

Von Oven Property **Rules and Guidelines of Use**

Users of the Von Oven property are expected to follow a form of the Outdoor Code of Leave No Trace which is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics education program and other City of Naperville rules applicable to the Von Oven property, including the following:

- Be clean in your outdoor manners: treat the outdoors as a heritage; take care of it for yourself and for others; keep trash & garbage out of the woods, grassland, water areas, and roadway.

Be careful with fire: prevent wildfire; build fires only in a fire pit; when finished with using fire, make sure it is cold out (See #11 below)

- Be considerate of the outdoors: treat the property with respect; use low-impact methods of camping and hiking.
- Be conservation-minded: practice good conservation of soil, waters, woods, minerals, grassland, wildlife, and energy.
- Leave the property in a better condition than you found it.



- 1) You will need to bring: toilet paper (there are 5 latrine compartments, one of which is handicapped accessible); garbage bags for you to collect and take your trash, etc., with you when you leave; hand cleaner or soap. **DO NOT BRING IN FIREWOOD** to reduce the possibility of bring in harmful tree beetles. There is plenty of firewood on site that you may use.
- 2) Our latrines use a contained underground vault. Only human waste and the necessary toilet paper should go into the toilet. Feminine necessities and other items need to be put in the trash that you remove when you leave. There is a broom hanging up in the handicapped compartment for sweeping out the latrines before you leave. There are motion detector lights in the latrines. After 5 minutes they go off. If you need more time, raise your arms and give them a wave.
- 3) There is only one source of water on the property. It is city water (Lake Michigan). If your event is in the winter, please bring bottled water with you since the faucet sometimes freezes up.
- 4) The front gate lock must NOT be locked when people are inside the property. The gate may be closed, but for safety reasons, the Naperville Fire Department requires that the gate not be locked.
- 5) Only those using the property may use the parking lot at the entrance to the Von Oven Property. Cars are not to be driven beyond the parking lot and into the Von Oven property without advance permission from a City or Von Oven Board representative.

- 6) Amplified sound can only be used by permission of the City Clerk or the Von Oven Board contact person, or in compliance with a permit obtained from the City of Naperville
- 7) Alcohol and tobacco are not allowed on the property.
- 8) No pets allowed. Service animals are welcome. Please respect the wildlife that make the property their home. However, you may zap flies and mosquitoes at will. Do not pet or try to tame the wildlife. If you are lucky enough to see a deer, please do not scream or holler. Enjoy the gift of this viewing.
- 9) Standing trees, alive or dead, are not to be cut or defaced. Nothing on the property should be defaced in any manner. There is no tree climbing.
- 10) Stay on the trails in the wooded areas so as to protect the woodland area.
- 11) Fires are to be built only in existing fire rings. Cold ashes are to be left in the fire rings. A bucket to bring water to the fire ring is located on a hook near the water faucet. Instructions for putting out your fire are located in the kiosk.
- 12) No cooking except at fire ring sites. There are no grills available.
- 13) There is no trash pick up at Von Oven, so you must bring garbage bags and take your refuse with you when you leave. If you will be there until after dark, do a general clean up while trash can be seen.
- 14) Your group will be assessed the cost of any repairs for damage done to the property, including lost locks or keys.

When leaving remember to use your check-out sheet and return it with your keys at the end of your event to the City Clerk's Office or, if it is closed, drop it in the City mailbox located in the underground parking area.

All funds collected by Von Oven Scout Reservation Inc. are used for general upkeep, utilities, insurance, and improvements and are the only available source of operating revenue. Von Oven Scout Reservation Inc. is an all volunteer non-profit organization.

Location of Von Oven Property: 701 S. West Street, Naperville (on the west side of the street between Sportsman's Park to the south and the soccer fields on the north, kitty corner to Naperville Central H.S.; and is between Hillside and Martin Avenue. Look for the chain link fence.)