**GROUP CAMPING GUIDELINES**

1. **YOUTH GROUP ORGANIZATION QUALIFICATIONS** – A Youth Group is classified as an organization with the focus on providing activities and socialization for minors, usually under the sponsorship/supervision of a church, political organization, school, etc.   
   For example: The Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts of America, YMCA, YWCA, etc.
   1. Upon request the group must provide a letter of authorization from the sponsoring organization, on official organization letterhead.
   2. Exceptions will be made for special need adult groups.
2. **YOUTH GROUP CAMPGROUNDS** – Nathaniel Cole Park (1 site) and Greenwood Park (2 sites) offer group camping Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Dorchester Park (1 site) offers group camping year-round.
3. **RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS –** Youth groups will obtain a Group Camping Permit from the main office (607-778-2193) at least one week prior to using the area.
4. **MINIMUM AGE** – Group Camping Permits will be issued only to persons 21 years of age or older. The person supervising this group is responsible for maintaining an emergency contact/emergency care release form for each camper under 21 years of age. Any group of boys or girls having a member less than 18 years of age will be required to be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult of the same sex who is 21 years of age or older.
5. **ADULT SUPERVISION AND YOUTH PROTECTION** – There will be at least 1 leader to every 8 campers under 21 years of age. In no circumstance will there be fewer than 2 adult leaders, regardless of the number of campers.
6. **CAMPERS AND LEADERS IN THE FOLLOWING MAXIMUM COMBINATIONS** –
7. Greenwood Park
8. 120 males
9. 60 females
10. 60 males and 30 females
11. Dorchester Park
    * + 1. 60 males
        2. 30 females
        3. 30 males and 15 females
12. Nathaniel Cole Park
13. 60 males
14. 30 females
15. 30 males and 15 females
16. **CAMPGROUND REULATIONS** – Groups will leave the area in an orderly fashion and in the same condition as it was upon their arrival. Picnic tables, fire ring, and vault toilets are provided for youth campers’ use. Electricity, firewood, and running water are not provided. Firewood may be purchased at Greenwood Park.
17. **VEHICLE REULATIONS** - One camping vehicle plus one transportation vehicle may be left at the group camping area per group for an emergency vehicle. All others will be parked in the parking lot. A list of license numbers will be given to the Security Officer in charge.
18. **ALCOHOL POLICY** – No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be permitted in group camping areas. This alcohol ban includes group leaders as well as youth.
19. **EMERGENCY** – In the event of an emergency, please call 911.