



Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Services

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GROUP CAMPING GUIDELINES

- A. Group camping by **organized youth groups*** only (i.e. church youth groups, schools, YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts) will be permitted at Dorchester, Greenwood and Nathaniel Cole Parks. Upon request groups must provide a letter of authorization from sponsoring organization on organization letterhead.
- *Exceptions will be made for special needs adult groups.
- B. Youth groups will secure a permit to camp from the main office (778-2193) at least one week prior to using the area.
- C. One camping vehicle plus one transportation vehicle may be left in 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.
- D. There will be at least one leader to every eight campers under 21 years of age. In no case will there be fewer than two adult leaders, regardless of the number of campers.
- E. **SIZE OF GROUPS**
1. **Greenwood Park**
 - Campers and leaders in the following maximum combinations
1) 120 male 2) 60 female 3) 60 male, 30 female*
 - There will be no pit toilets dug.
 2. **Dorchester Park**
 - Campers and leaders in the following maximum combinations
1) 60 male 2) 30 female 3) 30 male, 15 female*
 - There will be no pit toilets dug.
 3. **Nathaniel Cole Park**
 - Campers and leaders in the following maximum combinations
1) 60 male 2) 30 female 3) 30 male, 15 female*
 - There will be no pit toilets dug.
- F. Groups will leave the area in an orderly fashion and in the same condition as which it was upon their arrival.
- G. Picnic tables, a fire ring, and vault toilets are provided for youth campers' use.
- H. Electricity, firewood, and running water are not provided. Firewood may be purchased at Greenwood Park.

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I. MINIMUM AGE

1. Group Camping permits will be issued only to persons 21 years of age or older.
2. The person supervising this group is responsible for maintaining an emergency contact/emergency care release form for each camper under twenty-one (21) years of age.
3. Any group of boys or girls having a member less than eighteen (18) years of age will be required to be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult of the same sex who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

*Quotas are established by the Broome County Department of Health guidelines.