Rock Lake United Church Camp
Rules & Regulations for Church Camp Users

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2027 Rental Season

Alcohol and Drugs: Alcohol & Drug use is discouraged by the Rock Lake United Church Camp Board. We ask that the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or cannabis be in moderation and insist that it be limited to a designated outside area away from children. The use of hard drugs within our property limits is forbidden.

* A liquor license is not necessary if the liquor is not sold. If liquor is being sold at the event or a bartender is hired a special event permit is required. BC Liquor Law.

ATVs: ATVs or motorbikes are not permitted and must be on trailers while on all 480 acres of Rock Lake Camp property.

Authority: One person in your group must be designated as "in authority". This person will be required to complete the check-in with the Caretaker(s) before any person in your party is allowed into any building or on the property. This person must be the person the Caretaker talks with on his/her daily visits. This person will also do a check-out walk through with the Caretaker to determine any repairs or damage. **"Person in authority" is responsible for all actions of their group and their group visitors. It is also their responsibility to relay all rules and regulations to their attendees.**

Accommodations: Rock Lake offers 100 beds and the outdoor camping experience**. NO CAMPER TRAILERS ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY. If you require more accommodations than the cabins, tents can be set up in designated areas.**

Beach & Docks: The beach area (defined as the sand and grassy knolls on either side) belongs to everyone renting the church camp. The area straight out and to the left of the beach is for the church camp rental use. Do not use the docks and beach to the left.
No glass cups or glass bottles on the beach area.

New docks were installed in the spring of 2026 and are very easy to maintain. Please use a bucket and water to clean off any duck droppings.

DO NOT move or remove anything from the docks.

DO NOT climb on the sides of the docks. Please use the ladder(s) provided.

Please let the caretaker(s) know of any problems with the docks.

Biodegradable Products: Biodegradable products are to be used throughout the property. This includes biodegradable sunscreen, shampoos, soaps, detergents, etc.,

Bookings: December 31st of the year preceding the season being booked is the deadline for requests. After that date bookings will be allocated based on the following priority listing:
1. United Church Camps with the Society`s camps getting priority
2. United Church affiliated groups (e.g., Scout groups, CGIT)
3. Other Christian churches
4. Community groups (e.g., Cubs, Brownies)
5. Schools
6. Recreation Associations
7. Reunions, Weddings, Business Meetings, etc.,
8. Commercial Endeavours

All bookings are made through the website form located at: (www.rocklakecamp.ca).

Camp Caretaker(s): The Camp Caretaker(s) is a resident at the camp entrance gate and is available to give information, interpret policy and deal with requests. The Caretaker(s) will open the camp, do an inspection with you upon your arrival and will explain the rules and use of equipment to those "in authority". All necessary keys & codes will be provided by the Camp Caretaker(s). The Caretaker(s) can be asked to assist in solving emergencies. The Camp Caretaker(s) will inspect the camp with you again before you leave. The caretaker will visit you daily & non-emergency requests should be kept until these times. Caretaker(s) contact information is posted.

Camp Rates: Camp rates are per night (3:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. the following day) regardless of the number in your group (to a maximum of 100 persons) as set out in the Application Form.
A non-refundable deposit of one-half the total rent + one-half the damage deposit must be made at the time of registration to ensure the booking. The remaining balance is due two weeks prior to your event. Our cancellation policy is as follows: All cancellations forfeit the one-half of the total rental received as a deposit. The Rock Lake United Church Camp Society would waive this requirement if the Registrar were able to re-rent the camp for the time previously reserved for your group.

Capacity: Provincial health and fire regulations set the sleeping capacity of the camp at a maximum of 100 people. Everyone at the camp, whether sleeping in cabins or tents, including visitors, must be counted! The capacity for the kitchen is 89 as per BC Building Code with overflow under the covered gazebo.

Care of Buildings: All buildings and equipment are to be left **CLEANED** and ready for the next group. A pre- and post-inspection will be completed with each group. Garbage must be collected and placed in the dumpsters provided. Floors must be washed and rinsed in washrooms, kitchen, and dining hall. Sinks, showers and toilets in washrooms and kitchen must also be cleaned and disinfected. Everything in the kitchen (ovens, stove, grill, freezers, refrigerators, microwave, etc.) must be left cleaned and wiped out. Cabins must be left clean. There will be a **damage deposit of $600** from all groups. This will be returned after your post-inspection or two weeks after your rental with confirmation from the Caretaker.

Care of Property: All care is to be taken to prevent damage to property, buildings, and equipment. The group renting will be held responsible for any damaged equipment or property through negligence or carelessness. If equipment fails to operate, please notify the Camp Caretaker as soon as possible.

Damage Deposit: A Damage Deposit of $600 will be charged for your event and returned to you upon a reported walk through with the caretaker. Damage Deposit will be applied to each renter unless otherwise stated. Damages, extra cleaning and vandalism will affect the amount returned to renters.

Drinking Water: The Camp is no longer on a Boil Water Advisory issued by Interior Health. Water is UV chlorine injected and is safe to drink and use. The camp will supply bottled water if there is a problem with the system and will notify you before your arrival. Caretaker(s) will be on site daily to do water testing and check the system. You are welcome to bring your own bottled water.

Fire Safety: Campfires are restricted to the fire pit provided near the woodshed. We ask that they be kept to a reasonable size within this fire pit (18" x 18/" x 18"). A bucket of water must be always kept beside the fire pit. Bucked firewood is provided. Do not burn garbage in your campfire.

FIREWORKS are not permitted. A Fire Hose & pump are in the pumphouse building.

Forestry restrictions pertaining to fire hazards and fire bans must be strictly observed. The Caretaker will post specific instructions with regards to fire restrictions and fire bans imposed by the Ministry of forests. **Failure to follow these rules will result in immediate eviction.**

SMOKING is NOT permitted in the woods or in any buildings on the property.
Smoke only in designated area (picnic table located behind the kitchen/hall building by the lake) and deposit butts only in safe receptacles (fire pit or metal cans). **Remember camp policy discourages smoking in front of children.**
Candles are not allowed in camper cabins or inside buildings.

Fire extinguishers & smoke alarms are provided in the cabins, kitchen, dining hall, laundry room, and hospital. Please know how to use them. Let the caretaker know if you need to use one or if one is accidentally discharged or damaged.

Garbage: All garbage must be kept in the provided garbage cans and emptied into the large gray dumpster located at the entrance to camp. Pick up is weekly on Thursday or Fridays.

Internet-NEW- Camp now offers internet and the code will be given to the "person in authority" at the start of rental. Do not tamper, move or touch the internet equipment mounted on the building or in the front door of the kitchen hall. **Failure to follow these rules will result in immediate eviction.**

Insurance: Each group is responsible for its own Accident insurance coverage. We require that you issue a release form for all your participants absolving your group, your leaders, the Rock Lake United Church Camp Society, the United Church of Canada, Pacific Mountain Regional Council & the British Columbia Camping Association from responsibility for any accidents, injuries, illnesses, etc. while at camp.
*Renters should ensure that the United Church of Canada, and the Rock Lake United Church Camp Society are listed as co-insurers under this coverage.

Kitchen: The camp kitchen must be operated in accordance with Provincial regulations which stipulate that someone holding a current Food Safe Certificate must be in the kitchen whenever food is being prepared. The Health Inspector may show up unannounced, and he/she has the right, indeed the duty, to shut down the camp kitchen if this regulation is not followed.

Outdoor BBQ & GRILL**:** Renters are welcome to use the BBQ & Grill but are responsible to keep it CLEAN and will be responsible for any damages incurred to the BBQ or Grill. Proper cleaning instructions, cleaner and stone are provided by the Society. Each renter will be provided with drip pans for both BBQ & Grill and must dispose of them appropriately after their rental is complete.

As of October 2, 2025, Interior Health rescinded the BOIL Water Advisory.
*Bottled water will only be provided if the system is not working properly. You are welcome to bring water or drink the filtered water supplied.

Medical & Accident Insurance: Everyone at camp is responsible for their own medical bills and hospital charges. Groups coming to camp should ask each camper to supply their medical coverage and personal health care number. Each group is responsible for its own Accident insurance coverage. We require that you issue a release form for all your participants absolving your group, your leaders, the Rock Lake United Church Camp Society, the United Church of Canada, Pacific Mountain Regional Council & the British Columbia Camping Association from responsibility for any accidents, injuries, illnesses, etc. while at camp.

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Parking: All vehicles are to be parked in the marked parking lot. Do not have guests park by the front gates. All guests must park by the camp. Vehicles are only permitted in camp while making deliveries or pick-ups. FIRE LANE CANNOT BE BLOCKED

Pets: **NO PETS**-Pets (except certified assistance dogs) are NOT permitted on camp premises at any time.

Privacy: The Church Camp and the Campground are separate entities and must not encroach on each other's space. Do not walk through the Campground or swim to their dock. Instead, use one of the trails that allow you to circumvent the Campground. **Failure to follow these rules will result in immediate eviction.**

Quiet Time: Quite time is in effect from 11:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. **Weddings or Reunions using music must shutdown by 1:00 am.** Caretaker(s) will let the campground know that your event is happening.

Respect: Please respect the arrangement of our camp. DO NOT remove or move furniture, bunks or do any repairs, modifications or changes to any of the buildings or property without prior permission. **Failure to follow these rules will result in immediate eviction.**

Special Rules: From time to time (such as for the COVID 19 outbreak in 2020) the Rock Lake Board may implement a set of special rules to cover the situation. These rules will be clearly posted on our website and will always supersede any rules already in place at that time.

Speed Limit: The maximum speed limit on Rock Lake Camp property is **10 km/hr. SLOW DOWN!**

Supplies: Renters should be aware that Rock Lake Camp is 'bare bones' and is only equipped with the basics. Renters must bring their own bedding (sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows); food and beverages; props for games; cleaning & dishwashing supplies, bleach (mops and brooms are suppled); and all paper supplies (garbage bags, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.) *List of kitchen inventory is supplied with rental information.
Each rental group is responsible to supply their own first aid kit and supplies. We offer crutches, back board and stretcher (found in kitchen hall).

Telephone: There is no phone service to the camp. All groups should ensure that they have good cell phone coverage at the start of camp. This should be checked regularly during camp. Sometimes cell service is spotty.

Trailers, Fifth Wheels, Tent Trailers & Motorhomes: NO CAMPING TRAILERS ALLOWED ON THE ROCK LAKE CHURCH CAMP PROPERTY.
If you require more accommodations than the provided cabins, tents can be set up in designated areas.

Water Activities: A qualified Lifeguard and Nurse should accompany each group. Please have a first aid kit near the swimming area during swimming periods. Non-swimmers should not be on the wharf without a CSA approved personal flotation device (PFD). Children should not be playing in any waterfront area without the presence of adult leaders. Only human-powered watercraft are allowed on our lake. Life jackets or PFDs should be worn by everyone in all watercrafts or on a floatation device. This is highly recommended by Transport Canada. Washing of anything with detergents is not allowed in the lake. You are responsible to make all water activities safe for your guests.

Weapons: Weapons (including but not limited to, handguns, rifles, shotguns, bows and arrows, slingshots, etc. whether for hunting, sport, or target practice) are strictly forbidden on Rock Lake Church Camp property. *At times camps will bring in archery as an activity and this must be pre-approved by the Registrar and Caretaker(s).

Wildlife: It is a privilege and unique feature of Rock Lake Camp that campers can observe many aquatic and land animals. All wildlife and its habitat (frogs and turtles are on the BC Blue List found at www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/pturtle,pdf) are to be left totally undisturbed. Fishing in the lake is permitted for supervised children under the age of 16 and for seniors 65 and over. All ages are welcome to fish the creeks. All fishing is on a 'catch and release' basis using barbless hooks. All anglers must have the required British Columbia fishing licence and have read the BC regulations.

DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE ESPECIALLY THE TURTLES!
Failure to follow these rules will result in immediate eviction.

Enjoy the 2027 Season!

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