

LWOC Campground Policies

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a LWOC (Lincoln West Optimist Club) member in good standing, attending meetings, participating in LWOC activities, and paying dues in a timely manner.
- Minimum of 1 year membership prior to submitting an application for a campsite. Request application from the current LWOC Secretary. Name will be added to the waiting list (when in effect).
- Maintain active membership on at least one LWOC (or OI) committee.

Process for Campsite Assignments:

- Only one campsite will be assigned per household (husband/wife or domestic partners). If both parties are LWOC members, then the campsite will be assigned jointly.
- When a campsite becomes available the LWOC Secretary will inform any current campers on the relocation list (in the order of names on the list), which campsite is open and give them the option of moving sites.
- Once any campers are relocated the Lodge Committee will then review the application of the LWOC member that is at the top of the list. The Lodge Committee will pass their recommendation to the LWOC Board for final approval.
- Any member on the campsite waiting list may pass on the opportunity of a campsite and pay \$50 to remain in your position on the campsite waiting list or decline the open campsite and move to the bottom of the list. A camper on the relocation list may pass on the opportunity of relocation and remain at your position on the relocation list.
- Any new tenant moving a camper to the campground must have paid the required fees, met with the Lodge Committee Chair and signed the Campground Policies prior to setting up a camper.
- If the member on the waiting list says "yes" to occupying a yearly camp site, the member pays \$250.00 fee (non-refundable) and \$1,000.00 for yearly or \$500.00 if splitting. Member has 3 months from time of board approval or the first week of March (if approved during late fall or winter) to have camper on site OR the back on the waiting list (at the bottom), they lose \$250.00 deposit and gets prorated amount back, which is: $\$83.33 \text{ per month} \times 3 \text{ months} = \250.00 For example: If member pays full annual fee of \$1,000.00 - \$250.00 = refund of \$750.00 OR if splitting, member will pay \$500.00 - \$250.00 = refund of \$250.00

On Going Requirements:

- Camping unit is kept in good repair and has a current Nebraska license displayed.
- Insurance coverage of the camping unit shall be maintained.

- The Lodge Committee and/or the LWOC Board may require you to make improvements to your camper or campsite to remain compliant with LWOC or NE Game & Parks policies. Refusal to do so may lead to termination of your assigned campsite.
- Completing assigned campground duties (following Lodge Committee checklist).
- Participate in all Lodge Committee clean up dates. Each campsite is expected to have at least one participant. Any conflict to participation must be shared with the Lodge Committee chair in advance and a task will be assigned accordingly.
- Additional assistance may be requested for mowing or other special projects.

Annual Review:

- Campsites are not permanently assigned. The LWOC Board may terminate your use of an assigned campsite, giving you 30 days to vacate.
- An annual review is conducted by the LWOC Lodge Committee and the LWOC Board to determine that current campground members have maintained their eligibility (see above).
- The annual review will take place in July/August. During the review you will be asked to share about your participation in LWOC events. A successful annual review will allow the campsite holder to retain their site for the following year. The LWOC Board reserves the right to terminate your reserved campsite at any time due to violations of the LWOC Policies or Nebraska Game and Parks regulations.

Policies:

- The LWOC facility is leased from Nebraska Game & Parks and the US Corps of Engineers for the primary purpose of providing service to and hosting area youth groups. ***The campground shall be used as a 'campground' with camper occupation limited to 'camping'. Use as a residence is not allowed.*** Anyone utilizing the leased property is expected to obey current NE Game & Parks regulations including but not limited to purchases of park entrance permits, maintaining quiet hours and exhibiting behavior that is courteous, demonstrating our LWOC creed. ***Occupying any lands, buildings, vessels or other facilities within the premises for the purpose of maintain a full or part-time residence is prohibited.***
- Only one camper unit per campsite. Tents at your assigned campsite are allowed for your visiting guests.
- Guests are welcome. As the host you are expected to be at the campground when your guests are on the property.
- The Van Horn Lodge is frequently leased. Campground tenants are expected to act as hosts which may mean answering questions or assisting with lodge accommodations.
- Pets are welcome when they are kept in a crate, cage or on a leash (maximum of 6 feet). You are responsible for picking up after your pet and any incident that may occur from having your animal present. LWOC is not responsible for legal action arising from uncontrolled pets.

- Camping units may be left plugged into the electrical pedestal for the purpose of running a refrigerator or keeping battery charging devices. Use of air conditioning, fans and/or heaters is not permitted unless the member is present every 24 hours.
- Any physical changes to the campsite must be submitted in writing for approval to the Lodge Committee and the Board of Directors. Examples include, but not limited to patios, decks and sheds. In accordance with LWOC lease provisions with Nebraska Game & Parks permanent structures are not permitted.
- Each tenant is responsible for maintaining their campsite, including mowing.
- Complaints or concerns may be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. Any course of action will be determined by the Board of Directors, whose decision is final. This could include termination of camping rights and/or membership.
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- Golf Cart Policy:
 - a. Operation of any MTD(Golf Cart) on Lincoln West Optimist Club Site shall follow the Games and Parks MTD Conditions & requirements. Here is a link for your convenience: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/permits/other-permits/motorized-transportation-device-permit-request/>
 - b. After proper permit(s) have been obtained from the Games and parks they need to be presented to the Lodge Committee Chair for approval for your MTD to be brought onto LWOC grounds.
 - c. We are required to follow the Games and Parks MTD Requirements – please refer to the Games and Parks for steps to start their process to be approved by the Games and Parks. Here is a link for your convenience: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/permits/other-permits/motorized-transportation-device-permit-request/>
 - d. The operation of MTD is restricted to the LWOC roadways, parking lots, and turf-covered areas.
 - e. MTD's are required to be kept in the camping area (out of the flood plain) during the camping season from March through October and will be stored off site during non-camping months November through February. There are no more than 1 (one) MTD per campsite.
 - f. The LWOC, State of Nebraska, the Commission and/or its agents shall not be responsible for damages to property or injuries to persons which may arise from or be incident to use of park system areas for conduct of the permitted activity and the Permittee shall hold the LWOC, State of Nebraska, the Commission and/or its agents harmless from any and all such claims.
 - g. Operation may be suspended or revoked if the MTD is used in a careless, dangerous, or reckless manner. Any complaints will be made to the Lodge Committee Chair. The Lodge Committee Chair will decide if driving privileges will be suspended until the next Board of Directors meeting where the matter will be addressed further if necessary.

Fees:

- Members assigned to a campsite will pay a one-time assessment fee of \$250.
- The annual campsite fee will be determined by the LWOC Board and campers given notice of any changes in fees by August 1st.
- The Club Treasurer will send out notices of the annual campsite fee by September 1st. Campsite fees shall have an annual fee of \$1000.00 payable on October 1, or \$500.00 semi-annually on October 1 and April 1, or prorated monthly when the campsite assignment is approved.
- If the annual fee is not paid by October 1st an attempt to contact the member will be made to determine if the intention is to surrender the campsite. Lack of a response will be interpreted as terminating the campsite. Camping units will need to be removed by October 31st at the owner's expense.
- Vacating a campsite will result in a monthly prorated refund calculated from the end of the current month of leaving, plus the end of the following month. For example, if camper John Doe leaves his campsite on May 5th, the prorated monthly amount would start on July 1st of the same calendar year.

Your signature is an acknowledgement and an agreement to following the above policies and requirements.

Signature / Date

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