



## **REQUIREMENTS FROM HEALTH UNIT FOR RENTAL OF BARNABAS CHRISTIAN CAMP FOR OVERNIGHT USE**

Dear friend,

As of July 1, 2018, when we or anyone renting from us make use of the camp facilities for an overnight stay, we are required to meet 'Ontario Regulation 503-17 Recreational Camps' standards. While we will ensure that the camp facilities meet these regulations, there are some aspects of the regulation that would require work on your part. As we understand the regulation, the aspects that would be your responsibility are listed below:

- Ensure every camper or camp staff member is free of any communicable disease
- Ensure that if any pets are brought to the camp for substantial time, they are current on their rabies immunizations. *Action: Bring proof of immunization*
- Ensure the campers are under the continuous supervision of at least one adult who has a current first aid certificate. *Action: Bring certificates*
- Ensure there is at least one kitchen worker present who has completed food handler training during every hour in which the kitchen is operating *Action: Bring certificates*
- Ensure you write a camp safety plan. *Action: Bring a copy of your safety plan.*
  - See below a sample of the aspects of the camp safety plan that Barnabas has adopted which can be adjusted as necessary for your group.
    - Each major heading and most of the subpoints in the sample are required. The exceptions are as follows.
      - For the 'Communicable Disease Control' category, the first subpoint is a suggestion.
      - For the 'Strategies to Control and Minimize Risks for Activities at the Camp' category, there will be subpoints needing changes depending on your activities.
        - You do *not* need to provide a description of *all* activities you presently do or will do at upcoming events, but you *do* need to provide descriptions sampling your typical activities covering every unique risk and applicable strategy.
      - For the 'What To Do in the Following Situations' category, we have posted info from this list around the camp.

***Note that the full regulation does not include family camps (where parents are present) or day only use. The only requirement that applies in such a case is that you ensure there is at least one kitchen worker present who has completed food handler training during every hour in which the camp is operating.***

If you have questions regarding the regulation, email [barnabaschristiancamp@gmail.com](mailto:barnabaschristiancamp@gmail.com).

***Please confirm with us by email that you have all required documentation and certificates ready.*** Then bring them to Barnabas Christian Camp when you come, storing everything in the dining shelter in the same location as our current binders with our fire plan and safety plan. Thank you for looking into partnering with us through renting the space that Barnabas Christian Camp offers!

Sincerely, Barnabas Board of Directors

***Reminder: The Health Unit requires that if you plan to go swimming or canoeing in the nearby off-site Otter Creek, there are at least two lifeguards supervising who are at least 16 years of age and who hold a lifeguard certificate obtained within the previous two years***

- *Two lifeguards are required if 1 to 25 campers are in the water*
- *Three lifeguards are required if 26 to 100 campers are in the water*