

Approved at February 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

**CAMP SWATARA FAMILY CAMPING CENTER – FCC REGULATIONS**

1. **All posted rules and staff direction must be followed.**
2. **Check-In/Check-Out:** Check-In for all sites is 3PM. Check-Out is 11 AM for all sites. On Sundays ONLY Check-Out is 1PM
3. **Controlled Substances:** Camp Swatara is a tobacco, drug, and alcohol-free environment. No smoking, including vaping, or alcoholic beverages are permitted anywhere on the camp property.
4. **Quiet Hours:** Quiet time is enforced from 10pm to 7am daily. During these hours, public spaces, including the Fellowship Hall, pavilions, playgrounds, and other recreation areas, are closed. Children must be with their parents/guardians. Campers are asked to be respectful of those near them, especially if they need to drive in or out during quiet hours. The Camp Swatara staff reserves the right to ask persons making excessive noise to quiet down, even if quiet hours are not in effect.
5. **Overnights:** There is no overnight sleeping in public areas, including the Fellowship Hall, pavilions, playgrounds, and other recreation areas.
6. **Pets:** Pets must be kept on a 6-foot leash at all times and restrained from making excessive noise. Owners must clean up after their pets. Pets are permitted in Family Camp cabins. Pets are NOT permitted in the Fellowship Hall, pavilions, or splash pad.
7. **Dress Code:** Modest dress is expected in the campground and at the pool. Attire should be appropriate to a Christian environment.
8. **Fires and Firewood:** Fires must be kept small, supervised, and controlled. Fires may only be built within established fire rings. Under no circumstances may fire rings be moved. Firewood and fire starters are available for purchase. No firewood obtained off site may be brought on site. Standing trees may not be cut. Fires must be fully extinguished prior to departure. Cut firewood is not allowed to be brought onsite at Camp Swatara. This policy is in an effort to be good stewards of the Camp property, and seeks to minimize the negative impact of invasive insect species that damage the forest. Leftover firewood can be left at the campsite or returned to the woodshed. The policy also works to comply with a Berks County Firewood Quarantine and PA State Law that seeks to reduce transportation of invasive species like the Emerald Ash Borer, Woolly Adelgid, and the Spotted Lantern Fly.
9. **Vehicles and Traffic:** Camp Swatara is a pedestrian-first site. Pedestrians have the right-of-way. All vehicular and bike traffic must yield to pedestrians. Speed limit for all traffic at camp is 10-mph. The road next to the Fellowship Hall is closed during worship on Sundays from approximately 10:00-11:00am to maintain a respectful worship atmosphere.
10. **Parking:** Only one vehicle may be parked at each site. Additional vehicles must be parked in the Visitor Parking as indicated on the campground map.

**11. Bicycles and Other Personal Transportation:** Bicycles are permitted Saturday-Thursday between the hours of 8am and dusk (as listed in the bulletin). No biking on Friday. Bikers must observe the posted speed limit of 10-mph and yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Bikers under 12 years old must wear an appropriately sized helmet designed for biking activities. Skateboards, longboards, mountain boards, skates, scooters, hoverboards, and anything electric/gas powered etc. are not permitted, with the exception of Camp Staff.

**12. Golf Carts:** Family Camping Center users with medical conditions requiring a state handicap pass or necessitating transport may use personal golf carts with permission from Family Camp staff. The person with the medical condition must be on the golf cart as either the driver or a passenger. All driver requirements (at least 21 years old with a valid driver's license) must be met and all pertinent on-site traffic rules must be followed. Mini-bikes and ATVs are not allowed. For the safety of all campers, golf carts are restricted to use on FCC roadways and open spaces. Please refrain from driving golf carts around or near the lake.

**13. Aquatics:** Use of Camp Swatara watercraft and our swimming pool is only permitted when supervised by certified camp staff. Family Camp guests may bring and use private, non-motorized watercraft after completing a Private Boat Use Form in the Family Camp Store. All posted rules and regulations must be followed. Life jackets/PFDs must be worn by all persons using watercraft at all times. Persons under 16 must have an adult with them in the boat. Boaters to remain seated at all times while in the watercraft. Watercraft are loaded, launched, and unloaded while in the water rather than from shore. The island and waters between the bank and island, at the store end of the lake, are off-limits due to wildlife and visibility. Adult supervision is required for creek and splash pad play.

**14. Pool Access for Persons with Mobility Issues:** Family Camping Center users may not drive into the resident camping and retreat area. The exception is persons with mobility issues who may request permission from Family Camp staff to drive through the West Area and park near the pool as directed by waterfront staff. A pool pass must be obtained in the Family Camp Store and displayed in the vehicle windshield.

**15. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVS)/ Drone Policy:** To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all our campers, guests and visitors, Camp Swatara strictly prohibits the operation of or use of any unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVS), commonly known as DRONES, on, from, or above the Camp Swatara premises. We do permit the use of the Camp Store, Mini Flyer "toy" drones.

**16. Weapons Policy:** For the safety of everyone, guests are prohibited from bringing weapons onto Camp Swatara Property. Examples of weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms and ammunition (including but not limited to bow and arrow or any other object generally considered to be a weapon and whose purpose is to cause harm to another person), fireworks, firecrackers, sparklers and noise makers. "Weapons" do not include camping tools, such as pocket knives, hatchets, kitchen and cooking utensils, when used for their intended camping related purposes. Please use pocket knives and other camping tools safely.

**17. Fishing Regulations:** A current license, on their person, is required of persons aged 16 and over to fish or angle for any species of fish. All fish are catch and release at Camp Swatara.

**CAMP SWATARA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EVICT ANYONE FOUND TO BE IN  
NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FCC REGULATIONS AND/OR TO NOTIFY LOCAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.**