

By-Laws Of the St. Mary Help of Christians Church Campground Association Lake Thurmond

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Mission Statement: St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church Campground Association will operate and maintain the Campground at Strom Thurmond Lake to be utilized by St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church organized groups, other non-profit organizations and the Campground Association.

Membership:

- Membership to the St. Mary Help of Christians Church Campground Association is open to all active members of St. Mary's Help of Christians, St. Gerard, Our Lady of the Valley or other Catholic Churches from the area. Catholic parish members may sponsor one non-parish family to join the campground association. The Board may sponsor non-parish families.
- Active parish membership is defined as participation in parish ministries and/or financially supporting their parish.
- Members must be active in and financially support the operation of the campground by serving on the Board of Directors or a committee recognized by the Board of Directors. Active members have voting privileges and may use the campground for recreational purposes.
- Non profit organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Scouts, Knights of Columbus Squires, Church Youth Groups, and Church Ministries are allowed unlimited use of the campground under the oversight of the Campground Association.
- Visitation rights are open to all members of the above listed parishes in support of organizational use of the campground.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be elected by the members of the Campground Association and consist of five members. The Board will consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Officer at large. The Board of Directors will be responsible for management of the Campground which is operated by the Campground Association under the oversight of St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church Priest. The Campground Association will operate the campground in accordance with these Bylaws and the requirements of the lease with the Army Corps of Engineers.

An Annual meeting of the members will be held in the first quarter of each year to elect the Board of Directors for the following 12 months. At the annual election, each of the five (5) positions shall be voted upon separately in the following order: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Officer at Large. If new board members are elected for all positions, the out going President will become the Officer at Large.

The President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors shall share (either/or) signature authority for the financial accounts of the Association. The St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church Priest shall also have signature authority and serve as second signature for any expenditure greater than \$5000.00.

The Bylaws may be changed by a majority vote of the members attending a properly announced meeting. A properly announced meeting is one for which notification of date, time, place and topic is provided to the members of the Association two weeks in advance. Notification will be either by mail, email and/or the Church Bulletin.

A financial report will be presented at the Annual meetings.

The Board will provide for the retention of records of proceedings at every Board meeting, as well as financial records. The Board of Directors is authorized to spend, as approved by majority vote of board members, any expenditure up to \$2000.00 for the maintenance and upkeep of the Campground. The Board of Directors is authorized to spend, as approved by majority vote of board members, up to \$250

per year for the administration of the board, Association social events, and other Association functions. All other expenditures must be approved by majority vote of a properly announced meeting.

Membership may be revoked for rule violations or other complaints from the membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Parish and/or non-parish membership may be limited at the discretion of the Board to ensure adequate facilities are available.

The Board of Directors will form Committees to operate the Campground under the management of the Board of Directors. Committees formed must be approved by majority vote of the Board. Every member must actively serve on one of the committees or board of directors to be considered an active member and be allowed to utilize the campground.

Dues:

Membership dues are to be paid at the Spring General Membership Meeting or as notified. The dues will be set by the board of directors and included on the membership application form. The dues are not a fee for use of the campground. The dues are to assist St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church with cost of operating the campground. Members are requested to make a financial commitment pledge with their annual dues to support the mission of the campground.

Guests:

Guests must be accompanied by and responsible to a member in good standing, but will not occupy a second site.

Camping Season:

St. Mary's Campground is available for use throughout the year. However, the water will be secured and drained during the winter to avoid freeze damage.

Security:

The gate must be locked at all times. ***Members are not to loan their keys to non-members.***

General Rules:

- A safe speed must be observed in the area at all times.
- Please document your stay at the sign in desk located at the bulletin board to show usage of the facility per U. S. Army Corps of Engineers requirements.
- No excessive noise after 10:00 pm.
- Drunkenness will not be tolerated.
- Be considerate of others.
- Conserve fresh water supply and electricity as much as possible. Consider using propane instead of electricity where possible.
- No off road vehicles are to be operated in the campground or along access roads unless they are being used for maintenance purposes.

Pets:

Pets must be controlled and not be a nuisance to any members of the campground. Members will be held directly responsible for the actions of their pets.

Housekeeping:

- Parents: please educate your children. You are responsible for their actions. The only way the campground can be kept orderly and sanitary is for each user to do his or her share and leave the area clean.
- We insist that all members, guests and picnickers carry out their own trash. Bathrooms must be kept clean.
- The septic system has a limited capacity. Please do not flush items that may obstruct the septic lines.
- The grounds are to be kept clean at all times.
- Nothing is to be put or thrown into the lake.

Camping:

- Please obey all signs.
- All campers and boats must be stored in the holding area to the right of the aluminum building when not occupied for camping. There are no assigned spaces in either the holding area or the campground.
- Please place some type of identification on your camper (preferably in the front window) in case there is a need to contact you.
- All campers must maintain a current license tag and registration.
- All campers must be in roadworthy condition.
- The holding area is not to be used as a permanent storage area. All campers are to be removed from the campground during the months of January and February. If campers are not used or in usable condition, they will be removed from the campground at the owner's expense. Owners assume all risks for items left in the holding area or at the campground.
- Campers may have no more than two vehicles at their campsite, not blocking access roads or other campsites. All other vehicles and all trailers must be kept in the parking area to the right of the lower picnic pavilion.
- Picnickers must park their vehicles and boat trailers in the parking area.
- Gray water (dishwater, etc.) is not to be drained onto the ground per U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' rules. Drainage must be contained in a bucket or camper holding tank and disposed of properly.
- Limit your stay on any one campsite to 14 days.
- Do not leave your camper unattended on a campsite for more than 24 hours.

Boating:

- Boats are to be operated in a safe and conscientious manner. Coast Guard rules and regulations are to be followed.
- The areas of water near the boat ramp, swimming area and boat moorings are considered No Wake zones - idle speed only.
- Limit boat ramp use (loading and unloading) to a reasonable amount of time.
- All boat trailers are to be parked in the parking area.
- The boat ramp must be cleared immediately when boaters wish to launch or retrieve boats.
- All boats must be moored properly to avoid damage to other boats.
- Watch for swimmers at all times.
- Launch and retrieve trailerable boats or PWCs from the boat ramp only.

Swimming:

- Swimmers are to stay away from boats in the water.
- No one is to swim alone. The buddy system is the rule.
- Children are not to swim unattended. A parent or other adult should supervise young swimmers.
- No diving from the swim platform. Lake levels fluctuate making diving dangerous.

Aluminum Building:

- The aluminum buildings are not to be used for sleeping, its purpose is for storage. It must be kept in a neat and orderly manner.
- The refrigerators are for use by all campers. The last camper to leave should turn off power on the refrigerators and open the doors for ventilation. Please remember to clear the refrigerator of your items before leaving the campground.

Please do your part to take care of YOUR campground.

Remember: Take only memories. Leave only footprints. All around you are God's works. Help Him by keeping it beautiful. God bless you and your family.