

**RI Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc.**

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**Masonic Youth Center (Buttonwoods)**

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**Application for Use of Masonic Youth Center**

Please complete and return to: Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc., 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Group Size: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have authorization from the below-mentioned organization to act as its representative. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the standards, requirements, regulations and policies pertaining to this application for use of the Masonic Youth Center at Buttonwoods. I further understand that the RI Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc., Masonic Youth Center, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Grand Lodge Charities Inc., Shriners of Rhode Island Charities Trust, Rhode Island Shriners, Imperial Council Shriners International, Shriners Hospitals for Children, their officers, employees, and/or directors will not be held responsible for any bodily injury, damage to or loss of property. **Initial here:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Standards, Requirements, Regulations and Policies contained herein and agree to abide by them. **Initial here:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All outings must have a Masonic sponsor who is to be present during the outing.**

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Masonic Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Masonic Youth Foundation General Manager to Complete the Following**

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

General Manager Action: Approved ( ) Rejected ( )

General Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Standards, Requirements, Regulations & Policies**

Welcome to the out-of-doors and a piece of “Nature’s Beauty”. The Masonic Youth Foundation Inc. Youth Center (herein referred to as the Center) at Buttonwoods is a 70-acre site located on the waters of Narragansett Bay. It is ideal for picnics, outings and get-togethers. The Center is available during the summer months to all Masonic Groups, responsible community groups, Masonic Families, civic organizations, etc. The General Manager of the Center, President of the same or their designate must approve all applications for use of the Center.

The following standards, requirements, regulations and policies pertain to the usage of the Center by any and all organizations or groups. All non-Masonic applications for usage must have a Masonic sponsor. Masonic Lodges, Shrine, Concordant Bodies of Masonry, Eastern Star, Masonic Youth, DeMolay and Rainbow will have preference for use of the Center. Those needing a sponsor must have him/her present during the event.

### **General:**

- A completed application must be submitted to the Masonic Youth Foundation office by all requesting use of the Center thirty (30) days prior to use.
- Approval must be secured from the General Manager, President or their designate.
- The Masonic Youth Foundation reserves the right to cancel a usage permit at any time.
- Any conduct contrary to the purpose of the Masonic Youth Foundation (i.e. use of drugs, profanity, intoxication, etc.) is prohibited.
- Approving use of the Center doesn’t imply endorsement or sponsorship of the event by the Center or Masonic Youth Foundation. The General Manager, President or their designate must approve all publicity in advance.
- Decorations, posters, signs, stakes, etc. must meet the following conditions:
  - Prior approval by the General Manager, President or their designate.
  - All signs must be of the proper decorum.
  - All decorations, posters, signs, etc. must be removed prior to leaving the Center.
  - No political signs or materials are allowed at any time.
  - Stakes, pipes, or pointed objects are not to be put into the ground without prior approval. Electrical and underground sprinkler system are just inches below surface in some areas.
- If any usage of the Center is to be cancelled, the General Manager or his designate must be notified. This includes non-use due to inclement weather.
- Groups that use the Center are responsible for leaving the facility in the same condition as when they arrived.
- The Center hours are from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. All persons must vacate the premises when the Center is closed.

- The person(s) hosting a party or responsible for a group (the person signing this application) is in charge of the party/group using the Center and shall be responsible for all damages to the facility or its equipment caused by the party/group. Remittance to the Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc. in full for repairs or replacement of damages once a bill has been submitted is the responsibility of the host.
- The Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc. assumes no responsibility for personal property or possessions brought onto the property of the Center.
- The Center has ball fields, horseshoe courts, tennis courts, pool, children's playground, etc. available for use by all.

**Insurance Coverage – Applicable to all Outside Groups:**

- Outside groups (no Masonic connection) using the Center shall present along with this application a "Certificate of Insurance".
- If the Group does not have liability insurance already a separate policy must be obtained for the duration of time while using the Center.
- No outside group will be permitted usage of the Center without the Certificate of Insurance being turned in prior to the day(s) of usage.
- The Masonic Youth Foundation Inc. requires:
  - A certificate of insurance must be issued with a liability limit of at least one (1) million dollars naming as additionally named insured for the day or days of use the RI Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc., Masonic Youth Center, The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Masonic Grand Lodge Charities of Rhode Island Inc., Shriners of Rhode Island Charities Trust, Rhode Island Shriners, Imperial Council Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

**Group Supervision:**

- All groups are to have a responsible leader twenty-one (21) years of age or older to insure proper conduct of all participants in attendance. Youth groups are required to provide one (1) leader for every fifteen (15) youths. Group leaders shall be present when the group's members are at the Center. This does not apply to DeMolay or Rainbow.

**Courtesy Passes:**

- Courtesy passes are issued to immediate members of a family only and are obtainable from the General Manager or President only. Immediate family member is defined as spouse, son, daughter, father, mother, brother and sister.
- The person requesting the courtesy pass shall be he/she whose name is upon the Masonic dues card presented to the General Manager or President and only the card carrying member may request a courtesy card.
- Courtesy cards are only good for the year issued and are non-transferable.
- Widows' cards issued by Grand Lodge, the General Manager or the President and current year ladies cards that may be issued by a Masonic body are sufficient for admission to the Center.
- Unless previous arrangements have been made, every car entering the Center should have as occupant someone with a valid card for admission.

**Parking:**

- A parking lot is provided. The Masonic Youth Foundation, Inc. and Center are not responsible for theft or damages to vehicles parked on the property.
- No vehicles are allowed off of the designated parking areas without approval of the General Manager or his designate and then only when under the direction of the Center staff.

**Alcohol:**

- The use of alcoholic beverages is limited to a person or group's assigned picnic area. This is a family oriented Center so treat it as such. Be discreet. Carrying alcoholic beverages around in plain sight will not be tolerated. Keep it at your table or assigned area. Glass containers are not advised. The General Manager and the Center staff shall strictly enforce the guidelines relating to the presence of alcoholic beverages on the Center property.

**Pool:**

- Pool hours are from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM.
- There are certified lifeguards on duty at all times. They are the authority at the pool, pool apron area and bathhouse. All persons shall adhere to the pool rules and listen to the lifeguards whose words are "**LAW**".
- There is to be no drinking or eating at the pool or in the pool apron area.
- Running, rough play, profanity, throwing of objects, etc. will not be tolerated. All persons not following the rules will be asked to leave the pool, pool apron area or bathhouse for the day as a minimum. Re-admittance to the pool, pool apron area or bathhouse will only be granted by permission of the General Manager or his designate.
- The wading pool is for smaller children. Admittance to the wading pool is only allowed when an adult supervisor is with the child at all times.

**Sanitary Facilities:**

- Restrooms are located in the bathhouse next to the pool.
- Showers are located in the bathhouse.

**Special Regulations:**

- Charcoal cookers may be used, yours or the Centers. The Center has a limited number of cookers available for use so if you should have need for one or more please reserve them with the Staff. Charcoal is not provided.
- Trash is picked-up in the morning. Please ensure that any trash you leave is securely inside the refuse barrels before you leave the Center.
- Picnic tables are reserved based upon group size.
- No animals (pets) are allowed upon the Center grounds at any time. Please leave your pets at home as many adults and children go barefoot while at the Center.

**Food:**

- The Center has a snack bar that is open from 11:00 AM to 6:30 PM for your convenience. Food available includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, candy, soda, bottled water, ice cream, etc.