostat be set at 80 degrees.
- As a safety precaution, electric heaters are not to be running when the camper is not occupied. If there is a threat of freezing during your absence, please use propane heat.
- Please be considerate of neighbors when using exterior lighting.
- The cost of electric use over 200 kwh/month will be passed on to the seasonal camper at the current rate of .0672/kwh charged by REA. You will be notified of any rate changes we receive. Meters will be read monthly by the management and bills will be distributed bi-monthly, if applicable.

GUESTS
- There is a $3.00 fee for overnight guests, if more than 5 (registered & guests) stay on the site.
- No one is permitted to occupy the site without a registered adult present.
- One tent may be erected per site on a temporary basis with extra guest fees if more than a total of 5 overnight residents.

VEHICLES/PARKING
- Only one RV is permitted per site.
- Limit of two vehicles per site. All other vehicles are to park in overflow parking areas.
- Please park vehicles on site to avoid blocking roadways.
- Boats and utility trailers are to be parked totally on the site or in the trailer parking area at the far East end of the campground.
- All-terrain vehicles and carts may be operated by Greene Hills staff only.
- We ask that vehicular traffic on the grass be limited to as seldom as possible.
- As a safety precaution, bike riding is not permitted after dark without safety lighting. Helmets are suggested.
- No bikes are permitted in the pavilion.
- Vehicular use of the Cart Path at the West end of the campground (tent area) is strictly prohibited.

NOISE
- Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m.
- Electronic entertainment devices must be at a volume that cannot be heard beyond the site.

TRASH
- Camping generated trash is to be disposed of in the dumpster. Please compact as much as possible as we can be charged a surcharge for anything not in dumpster.
- There are recycling cans at bathhouse area for clean aluminum & plastic.
- Please crush cans. There’s a crusher mounted on the wall above the recycling bin.
WASTE WATER
• Waste water will be pumped each Tuesday (rescheduled if a holiday) by notification of camper placing a “Dipper tag” in the black mailbox by the camp sign prior to 8am Tuesday.
• There is a $10 fee for any additional pumping limited by the availability of the camp hauling equipment and will not be done on a Saturday or Sunday.
• With permission, a blue tank is available to borrow from the campground manager, if needed.
• The discharge of waste water anywhere other than at the designated Dumping Station is strictly prohibited and punishable by state law.
• If you use waste water treatment chemicals, please choose products that contain no formaldehyde and are biodegradable.

PETS
• Maximum of two pets per campsite are permitted on a 6’ leash only.
• At no time are pets to be unattended. Pets will not be allowed to become a nuisance to other guests (including barking).
• Guests are responsible for cleaning up after their pets anywhere on the grounds.
• Pets are prohibited from entering the restroom/shower house facility.
• It is expected that all pets have current rabies vaccinations.

GROUNDSKEEPING
• Greene Hills is responsible for mowing all common ground areas.
• Renter is responsible for any trimming around trailers, patio areas and other personal obstacles.
• A push mower and weed eater are available for use by the renters upon management receiving a signed liability release form.

SECURITY
• For your protection video cameras monitor campground activity 24/7.
• It is recommended that all vehicles and campers and storage compartments be locked when not in use.
• Please report any unusual activity to the management.
• Greene Hills Family Campground & RV Park and the Susquehanna Conference United Methodist Church is not responsible for any damage to RV units, personal property, accidents, injury to any guests or any damage caused by fire, theft or natural causes.

STRUCTURES/SITE IMPROVEMENTS
• Any permanent physical changes including installing satellite dishes to a site or grounds must be pre-approved by the campground manager.
• Permanent structures may not be erected on a camping site.
• Permission must be granted before digging on the site, due to underground utilities.
• Owners of portable structures are responsible for any damages that may be caused by their property in the case of storms, etc.

PAVILION USE
• The Pavilion may be reserved by a seasonal camper one time per season based on availability at no charge. It is available for general use otherwise unless an event is scheduled.
• Renter must provide their own propane, if using the camp grill, and it is expected that it be cleaned and covered after use.
• Trash is to be disposed of in the camp dumpster.
• Please return tables to the original positions.

FIREWOOD
• Firewood, located in the woodshed across from the bathhouse is $8/wagon load.
• Payment is on the honor system and may be deposited in the wooden box on the inside wall of the woodshed.
• Arrangements may be made for larger amounts to be delivered to your site by contacting the campground office.

VENDING ITEMS
• Bagged ice and ice cream products are located in the freezers by the bath house.
• Payment is on the honor system and and is to be deposited in the labeled depository on the wall of the bathhouse.
• Soda and other drink products are in the refrigerator. Payment is to be placed in the box in the refrigerator.

LAUNDRY AREA
• The campground washer and dryer are available for camper use.
• Payment to be made in the wooden box on top of the washer.
• Campers are expected to provide their own laundry products and be sure that the machines and filters are cleaned for the next use.
• No dyes or bleaches are permitted to be used.

MAIL SERVICE
• The campground address may not be used for personal mail.
• This is a business address and mail can not be forwarded from this address.
• Campground staff will not be responsible for forwarding mail.
• It is suggested to establish a post office box at the Alexandria post office.
• Freight deliveries may be made to the campground office.