

# Connecticut's Premier Wedding & Outing Facility Barkhamsted, CT

## **Guideline for Chaperones**

On behalf of our staff, we would like to thank you for choosing our facility for your school outing. We look forward to hosting your children and teachers. The attached guidelines are intended to help make your event a safe and enjoyable day for everyone. We understand that this is a special day for your students. However, some behavior is not tolerated at Boulder Ridge and we ask that you and your chaperones treat behavior issues exactly the same as if it were a regular school day.

- I. Equipment furnished by Boulder Ridge must be taken care of. All equipment should be left in good condition at the end of the day.
- Rough behavior will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: activities like tackle football, chicken fights, and food fights, as well as rough-housing or fighting.
- The school nurse or certified first aid personnel should be easy to locate by Boulder Ridge staff and by your students. Boulder Ridge is not responsible for providing medical treatment to hurt children, unless in case of an emergency. In such emergency, all of our lifeguards are also certified in first aid and CPR.
- 4. All wooded areas and trails are off limits.
- 5. The use of alcohol or any drug on Boulder Ridge property is not permitted. If allowed by school policies, teachers or adult chaperones may inquire in our office as to an appropriate location for cigarette breaks.

# **Area Assignments**

Specific assignments are to be made to assure continuous chaperone presence in each major area of Boulder Ridge. Please refer to the map for the locations that we wish to have covered by your chaperones. Chaperones are responsible for the safety of the students, as well as the condition of the property.

## AREA A: Softball, Volleyball, and Bocce Courts

When there are students who want to play a game, they may need help gathering equipment and getting organized. Please watch for safety issues with bats and other sports equipment. No students should be hanging from the volleyball nets.

### AREA B: Covered Food Pavilion

All waste from meals and food should be disposed of in appropriate waste containers. When used inappropriately, the juice/soda machines can attract bees and other unwanted insects. Food fights are not permitted.

#### AREA C: Bathhouse and Pool

This area is a high-risk activity area. Certified lifeguards that are trained to handle water safety issues supervise it. Please be aware of students not listening to the lifeguards and take action as needed. At least one male and one female chaperone are required to walk through the bathhouses sporadically throughout the day to ensure safety of the students.

## AREA D: Tennis & Basketball courts

Watch for disputes in this area and be aware of proper handling of equipment. We ask that students not hang from tennis nets or basketball hoops.

## AREA E: Lower Field & Playscape

Please watch for excessively rough behavior on the fields. We ask that students not run down the hill. Please be aware of any unsafe behavior around the playscape or any student getting too close to the pond.

#### AREA F: Pond

In this area, please help the lifeguards with students wishing to get into boats. This is a high-risk activity area. Lifeguards are trained and certified to handle water safety issues; however, please be ready to back up any measures the lifeguard takes in order to maintain a safe and fun area.

## **AREA G: Climbing Tower & Golf**

This is a high-risk activity area. The tower staff are trained to handle rope safety issues. However, because there is a line for students waiting their turn, students can tend to become rowdy. We ask that you watch the students and interrupt behavior before it becomes inappropriate. We also ask that you back up any safety measures that the tower staff deem appropriate to keep this area safe and fun for everyone. On the miniature golf course, clubs are only to be swung as high as the knee cap and are not to be used as weapons. Golf balls are only to be used on the putting greens. Please keep students away from the woods adjacent to this area.

Some schools choose to monitor the parking lots but you are not required to have someone there all day long.

