

## **Programs in the Parks Rules**

The following rules apply to programs throughout the Knox County Park system including, park facilities, trails or greenways.

1. The discovery of false or misleading information regarding a Program in Parks activity will result in the rejection or removal of the program and loss of permit.
2. Any activities or conduct which results in the destruction of, damage to or removal of any park or greenway amenities (e.g., park benches, trees) is strictly prohibited.
3. The Parks and Recreation Department has priority in scheduling events in all parks and or facilities. All dates are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Event or program dates are not confirmed until an application has been received and approved. A permit will not be issued until all related fees have been paid.
4. The Parks and Recreation Department prohibits the reservation of park facilities or operation of programs that discriminate based on age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex in the admission to, access to, or operation to their programs, services, or activities.
5. The proposed activity or use of the park facility, trail or greenway must not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public's enjoyment of the park.
6. The proposed activity or use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety, and recreation.
7. The proposed activity or use will not include violence, crime, disorderly conduct or obscene language.
8. All events or programs requesting permission to have amplified music will be considered by the Parks and Recreation Department on a case-by-case basis. Each will be monitored to assure proper sound levels. The department shall have the right to request lowering of sound levels, or to stop the performance if deemed necessary and in the best interest of the Parks and Recreation Department and the immediate neighborhood.
9. If the provider brings equipment that requires electricity, it is not guaranteed that electricity will be available for use (i.e., if a picnic shelter is being rented at the time for a birthday party in proximity of the reserved program area). Therefore, it is recommended that providers come prepared with battery- operated equipment.
10. Providers shall be courteous and flexible when it comes to use of the park and sharing space with their neighbors. Providers shall be courteous of program location when it comes to teams, rentals, groups, etc. also using the area.
11. Trainers may not bring equipment in parks that could damage the parkland, facility or pose a hazard to the public.
12. Vehicles are not allowed on park property other than in designated parking areas. Failure to comply with this guideline will result in loss of permit.
13. Permittee is responsible for securing and providing additional receptacles off site trash removal if park containers won't accommodate the needs for your program. Trash that is not disposed of properly or overfills a receptacle may result in loss of permit.

14. If children under the age of 18 are eligible for program participation, it is the permittee's responsibility to provide adequate supervision.
15. Permittee shall not sell any products or goods in the park facility, trail or greenway without prior permission.
16. The possession of alcoholic beverages, drugs, and other illegal controlled substances, as well as the use of fireworks, air rifles, paintball guns, bow and arrows, cross bows, swords, pellet guns and similar is strictly prohibited in any park, trail or greenway.
17. Storage of any items on site is strictly prohibited. Unattended items will be regarded as being abandoned.
18. Per Programs in Parks Policy, permittees shall keep a copy of the approved permit onsite during any program operation in the event identification or proof of permission is needed. Failure to show proof of permission will result in removal of program until permit is validated.