

Castle Park RULES and REGULATIONS

Castle Park is a family resort with a unique spirit of goodwill and friendship among all of its residents. Its rules and regulations are developed out of our mutual consideration for the rights and feelings of others, children and adults alike.

Alcohol – The Association does not permit the serving of alcohol to minors.

Association Facilities – The Meeting House, Amphitheater, Castle, Barnswallow, Eb's Barn, swimming pool, tennis courts and campus areas are available for use by all members of the Association and their in-house guests. Any member wishing to use these facilities for private functions must follow the Facilities Rental rules.

Automobiles – the use of automobiles for transportation within the park should be minimized. Speed in excess of 15 miles per hour will not be tolerated.

Beach – Help to keep it clean. Trash barrels are provided for refuse and bottles. Please instruct children to use them. Families are responsible for their children at all times while swimming. Lake Michigan does develop an “undertow” during rough weather. Castle Park does NOT provide beach lifeguards.

Beach Fires –On Association properties, beach fires are allowed only on the main Castle Beach at the end of Bryant and only if they meet the requirements of the Laketown Township ordinance which include a permit for each event and an approved container for the fire, to be provided by the event host. NO fires are allowed at North Beach or South Hill Beach. If beach fires are allowed by owners on their private property, they must conform to the township fire ordinance. (For more details please see open rules below). Fires in the approved containers must be completely extinguished with water before leaving the area.

Beach Parties – The Castle Park beaches and beach access are private property. Responsible beach behavior is a must. Be sure to clean up after using the beach and respect the rights of the property owners directly inland from your activity. Please observe the No Parking signs at the chained access road to South Beach and platform tennis. This is an emergency access road not only for Castle Park but also for the Coast Guard rescue crews. At no time is parking allowed in front of the chain across the road - no vehicles are allowed in the area after 8 PM.

Campers, Motor Homes and Boats – Campers and motor homes should not be **used** anywhere in Castle Park. **NO parking** is available on Castle Park property for campers, motor homes, or boats. These items can only be parked on the property of the cottage in which the owner of the vehicle is staying.

Construction – In consideration of your neighbors, major construction remodeling projects and tree trimming should not be carried out from mid June through Labor Day. This includes all projects, interior and exterior, requiring more than a few minutes of hammering, power sawing, chain sawing, gas powered pressure washers, etc.

Cottage Rentals – A minimum rental period of two weeks is recommended.

Dogs – Dogs should be on a leash at all times from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. No dogs are allowed to run loose in Castle Park. Dogs are not permitted on Castle or North Beach. Owners are responsible for cleanup after their pets.

Erosion – The Department of Natural Resources has designated our shoreline as a high risk erosion area. Children must be instructed not to damage beach grass or the vegetation growing on the dunes and not to play on the sloped part of the dune between the beach and the bluff line.

Firearms – No firearms are allowed to be discharged in Castle Park at any time.

Fires – Fire is a constant threat. Do not burn trash or leaves on grounds or in your fireplace. A garden hose should be attached to an outside faucet at all times. Each cottage must have a fire extinguisher and have it inspected at the start of each new season. In case of fire close doors and windows.

Fireworks – Use of fireworks in the park and on the beaches, including Castle Beach, South Beach and North Beach is limited to July 1st to July 10th. Please don't use fireworks after 11:30 PM. Fireworks are a significant fire hazard, especially in areas of beach grass and on windy nights. Ariel fireworks should be ignited at water's edge and aimed out over the lake.

Noise and Outdoor Lighting – Remember that sound carries in our natural amphitheater setting and cottages are close together. Please be considerate of your neighbors with respect to noise and the use of outdoor lights.

Off-Road Vehicles – Off-road vehicles including motorcycles, dune buggies and snowmobiles are not permitted in the campus area, in the woods or on the beach at any time.

Parking – Short term parking is available behind the Castle, at the Barnswallow and in the Pool field to be used while the facility is being visited. Overnight parking is available ONLY at the Meeting House parking areas. Permission for other overflow parking must be requested and charges may be levied at the Board's discretion.

Signs- Out of respect for all members who wish to enjoy the beauty of the entire Castle Park area, no commercial signs are allowed. This includes contractor's signs and realty signs. Please make this clear with your agents before a project or sale is begun.

Smoking – All Castle Park buildings are non-smoking facilities.

Tennis – All players are expected to play doubles and limit themselves to one set while other people are waiting. Only tennis clothes and flat soled shoes are acceptable on the courts. Shirts are to be worn at all times. Jogging shoes are not permitted. You are encouraged to introduce yourself to other people at the courts. Tennis courts are not to be used when wet. If you have doubts as to the condition of the courts, check with the Tennis pro.

Trash - Trash will be picked up at each cottage from the Tuesday after Memorial Day to the Tuesday after Labor Day. Trash pickup is provided by Chef Container phone number 616-494-0561.

Violations – The Rules and Regulations shall be made available to all members through the Castle Park website and as a written element of each annual directory distributed to the membership. Updates or changes shall be reported in a timely fashion via the website and e-mail, or in the case that no e-mail address is available, by letter. It is the duty of each member to know the rules and regulations and to relay them to any renters or guests of their cottages. Violations of the rules and regulations may be presumed to be flagrant under Article 2, Section 4 of the Bylaws as determined by the Board of Trustees. Lack of knowledge or awareness of Castle Park rules and regulations will not be an acceptable excuse or explanation for violations.

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP OPEN FIRE RULES

As of May 7, 2008, no open fires are allowed West of 66th Street and this includes all of Castle Park.

You may review this ordinance by going to the township website at:

<http://www.laketowntwp.org/ordinances.htm> <<http://www.laketowntwp.org/ordinances.htm>> ,

download Restated Ordinance #150. Any fires on the private sections of the beach with the property owner's permission still will need to be in approved containers and with a **permit**.

Permits may be obtained by contacting:

Laketown Township office 335-3050, or Graafschap Fire Station 396-4060 during business hours (Mon-Thurs 8am-6pm, Fri 8am-5pm). This is the best contact for any weekend fires.

If you do not decide until Saturday that you want a fire, you will need to contact one of the Fire Department officers. They will not be available after 5pm on Saturday.

Doug DenBleyker 616 218-3227

Dan Martinez 616 886-7928

Tom Dykstra 616 403-6820

Todd Achterhof 616 836-1006

Approved containers are available at local home supply stores and Graafschap Hardware.

CASTLE PARK ASSOCIATION GOLF CART RULES

- The driver must have a valid driver's license.
 - Golf carts must have driving lights on front and back if driven after sunset.
 - Golf carts should be driven at a reasonable speed – under 15 MPH.
 - Golf carts should be used primarily by people who have physical limitations that make it difficult for them to get around Castle Park.
 - Golf carts cannot be used by kids as “go-carts.” There should be no more than 5 people on a golf cart at one time.
 - Each member who owns, leases, or uses a golf cart in Castle Park agrees to: (1) register his/her golf cart with the Castle Park Association and to keep that registration current; (2) to operate his/her golf cart only within the confines of federal, state, and local law, and the Rules of the Castle Park Association; (3) maintain adequate insurance to protect the Castle Park Association against any claims that may arise from the operation of the golf cart within Castle Park; and (4) indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Castle Park Association (including its trustees, officers, employees and agents) from any losses, damages, liabilities, and claims of any kind that arise from the use of the member's golf cart (regardless of whether the member knew of or consented to that use). This provision is intended to be given the broadest possible interpretation for the protection of the Castle Park Association.
- [BYLAWS ARTICLE II, SECTION 9: GOLF CART USE, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION]

In addition: (1) All golf carts must be registered with the Association, and (2) No golf cart will be registered that is gasoline fueled; existing gas golf carts as of August 2012 are grandfathered, but required to be outfitted with a speed governor.

CASTLE PARK ASSOCIATION SWIMMING POOL RULES

- Open daily between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM.
- Adults only 9-10 AM & 6-7 PM
- Lifeguard on duty between Friday-Sunday afternoons from first week of July till Mid August, additional weekdays during peak summer weeks.
- Children 10 years of age or older may be at the pool without an adult when the lifeguard is ON duty.
- Children must be 12 years of age or older to be at the pool without an adult when the lifeguard is OFF duty.
- All food and beverages must be consumed in the designated "eating area"
- NO glass containers within pool enclosure
- Swim diaper MUST be worn by "untrained" children.
- No running or rough play.
- No large floating objects. Lounge furniture is reserved for adults.

CASTLE PARK PLAYCLASS RULES

Castle Park Playclass

Playclass is a day camp offering organized games, crafts, drama, and outdoor activities with an emphasis on making new friends in a fun-filled atmosphere.

Children of Association members who are ages 4 - 12, guests of Association members, and cottage renters are eligible to participate. Child must have reached his/her fourth birthday to participate, with **no exceptions** .

Playclass meets daily Monday - Saturday from 9:30 - 12 noon at the Castle Park Meeting House and is in session for six weeks, beginning the first Monday before July 4th..

Tuition must be paid either daily or weekly. Checks are the preferred payment method (payable to Castle Park Assoc.) but cash is also accepted.