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BELTRAMI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS CAMPING/USE OF CAMPGROUNDS POLICY

GOAL: the Beltrami County Agriculture Association (BCAA) strives to maintain the Fairgrounds and provide for an enjoyable stay at our campgrounds. To meet that goal, we request that camping guests are aware of and heed the guidelines in place. Thank you.

CAMP HOST

1. A camp host is designated and in charge of the campgrounds during the Fair. The host is available to assist where needed in the campgrounds and will also be working to ensure that guests are parked properly, are familiar with the camping rules and are able to find amenities that are needed.

REGISTRATION:

1. For **FAIR CAMPING**- Campers must check in at the Fair Office immediately upon arrival. You should have reserved and paid for your campsite by July 1. You must display the permit you will be issued in the window of your camper or vehicle. During the FAIR assigned camping slots are required. Failure to register, or parking in a slot you have not reserved, will result in immediate dismissal and a request to leave the grounds.
3. For **NON-FAIR CAMPING** Upon arrival, if no one is in the office, see black boxes at either Midway or Commercial bathrooms. Complete registration, place money (check or cash) or arrange to prepay with credit card in the packet, into the box. Place your permit card in the window or visible spot of your camper. Un-permitted campers are in violation of our policy, and unless mitigating circumstances prevail, will be advised to leave the Fairgrounds. Payment for overnight camping must be immediate unless arrangements are made for weekly or monthly plans.
4. For questions, call 218-444-8169 or email bcmnfair@paulbunyan.net.

SPECIFIC FAIR/EVENT CAMPING:

1. All overnight campers must register and be 18 years of age or older. Campers under that age must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian that is 18 years or older.
2. Overnight sleeping in barns is not permitted unless arranged by the barn superintendent and only to provide security for that building.
3. Sleeping in cars, trucks or stock trailers is considered camping and requires registration and appropriate parking in a designated slot.

DESIGNATED CAMPING AREAS:

1. CAMP A (Arena) is located north of the horse arena between the road and fence line. It is space only with no water or electrical hookups. Extension cords are not permitted to cross the road to the arena outlets. Your stock trailer may be parked in your assigned area if you wish.

2. CAMP F (Field) is located behind and west of the tree line in the field parking lot. It provides electricity but no water. Stock trailers may be parked on your campsite or in the adjacent parking lot.

3. CAMP C (Carnival) has water and electrical hookups and, in close proximity, bathrooms with showers. Carnival workers and vendors have first priority for these sites during the Fair. If there is space available, they may be rented to others.

4. Primitive camping can be arranged in the field area to the west of the tree line if all the designated campsites are filled.

CODE OF CONDUCT/EXPECTATIONS:

1. Discharging firearms or fireworks is not allowed at any time on the Fairgrounds. Security and law enforcement will be notified of any deviation from this rule and very likely will result in removal of the offending parties.

2. "Carry-in" and "Carry-out" all garbage and place in dumpsters.

3. Portable-gas or liquid-fueled camp stoves, charcoal burners, or a fire that is either contained in a fire ring or no larger than 3 feet in circumference (governed by the current DNR burning conditions) may be used provided they do not create a hazard or danger to the area or to others. If the DNR has declared a no burn condition it will apply to Fairgrounds camping.

4. Campers *must provide their own wood for campfires from a source other than the Fairgrounds.*

5. All pets shall be personally attended to at all times and shall be restrained by a leash not exceeding ten feet in length. Northern Township has a leash law in place and it will be enforced. Campers must clean up all dog waste and dispose of it in the garbage cans.

6. Horses are not to be tied to trees, or placed in temporary enclosures where damage to trees could occur. Portable corrals may be set up if they do not unreasonably exclude others from using the area.

5. Manure is to be cleaned-up and disposed of properly and not to be left in the camping sites.

6. Camp **quiet hours are from 11:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.**

7. It is unlawful for a person to engage in disorderly conduct, fight, use offensive or obscene language, or make noise reasonably tending to arouse alarm or resentment of others by use of public address system, radio, stereo, amplifier, or other means. Any calls of such behavior will be handled by on site security, and if needed, law enforcement. Such behavior

will not be tolerated. Our Fair strives to provide a *family friendly atmosphere and setting* which extends to the Camping sites.

8. A campsite's occupancy is limited to *one camping group of eight people* or less.

9. Camping shall be limited to the period of time stipulated on the permit. Any equipment, including but not limited to recreational vehicles, campers, etc, or supplies (*including wood for campfires*) brought to the campsite by the renter must be removed at the end of stay. The BCAA reserves the right to dispose of any vehicles, campers, etc. after 90 days unless arrangements are made with the Fair Office.

10. Permits are required for any camping (as stated earlier the registration process must be followed with a permit issued).

11. Disposal of sewage waste from a camping trailer or motorized camper must be properly emptied at the designated sanitation station or off site.

12. Liquid wastes from cooking and washing may be disposed of on the surface of the ground at least 150-feet from the camp sites and in a manner that does not endanger a water supply, pollute a surface water, create a nuisance, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public health and safety. The exception to this is grease which must be disposed of in the green dumpster next to the Robotics Bldg. #14.

13. Trenching or digging around tents or other camping shelters or changing the camp site layouts is prohibited.

14. Areas used for camping must be kept in a neat, clean, and sanitary condition at all times.

15. *Laws regarding use of illegal substances or alcohol at any campsites are subject to the State of Minnesota statutes and will be enforced as necessary. The same laws apply to the use of motorized vehicles on the Fairgrounds.*

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES/ATV/OHV:

1. Off highway vehicles operated on the Fairgrounds are not allowed unless the following apply:

-Operator and passenger must be heeding all State of Minnesota laws (including helmets and licensing) regarding operation of off highway vehicles including legal drivers' licenses.

-Specifically, **during Fair times** there are additional caveats:

A. **Anyone** operating an off-highway vehicle on the Fairgrounds must be wearing a standard safety vest at all times. *A standard safety vest is defined as a vest that provides high visibility in all lighting conditions.*

B. Vendors are allowed to use off-highway vehicles as needed for their operations providing they do not impede traffic, cause congestion or disturb those providing entertainment during the Fair.

C. Volunteers must be registered with the Fair Office or ComCenter as assigned personnel in order to operate off highway vehicles.

D. During Fair time, operators must have exhibits, to include livestock or other activities, registered at the Fair in order to qualify for operating off highway vehicles on the grounds between the camping area and the barns.

E. Off highway vehicles that do not meet the above caveats are not allowed on the Fairgrounds while the Fair is in session.

F. Any complaints regarding reckless operation of off highway vehicles will be investigated. Such behavior can result in immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds or complaints to law enforcement which could result in citations.

SOURCES: taken from the Beltrami County Managed Lands camping rules with additional reference to State of Minnesota statutes.