

RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CAMPS
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AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

The following Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Camps are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the Laws of the State of Arkansas including, without limitations, Act 96 of 1913 (Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-109).

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

The following are defined for the purpose of these Regulations:

A. CAMP: Means any area provided for the purpose of temporarily engaging in recreation, health, education, sectarian or tourist related activities away from their established residences.

B. PROPRIETOR: Means any person, firm, organization, corporation, or governmental agency operating a camp.

C. PERSONNEL: Any person who performs any function which in any way could influence the health and safety of the camp guests.

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE

A. All camps must be in compliance with these Regulations.

B. The proprietor shall be responsible for compliance with these Regulations.

SECTION 3. LOCATION

The camp shall be located on a site affording adequate drainage and not subject to flooding.

SECTION 4. SLEEPING QUARTERS

A. When sleeping quarters other than tents are provided:

(1) Windows and openings shall be equal to at least 1/8 of the floor area.

(2) They shall be of suitable design, structurally sound and maintained in good repair. Floors must be smooth and easily cleanable.

(3) All outside openings must be properly protected to prevent the entrance of vector agents which could cause communicable diseases.

B. Each occupant shall be provided with at least 400 cu. ft. of air space.

C. Arrangements of beds or bunks shall be such that the greatest possible distance exists between the heads of adjacent sleepers.

D. Where bedding is furnished, it shall be kept clean, in good repair, and free from dust, dirt, and vermin. The furnishing of comforters and quilts is prohibited. All bedding shall be provided with mattress covers. These covers shall be changed at least weekly and for each new user of the bed.

E. If sheets are furnished, they shall be changed at least weekly and for each new user of the bed.

SECTION 5. WATER SUPPLY

A. QUALITY AND SOURCE

An adequate supply of potable water, under pressure, must be provided at all times. Where a public water system is available, a connection must be made thereto. If water from a source other than a public water supply is used, it shall meet the requirements set forth under Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Health for Semi-Public Water Supplies.

B. DRINKING FOUNTAINS AND COOLERS

Adequate and safe facilities shall be provided for dispensing drinking water. The common drinking cup is prohibited. Drinking fountains shall dispense the water at an angle and the orifice must be protected by a mouth guard. Coolers, other than the pressure type, shall be covered, and the water withdrawn from the spigot of an approved design. If a cooler is used, individual single service cups shall be provided. A suitable protective container must be provided for dispensing the cups.

SECTION 6. ICE

Ice shall be made from water meeting the requirements of Section VI, paragraph A, in an ice-making machine which is located, installed, operated, and maintained so as to prevent

contaminations of the ice; or shall be obtained from a source handled and stored in a matter approved by the State Health officer.

SECTION 7. TOILET FACILITIES

The camp shall be provided with adequate and approved toilet facilities comprising water-flushed plumbing equipment, or properly located and constructed privies of approved design. Toilet rooms and compartments shall be adequately lighted, properly ventilated, and provided with a floor which is easily cleanable and impervious to moisture.

SECTION 8. BATHING FACILITIES

A. LAVATORIES

Clean and adequate lavatories or washroom facilities, conveniently located, must be provided.

B. BATHING FACILITIES

Clean and adequate bathing facilities, conveniently located, must be provided. The bathhouses must be adequately lighted and properly ventilated by natural or artificial means, or both, and provided with adequate heating facilities when necessary for the comfort of the occupants. Bathhouse floors must be constructed of material which is easily cleanable and impervious to moisture. Floors must be kept clean and in good repair at all times.

SECTION 9. PLUMBING

All plumbing shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the current Arkansas State Plumbing Code.

SECTION 10. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A. SEWAGE

All sewage shall be disposed of by means of:

- (1) A public sewage disposal system where one is accessible within 300 feet; or
- (2) An approved sewage disposal system which is constructed and operated in conformance with the standards established for such systems by the Arkansas State Board of Health.

SECTION 11. FOOD SERVICE

When food service facilities are operated in connection with a camp, they shall comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Health Pertaining to Food Service Establishments.

SECTION 12. REFUSE HANDLING

The storage, collection and disposal of refuse in the camp shall be so conducted as to create no health hazard, rodent harborage, insect breeding area, accident or fire hazard.

SECTION 13. HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

No person affected with any disease in a communicable stage shall be employed in any camp.

SECTION 14. CLEANLINESS OF EMPLOYEES

All employees shall wear clean outer garments, maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness, and conform to good hygienic practices while on duty.

SECTION 15. GROUNDS

The grounds connected with or used by any camp, shall be kept free from accumulations which favor fly and mosquito breeding or the harboring of vermin. They shall be kept free of agents which could endanger the health and safety of those attending the camp.

SECTION 16. ACCIDENT PREVENTION

All necessary accident prevention measures must be taken. Structural hazards must be eliminated and adequate fire safety measures must be taken. All recreational equipment should be maintained in such a manner as to assure maximum safety.

SECTION 17. SWIMMING POOLS AND OUTDOOR BATHING PLACES

A. SWIMMING POOLS

All swimming pools shall meet the requirements as set forth in the Rules and Regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Health Pertaining to Swimming Pools.

B. OUTDOOR BATHING PLACES

Where lakes, ponds, running streams or other bodies of water are to be used for swimming purposes, they shall meet the requirements set forth in the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Outdoor Bathing Places.

SECTION 18. MEDICAL SUPERVISION

A. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Within a week before admission, every child should be given a complete physical examination by a physician legally licensed to practice medicine. When necessary, a child shall be given special examination to determine his fitness for the camp.

B. REPORTING

It shall be the duty of the camp officials having knowledge of any camper or employee having any reportable communicable disease, or suspected of having any, to report it at once to the health officer within whose jurisdiction such case occurs.

C. ISOLATION

Whenever a case of disease occurs in any camp, presumably reportable, communicable or infectious, it shall be the duty of the person in charge to immediately isolate the case. Whenever any room has been occupied by a person or persons having any infectious or communicable disease, the room and furnishings shall be treated in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Health designated for that specific disease.

D. IMMUNIZATIONS

All employees and campers should give evidence of a recent successful vaccination against smallpox, or be vaccinated before going to camp, unless there is a recorded history of smallpox. All employees and campers should give evidence of a typhoid immunization or be immunized prior to attending camp. It shall be the duty of the camp management to advise parents of the importance of having children immunized prior to admission.

E. MEDICAL AID

Each camp shall make arrangements necessary to insure that medical aid is readily available.

F. FIRST AID

Adequate first aid facilities shall be provided, and the camp personnel shall include persons competent to render first aid.

SECTION 19. PLAN REVIEW

When a camp is hereinafter constructed, properly prepared plans and specifications for such construction shall be submitted to the Arkansas State Department of Health for approval before such work is begun.

SECTION 20. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these Rules and Regulations or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these Rules and Regulations which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions hereof are declared to be severable.

SECTION 21. REPEAL

All Regulations and parts of Regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This will certify that the foregoing Rules and Regulations were adopted by The Arkansas State Board of Health at a regular executive session held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on May 2, 1967, and they are hereby published and promulgated under the authority conferred upon the Arkansas State Board of Health by Acts 1913, No. 96 - Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-109.

(signed)

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Dated at Hot Springs, Arkansas, this 2nd day of May, 1967.