

# OVERNIGHT CAMPING GUIDELINES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND PROVIDE A COPY TO ALL ADULT CHAPERONES PRIOR TO CAMPOUT.

## **PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL:**

- Campsite reservations are limited to nationally recognized youth groups (i.e., BSA, GSA, AWANA, Indian Guides). All campers must abide by the Boy/Girl Scout or specific organization child to adult ratio guidelines. All Boy/Girl Scouts and leaders are encouraged to be in uniform or group t-shirts. Camping is year-round, except the month of January when the park is closed and during select special event weekends.
- All Scout groups reservations are required no more than 12 months in advance by emailing [Camping@Cantigny.org](mailto:Camping@Cantigny.org) or calling 630.260.8162.
- It is necessary for all groups to provide Cantigny with a CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (to be sent back with your signed confirmation/agreement). Certificates are generally available through your council or organization. Camping will NOT be allowed if a current Certificate of Insurance is not provided.
- Overnight camping is allowed on Friday and Saturday nights only. (No camping during holiday weekends or special event weekends) Only Scouts/youth group members and their leaders/chaperones may camp. Family camping is not permitted.
- Your campsite is located on the east side of Cantigny Park. The site holds up to 50 people. If your group is larger than 50 people, please call 630.260.8162.
- Cantigny Park is able to accommodate tent camping only (no campers or trailers).
- Check in on Friday and Saturday is open until 9:00 pm. Please keep vehicle traffic to a minimum by car-pooling to Cantigny Park. Friday night groups who are not also camping Saturday night must pack up their gear and vacate the campsite by 12:00 pm Saturday. All exits from the park must occur via Shaffner Road. Saturday night groups who did not camp Friday night may not set up camp until after 12:00 pm Saturday, unless there was no group in the site the previous night. If there was no group in the site the previous night, check-in may be available as early as 7:00 am. Contact Security at 630.260.8164 to inquire about early check-in.

## **Prior to your arrival, please designate one contact person/leader who will arrive at Cantigny Park FIRST.**

This person will be responsible for the initial check-in at Security and will be the point person for everyone in your group. This person will be responsible for welcoming group members to the camp site area, communicating policies, pointing out restrooms and emergency shelter locations, and assisting with trailer unloading, etc. This person will need to schedule their arrival time with Security by contacting Security at 630.260.8207. **Please ensure that we have the contact person's name and cell phone number, especially if they are not the contact we have on file (the individual who made the reservation) or if the contact person has changed since making the reservation.**

## **CANCELLATIONS:**

- If you have reserved a campsite for your organization, please notify the Reservation Specialist at least one (1) week (5 business days) prior to the scheduled date. Contact 630.260.8162 or [camping@cantigny.org](mailto:camping@cantigny.org) to cancel your reservation.

# U P O N Y O U R A R R I V A L

## **Main Contact Entrance:**

Please do not enter the park via the main gates. Please enter through the private drive (small driveway entrance just north of the main gate) on Winfield Road. The gate will open after you pull into the driveway. Cantigny Security staff will greet you; brief you on park policy then escort you to the designated campsite. **You must check-in with Security before proceeding to the campsite.** Before departing, Cantigny Security staff will make periodic visits to the campsite as group members arrive, to ensure there are no questions or concerns.

## **Group Entrance (all group members):**

Please do not enter the park via the main gates or the private drive on Winfield Road. Please enter through gates at the rear of the park – off Shaffner /Mack Road (1S050 Shaffner Road). Signs will indicate where to park and direct you to the campsite. No personal vehicles will be allowed to enter the roadway by the campsite. Please be prepared to carry your gear from the parking lot. No parking at the restrooms or campsite. The parking spaces next to the site are for loading and unloading only.

## **Unloading:**

A strict limit of one trailer is allowed to unload on the roadway. Trailers must unload and move to the designated parking lots within one hour of arriving. NO personal cars are allowed on the roadway. Parking for cars and trailers is limited to the Greenhouse and/or Administration Building parking lots.

# D U R I N G Y O U R C A M P O U T

**SUPERVISION:** Leaders must accompany their campers at all times throughout the grounds and museum. For general park activity suggestions for Scouts, including using the hiking trail, playing on the tanks and visiting the First Division Museum, please email [Camping@Cantigny.org](mailto:Camping@Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. **Bikes, scooters, boards, skates are not allowed on Cantigny's property.**

**GUESTS:** Should your group desire to have additional non-camping family members or friends join your group to participate in daytime activities or ceremonies, please note that all non-camping individuals **MUST** enter the park via the main gate and **MUST** leave Cantigny Park by sunset. For clarification on this policy, or to arrange for guests to join your group, please contact Security at 630.260.8164.

**AFTER DARK:** For the safety of the campers after dark, we ask that they stay in the campsite area. No one is permitted out of the campsite after dark, except to use the restrooms at the Education Center or go to the Security Operations building. Please escort campers—with flashlights—to restrooms at night.

**WASHROOMS:** The restrooms in the Education Center are left open at night for the campers' convenience. Please make sure that the restrooms are left in the condition that you found them. Please notify Security of any maintenance needs. The restroom sinks are NOT to be used for dishwashing or cleaning gear. When youth groups are using Cantigny facilities, it is the responsibility of the youth leaders to monitor their group's activities.

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# DURING YOUR CAMPOUT

**WATER:** A water spigot is located on the south side of the Education Center. Please be sure the spigot is turned off completely after use. Please use this spigot to fill buckets for dishwashing. All dishwashing MUST be done in the campsite. Buckets may be borrowed from Security.

**TRASH:** Trash containers are located throughout the campsite area. All additional garbage should be bagged up and placed by the side of the road so that Security can pick it up. Security can provide additional garbage bags if necessary.

**FIRES:** An established fire pit is located in the campsite. Campfires are not permitted anywhere else. Please do not leave your fire unattended and extinguish your fire completely upon departure. Bonfire-size fires are not permitted.

**FIREWOOD:** We provide ample firewood—stacked in each campsite—free of charge to all campers. All unused firewood must be re-stacked before leaving the campsite.

**COOKING EQUIPMENT:** You may bring whatever cooking equipment you choose. Please dispose of barbecue coal ash by mixing it into your fire pit ash.

**HIKING TRAIL:** A basic hiking trail can be found on the park map included below—it is the pale-yellow line along the perimeter of the map. Please ask Security if clarification on directions is required.

**FISHING:** Catch and release fishing is allowed at Shaffner Pond on Saturdays and Sundays from sunrise until 8:30 am and on Mondays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. You must contact our Security Operations department at 630.260.8164 to arrange your fishing visit.

**EMERGENCIES:** In case of an emergency, contact our 24-hour Security staff. Call 630.260.8207 or go to the Security Operations building. Emergency phone calls can be made in the Security Operations building if necessary.

**SEVERE WEATHER:** Cantigny Security closely monitors the weather and will alert your group to any severe conditions approaching. During lightning warnings, Security will open the main room of the Education Center for shelter. During tornado watches and warnings, Security will escort everyone to the basement of the Administration Building.

**DEPARTING:** When you are prepared to leave, please have the main contact person go to the Security Operations building or call 630.260.8207 and let them know you are ready to depart, and a staff member will check you out. Please leave the campsite in the condition you found it or better. "Leave No Trace."

## QUESTIONS?

Please email: [Camping@Cantigny.org](mailto:Camping@Cantigny.org)

or call 630.260.8162 (during business hours)

630.260.8207 (after business hours)



**MUSEUMS**

- First Division Museum \_\_\_\_\_ D6
- McCormick House \_\_\_\_\_ C2

**GARDENS**

- Upper Display Gardens \_\_\_\_\_ E2
- Lower Display Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D2
- Rose Garden \_\_\_\_\_ E2
- Idea Garden \_\_\_\_\_ C4
- Perennial Border \_\_\_\_\_ D3
- North Scallop Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D/E3
- South Scallop Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D/E4
- Fountain Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D3
- Green Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D3
- Octagon Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D3
- Rock Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D4
- Gravel Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D4
- Logarium \_\_\_\_\_ D4
- Keyhole Garden \_\_\_\_\_ D4
- Hosta Garden \_\_\_\_\_ E4

**VISITORS CENTER**

- Bertie's Café \_\_\_\_\_ E3
- Cantigny Shop \_\_\_\_\_ E3
- Le Jardín \_\_\_\_\_ E3

**PLAY AREAS**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_ G/H2
- Tank Park \_\_\_\_\_ D/E5

**NATURAL & OPEN AREAS**

- McCormick Allée \_\_\_\_\_ C4
- Butterfly Hill \_\_\_\_\_ E7
- East Lawn \_\_\_\_\_ C2
- Gold Pond \_\_\_\_\_ D/E2
- Parade Field \_\_\_\_\_ F/G4
- Picnic Grove \_\_\_\_\_ F2
- Prairie View \_\_\_\_\_ B3-4
- Oak Colonnade \_\_\_\_\_ E3-5
- South Grove \_\_\_\_\_ E4

**OTHER**

- Administration \_\_\_\_\_ A1
- Bandshell \_\_\_\_\_ H5
- Education Center \_\_\_\_\_ B3
- Exedra \_\_\_\_\_ B2
- First Division Pavilion \_\_\_\_\_ E6
- Picnic Pavilion \_\_\_\_\_ H3
- Pond Pavilion \_\_\_\_\_ -A1
- Greenhouse \_\_\_\_\_ -A1
- North Parking \_\_\_\_\_ F3
- Security \_\_\_\_\_ I3
- South Parking \_\_\_\_\_ F5