

CAMP FREEDOM POLICIES FOR USE

A Ministry of the North Carolina International Pentecostal Holiness Church



About Camp Freedom...

Camping facilities and equipment of Camp Freedom are maintained for the express purpose of giving the Royal Rangers of the NC Conference an experience in camping, enjoying the outdoors, and the wonder of God's creation. Therefore, the welfare of the Royal Rangers shall be the primary concern of all matter that relate to the use of these facilities. The code of conduct at this facility shall be the Ranger Pledge: "With God's help, I will do my best to serve God, my church, and my fellowman: to live by the Ranger code; to make the Golden Rule by daily rule", and the eight points of the Ranger Code; Alert, Clean, Honest, Courageous, Loyal, Courteous, Obedient and Spiritual.



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Booking/Reservations

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- Contact Us Tab
- Facility Use Request

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Requirements

- Facility Usage Request must be made through the NCIPHC Office
- Proof of Liability Insurance must be provided to the NCIPHC Office
- Certified & Approved Ranger Officer must be present for Rifle Range use

Fees

Overnight Cost

- \$5.00 per night, per camper/leader for IPHC Groups
- \$7.00 per night, per camper/leader for Non-IPHC Groups

Daytime Cost

- \$50 per day

**Additional fees & reservation required for use of NCIPHC Challenge Course*

As a renter of Camp Freedom, you are agreeing to abide by the following policies ...

1. No group will be allowed to use the facilities without permission from the Discipleship Ministries office. They are open from 8am-5pm Monday through Thursday and 8am-12pm on Friday. Their phone number is (910) 980-1162. To avoid conflicts of use, reservations must be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to arrival. This includes both daytime use (i.e. day camps, cook outs, etc.) and nighttime use (i.e. camp outs). Non-Royal Ranger groups may use the facilities, provided they have made a reservation with the Discipleship Ministries office at least fourteen (14) days prior to arrival.
2. Co-ed groups must have co-ed adult leadership present at all times during their stay at camp. Adult leaders are those who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Group leaders have full responsibility for their members in all phases of their activities, at all times.
3. Camp will be closed to everyone on the following special days or weekends: New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Special permission for weekend camping during Conference Royal Ranger functions must be approved thirty (30) days in advance.
4. Fishing is permitted. Adult leaders must be present. Fishing is not permitted from docks or bridge to include the banks adjacent to the swim dock waterfront area. No fishing from watercraft.
5. When boating and canoeing are permitted, the leader accepts full responsibility and life jackets must be worn at all times. Leaders must be certified in a safety class.
6. A responsible adult over the age of twenty-one (21) years of age must supervise all swimming. This adult must understand and knowingly accept responsibility for the well-being and safety of the individuals in his/her care. They must be experienced in the water and confident of his/her ability to respond in the event of an emergency and who is trained in and committed to compliance with the **"Eight Defenses Plan for Swimming Safety."** It is strongly recommended that all groups have at least one adult or older youth member currently certified as a Lifeguard to assist in the planning and conducting of all swimming activities. A minimum designation of two persons who are capable swimmers as acting lifeguards is required for any water activity. In addition, one guard per ten (10) participants is required.
7. Damage to camp property is the responsibility of the renter. The person or persons responsible for the damage will be expected to pay for any/all replacement or repairs. Failure to comply may result in suspension of camping privileges.
8. In the case of non-Royal Ranger groups, neither Discipleship Ministries staff nor Royal Ranger staff will interfere with the activities of the renting group, except in the case of violations of Camp Policies. In the case that a DM staff member or Royal Ranger staff member witnesses such a violation, he or she will report the violation to the leader of the renting group who will, in return, see that the policies are strictly observed. However, if circumstances warrant, the Discipleship Ministries Director or Royal Ranger Conference Commander may expel the entire group from Camp Freedom.
9. All vehicles will use the authorized roadways and parking areas. Vehicles are allowed in the campsite only for the purpose of loading and unloading of equipment.
10. The operation of Camp Freedom vehicles and equipment is limited to designated individuals appointed by the Discipleship Ministries office.
11. Hunting and trapping are prohibited at all times.
12. Private-owned firearms including BB, pellet guns, and archery equipment are not permitted. FCF sanctioned events will be the only exception where black powder firearms may be used. A certified and approved range officer must be present for all use of the rifle range.
13. The rifle range is a special use area and leadership must be approved in advance with the Discipleship Ministries office prior to use. Only an adult, at least twenty-one (21) years of age with an NRA instruction certificate may be approved.
14. Cutting of trees or changing of the terrain will not be permitted by any group unless prior approval is secured from the Discipleship Ministries office.
15. There shall be no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs of any nature permitted on the premises. Anyone under the influence of the above will be denied entry or be dismissed from the camp.
16. While Camp Freedom presents the opportunity for an outdoor experience, special conditions can warrant the use of buildings. Any use of buildings must be coordinated with the Discipleship Ministries office prior to being used. Emergencies are the only exception.
17. All accidents, injuries, fire and any unusual circumstances must be reported immediately to the Discipleship Ministries office at (910) 980-1162.
18. Pets and domestic animals are not encouraged at Camp Freedom. If they are present, they must be on a leash. No animals are allowed in buildings except service dogs. The Discipleship Ministries office has authority to prohibit certain types of animals at their discretion for safety.
19. Two adults must be present at all times when at camp. One adult may be eighteen (18) years old, but one must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
20. Riding in the back of a truck or open trailer by anyone under the age of eighteen (18) is prohibited.

Eight Defenses Plan for Swimming Safety

- **Qualified Supervision** All swimming activity must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of those in his or her care, and who is trained in and committed to compliance with the eight points of BSA Safe Swim Defense. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained in BSA Aquatics Supervision: Swimming and Water Rescue or BSA Lifeguard to assist in planning and conducting all swimming activities.
- **Personal Health Review** A complete health history is required of all participants as evidence of fitness for swimming activities. Forms for minors must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Participants should be asked to relate any recent incidents of illness or injury just prior to the activity. Supervision and protection should be adjusted to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. For significant health conditions, the adult supervisor should require an examination by a physician and consult with the parent, guardian, or caregiver for appropriate precautions.
- **Safe Area** All swimming areas must be carefully inspected and prepared for safety prior to each activity. Water depth, quality, temperature, movement, and clarity are important considerations. Hazards must be eliminated or isolated by conspicuous markings and discussed with participants. **Controlled Access:** There must be safe areas for all participating ability groups to enter and leave the water. Swimming areas of appropriate depth must be defined for each ability group. The entire area must be within easy reach of designated rescue personnel. The area must be clear of boat traffic, surfing, or other nonswimming activities. **Bottom Conditions and Depth:** The bottom must be clear of trees and debris. Abrupt changes in depth are not allowed in the nonswimmer area. Isolated underwater hazards should be marked with floats. Rescue personnel must be able to easily reach the bottom. Maximum recommended water depth in clear water is 12 feet. Maximum water depth in turbid water is 8 feet. **Visibility:** Underwater swimming and diving are prohibited in turbid water. Turbid water exists when a swimmer treading water cannot see his feet. Swimming at night is allowed only in areas with water clarity and lighting sufficient for good visibility both above and below the surface. **Diving and Elevated Entry:** Diving is permitted only into clear, unobstructed water from heights no greater than 40 inches. Water depth must be at least 7 feet. Bottom depth contours below diving boards and elevated surfaces require greater water depths and must conform to state regulations. Persons should not jump into water from heights greater than they are tall, and should jump only into water chest deep or greater with minimal risk from contact with the bottom. No elevated entry is permitted where the person must clear any obstacle, including land. **Water Temperature:** Comfortable water temperature for swimming is near 80 degrees. Activity in water at 70 degrees or less should be of limited duration and closely monitored for negative effects of chilling. **Water Quality:** Bodies of stagnant, foul water, areas with significant algae or foam, or areas polluted by livestock or waterfowl should be avoided. Comply with any signs posted by local health authorities. Swimming is not allowed in swimming pools with green, murky, or cloudy water. **Moving Water:** Participants should be able to easily regain and maintain their footing in currents or waves. Areas with large waves, swiftly flowing currents, or moderate currents that flow toward the open sea or into areas of danger should be avoided. **Weather:** Participants should be moved from the water to a position of safety whenever lightning or thunder threatens. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning flash or thunder before leaving shelter. Take precautions to prevent sunburn, dehydration, and hypothermia. **Life Jacket Use:** Swimming in clear water over 12 feet deep, in turbid water over 8 feet deep, or in flowing water may be allowed if all participants wear properly fitted, Coast Guard-approved life jackets and the supervisor determines that swimming with life jackets is safe under the circumstances.
- **Response Personnel (Lifeguards)** Every swimming activity must be closely and continuously monitored by a trained rescue team on the alert for and ready to respond during emergencies. Professionally trained lifeguards satisfy this need when provided by a regulated facility or tour operator. When lifeguards are not provided by others, the adult supervisor must assign at least two rescue personnel, with additional numbers to maintain a ratio of one rescuer to every 10 participants. The supervisor must provide instruction and rescue equipment and assign areas of responsibility as outlined in Aquatics Supervision, No. 34346. The qualified supervisor, the designated response personnel, and the lookout work together as a safety team. An emergency action plan should be formulated and shared with participants as appropriate.
- **Lookout** The lookout continuously monitors the conduct of the swim, identifies any departures from Safe Swim Defense guidelines, alerts rescue personnel as needed, and monitors the weather and environment. The lookout should have a clear view of the entire area but be close enough for easy verbal communication. The lookout must have a sound understanding of Safe Swim Defense but is not required to perform rescues. The adult supervisor may serve simultaneously as the lookout but must assign the task to someone else if engaged in activities that preclude focused observation.

Eight Defenses Plan for Swimming Safety Continued...

- **Ability Groups** All youth and adult participants are designated as swimmers, beginners, or nonswimmers based on swimming ability confirmed by standardized BSA swim classification tests. Each group is assigned a specific swimming area with depths consistent with those abilities. The classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of the season. Swimmers pass this test: Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating. Beginners pass this test: Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, and swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn sharply, resume swimming and return to the starting place. Anyone who has not completed either the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a nonswimmer. The nonswimmer area should be no more than waist to chest deep and should be enclosed by physical boundaries such as the shore, a pier, or lines. The enclosed beginner area should contain water of standing depth and may extend to depths just over the head. The swimmer area may be up to 12 feet in depth in clear water and should be defined by floats or other markers.
- **Buddy System** Every participant is paired with another. Buddies stay together, monitor each other, and alert the safety team if either needs assistance or is missing. Buddies check into and out of the area together. Buddies are normally in the same ability group and remain in their assigned area. If they are not of the same ability group, then they swim in the area assigned to the buddy with the lesser ability. A buddy check reminds participants of their obligation to monitor their buddies and indicates how closely the buddies are keeping track of each other. Roughly every 10 minutes, or as needed to keep the buddies together, the lookout, or other person designated by the supervisor, gives an audible signal, such as a single whistle blast, and a call for "Buddies." Buddies are expected to raise each other's hand before completion of a slow, audible count to 10. Buddies that take longer to find each other should be reminded of their responsibility for the other's safety. Once everyone has a buddy, a count is made by area and compared with the total number known to be in the water. After the count is confirmed, a signal is given to resume swimming.
- **Discipline** Rules are effective only when followed. All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for safe swimming provided by Safe Swim Defense guidelines. Applicable rules should be discussed prior to the outing and reviewed for all participants at the water's edge just before the swimming activity begins. People are more likely to follow directions when they know the reasons for rules and procedures. Consistent, impartially applied rules supported by skill and good judgment provide stepping-stones to a safe, enjoyable outing.

Adapted from:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Aquatics/safe-swim.aspx>

NCIPHC Covid-19 Statement

Beginning September 1, 2021 anyone who attends any event on the NCIPHC Campus will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/ Covid-19.

Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

The North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. ("Conference") cannot prevent you and/or those accompanying you at your event from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing the Conference's services or premises. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to utilize the Conference's services and/or enter onto the Conference's premises you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19.

I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself and/or those attending and accompanying me in order to utilize the Conference's services and enter the Conference's premises. These services are of such value to me and/or those attending and accompanying me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to utilize the Conference's services and premises in person.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against the Conference and its owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to utilizing the Conference's services and premises. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

CHOICE OF LAW: I understand and agree that the law of the State of North Carolina will apply to this contract.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR MY ENTIRE GROUP:

Signature

Date

Name (printed)

Please sign all necessary forms and return with Proof of Liability Insurance to the NCDM Office