

SEYM Gathering & Dayspring Camp Rules & Announcements

April 5 – 9, 2023

Youth:

- All Youth under age 18 and/or in high school must have a parent, guardian, or adult sponsor in attendance at the Gathering during their entire stay.
- Youth are expected to participate fully in the Youth Program.
- When there are no scheduled Youth Program sessions, youth are to be supervised by parent, guardian or sponsor, or designated adult.
- Parents must bring completed Consent Forms.

Camp Staff is available throughout your stay, and on call after the front office is closed. If there is an emergency, call 911, then dial “0” as soon as possible. Telephones are located in sleeping quarters, meeting rooms and Bishop Haynes Lounge.

Quiet Time is 10pm – 7am.

Vehicles: Park in designated areas only. The speed limit is 15 MPH. Overnight guests may park their vehicles in the shell area located near their sleeping areas. Please do not park in the circular drive at the entrance of the Administrative Office.

Check out: Return lodging keys to Front Desk personnel by 10 am on the day of your departure. Any person not vacated from their lodging and keys turned in by this time will incur an additional charge of \$25. Housekeeping staff begins cleaning at 10:15 am.

Meals: Arrive promptly at mealtime. All meals are served buffet style in the Curry Hall Dining Room. Please take only what you need in your first pass through the buffet so that all have enough food -- this is not “all you can eat” dining. Guests are welcome to go back through the line for “seconds”. No food should be removed from the dining room or brought in from outside sources.

Kitchens in cabins and houses are provided for your convenience; no cooking is allowed. Food is not allowed in the bedrooms.

No skateboards, in-line skates, or scooters permitted. Youth on bikes must wear helmets.

Quiet spaces: The outdoor chapel, chapel, and labyrinth are sacred spaces. Please be quiet and respectful.

No alcoholic beverages or recreational drugs are allowed.

The nature trails are provided for your enjoyment. Natural ground coverage and terrain may be uneven. For your safety, please do not feed any animals!

Smoking, vaping, etc., is not permitted in any enclosed area (includes lodging, porches and meeting rooms) or on the Curry Hall deck. Please smoke in designated areas only. Violation of this rule will result in a \$200 penalty to the group per incident.

No pets are allowed. ADA recognized service dogs may be permitted, which means: they must perform specific tasks to aid people with disabilities (i.e., guiding the blind, alerting the hard of

hearing, pulling a wheelchair, etc.); emotional support animals are not included. Owners of service animals can be asked if the service animal is needed due to a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform. Learn more: https://disabilityrightsflorida.org/disability-topics/disability_topic_info/service_animals

Scheduled amenities: The swimming pool, canoes/kayaks, chapels, campfire pit, canopy walk and ropes course may only be used as scheduled and supervised by designated Youth or Gathering program coordinators.

Pool:

- Use of pool is only allowed during scheduled swim times.
- All children under the age of 18 must have adult supervision at all times while in the pool area.
- NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY – USE AT YOUR OWN RISK. Signed Waivers are required for any persons using the pool.
- **Pool rules must be followed.**
- Pool baths/changing rooms are located facing the pool gate at the back of Kline Hall. **Bring your own towels!**

Canoes:

- Use of canoes is only allowed as scheduled, with SEYM Canoe Coordinator present. Coordinator must complete the canoe waiver form with a listing all canoeing participants, and must turn it in at the Front Desk at least two hours prior to scheduled session. At that time, wrist bands and baggies will be given out for those participating.
- One person in each canoe must have a cell phone with them (baggies provided at the Front Desk) while boating. This is a safety measure in case someone needs assistance while canoeing.
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- Wear boating shoes: For your protection, all boaters must wear water shoes or old tennis shoes (no flip-flops or sandals). Shoes will get wet as the canoes/kayaks must be carried into the water.
- There are sharp objects in the cove and river that can cause injury to your feet if stepped on. It is suggested that, if choosing to do this activity, participants bring an extra pair of shoes.
- All canoes/kayaks must be out of the water at the designated time.