

Camp Bromelsick Rules

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Use of the Property

The primary use of the property is for Boy Scout, Venture Crews and Cub Scout organizations. The Camp Bromelsick Foundation Inc., which is not affiliated in any way with the Boy Scouts of America, owns the property. We are very much aligned with the goals of the BSA. We allow other youth groups to use the property if you are interested please submit a request to make a reservation. Insurance is a major factor when considering these requests from non scout organizations. We want to bring the out door experience to youth.

Property Reservations

The shelters, Campsites and other areas of the camp can be reserved through the web site at Campbromelsick.com. Pelathe District Boy Scout units, Venture Crews and Cub Scout units may make reservations a year in advance. We do not require Pelathe District units to fill out the reservation form found on the website. All other organizations can apply for reservations 6 months in advance and must complete the reservation form found at <http://campbromelsick.com/Reservations.html>

Boy Scout units in the Pelathe District are encouraged but not required to make reservations. We require all units to honor reservations shown on the Bromelsick Calendar <http://campbromelsick.com/Calender.html>

Campfires

We permit ground fires when Douglas County is not in a burn ban. To check on burn bans go to <http://www.douglascountyks.org/>. Fires in grassy areas should be contained in steel rings available in the woods at many campsites and south of the shelter. Firewood and steel rings should not be left in grassy areas when camp is broken. We need to mow these areas and they become a hidden obstacle when the grass grows up around them. Please return fire rings to where you found them and put firewood either in the firewood boxes or stacked next to a tree out of the path of the mower. We do not allow holes to be dug for campfires or other purposes.

Water

We have 6 frost free water spigots on the property. We lock them when the property is not in use but they are available year round. All Pelathe District Scout Troops have keys. Before groups that do not have a key arrive we will unlock the spigots close to the camping area reserved and by the pit toilets.

Trash

We do not have trash service on the property. You must take back everything you bring along with any trash you find from someone who failed to follow this policy. Remember what Robert Baden-Powell said "Leave this world a little better than you found it."

Bathrooms

We have pit toilets on the property that remain locked when the property is not in use. Units should bring their own toilet paper. All Pelathe District Scout Troops have keys. Please do not throw garbage and other things down the toilets. They are meant for human waste and toilet paper. You should pack out everything else with you.

Wertz Lake

We do not allow swimming unless you follow the Boy Scout Safe Swim practices.

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/OutdoorProgram/Aquatics/safe-swim.aspx>

We have not checked or cleared any area of Wertz Lake for swimming activities. This includes the area where sand can be found. We have not maintained this former swimming area. Obstacles may be present that present a clear risk to swimmers. Even if you are not a Boy Scout Unit you must follow the Boy Scout Safe Swim practices if you are going to allow swimming.

Boating

No power boats are allowed.

Because of the danger from Zebra Mussels, please do not put any canoes, fish buckets or other items that have been in other waters in Wertz Lake unless they have been out of the water and are completely dry for over a week. This includes life jackets and fishing buckets. The list of infected water ways in Kansas is growing fast and includes the Kansas River and Perry Lake.

Zebra Mussels are infecting the waterways at an alarming rate and can ruin a lake.

Coast Guard approved floatation devices must be worn at all times by anyone operating a water craft on Wertz Lake.

Keys to the property.

We provide keys to the gates, water and bathrooms to the Board of Directors, the Advisory Board to the Board of Directors and Pelathe District Boy Scout units. When groups without keys are using the property the general practice will be for the facilities to be unlocked before that group arrives and locked after the group leaves. In unusual circumstances the person taking reservation from the website may allow a group temporary use of keys to the property.

Nichols Flag Mall

No camping is allowed on the Nichols flag mall.

Shelter

The shelter should be left broom clean. The fireplace should have the ashes cleaned out. No one should climb on the roof.

Vehicles

Vehicles should be parked on the edge of the gravel road ways, gravel parking lots, or the Bailey Parking lot. Vehicles should not be left in the camping areas. When large numbers of vehicles are present on the property most vehicles should be parked in the Bailey Parking Lot. It is a short walk to most campsites from this area. Please be careful of causing ruts. When the grassy areas are wet ruts can easily form under the weight of a vehicle. Ruts can be created in a few minutes but it takes many hours of time to level them out. If it is wet please do not drive on it.

Shooting Sports.

Fire arms and compound bows are not permitted on the property. BB Guns and bows with the proper Scouting safety procedures may be used. These procedures must be followed regardless of whether a group is a scouting unit or not. These procedures can be found at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/30931_WB.pdf

Zip Lines

Zip Lines are not permitted on the property without express written permission from the board. The board will consider Zip lines if insurance is available to cover the risk. Currently Zip lines are not an approved Scouting activity.

Bad Weather

Bromelsick does not maintain a storm shelter. If bad weather is threatening groups using the property should go to a place of shelter until the threat is gone. Bad weather is a risk that comes with outdoor activities. Weather applications are available for cell phones and other devices. Proper vigilance should minimize any risk from bad weather. Groups should develop and implement a severe weather plan before coming to the property and designate a person to monitor the weather for changes.

Fishing

Everyone is encouraged to fish in Wertz Lake. The pond has Bass, Catfish and Blue Gill. Adults should catch and release all Bass and Catfish caught. Youth may keep the fish if they intend to clean and eat them.

Poisonous Snakes.

We have rattle snakes and copperheads located on the property. Caution should always be exercised when moving logs, rocks etc. Flash lights should be used at night. These snakes for the most part avoid humans and are seldom seen on the property especially in high use areas.

Ticks

We have a strong deer population on the property which results in a strong tick population. Use

appropriate tick precautions. Check for ticks regularly.

Tree cutting.

We have an abundance of dead wood on the property so live tree cutting should not be needed. Dog wood, pine trees and hedge may be cut so long as it is not on the border of the property. Trees should be cut level with the ground.

Donations.

Bromelsick accepts donations for the use of the property.

The Camp Bromelsick Foundation Inc. relies heavily upon the Bromelick Trust for funding. Income from the Trust has been dwindling. All members of The Camp Bromelsick Foundation Inc. are volunteers. 100% of all money you contribute will be used for camp maintenance and improvements.

<http://campbromelsick.com/donations.html>

Storage Barn

The storage barn is used to store the tractors and other equipment needed to maintain the property. Until shelving is built local units may not store items in it except for short term events. (Less than one week). In no event should items be stored in such a manner as to interfere with the tractors ability to exist the barn. Pelathe District equipment may be stored with the permission of a member of the Camp Bromelsick Foundation Inc Board member. Keys to the storage barn are available to members of the Camp Bromelsick Foundation Inc Board and their designees.

Wildlife

We have deer, coyotes, possums, skunks, squirrels, racoons, rabbits, geese, turkeys, bobcats, pack rats, ducks, finches, crows, hawks, bluebirds, monarch butterflies, and a wide variety of other birds on the property. Eagles are seen on the property from time to time. We used to have quail, meadowlark and other grassland birds. We are working hard on habitat restoration in order to encourage their return.

Equipment Donations

Please do not leave behind equipment and items with the idea of donating it to our organization. If you are interested in making a donation of equipment please make sure a check ahead of time that we are interested in accepting it. Do not leave behind old tires, chairs and broken equipment. We have all we need.

Hunting

Hunting is never allowed on the property.

Alcohol

Alcohol is not allowed as a general rule on the property. Only when the property is closed by the Board of Directors for a specific event involving adults only may alcohol be brought on the property.

