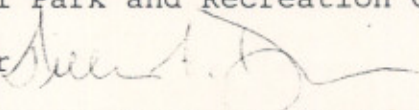


DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Staff Directive 88-5

TO: Administrative Staff  
Section Chiefs  
District Park Superintendents  
Park Superintendents  
Regional Park and Recreation Consultants

FROM: Director 

SUBJECT: Amendment to Staff Directive 88-3  
Clarification of Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule

DATE: March 18, 1988

The numerous questions raised by the Division's recently approved fee schedule, Staff Directive 88-3, indicated the need to clarify its application to specific park situations and to address the common concerns of the field staff.

Several parks were concerned about the charge for use of our swimming areas and bathhouses. The fee schedule lists a swimming fee and this fee will be paid by persons using our pools and other controlled, designated swimming areas. Where bathhouses are available, payment of the fee is not contingent upon their use; the charge is made for use of the swimming facility.

In regard to this fee category, the \$1.00 charge for "children 1-12" should be interpreted as "children age 12 and under".

Boat rental fees will go no higher than \$10.00 per day and should read "\$10.00--8 hours or more" during a continuous 24-hour period.

Family Camping fees charged for use of family campgrounds were established based on the seasonal demand of the camping facilities and amenities provided. These fees will be used consistently statewide in all "family campgrounds" based on classification. The "off-season" is defined for the basis of this schedule to be that time of the operational year when the amenities or services used to determine the camping area's classification are reduced or closed. For our system, this "off season" is November 15 through March 15.

The Division does not administer a Family Group Camp rate. KELA and JORD will use the appropriate Family Camping fee, based on services available, to charge several families camping together as a group.



In response to some expressed concerns that the Group Tent Camping per person fee of \$1.00 represented too large an increase, this fee was reexamined but left intact without change. A review of similar fees charged by other state park systems for the use of similar facilities did find this fee increase reasonable.

The Group Camp rental fees will be standardized throughout the system for the first time this year. Weekly rates will be \$250 per group unit throughout the summer, June - August, and will include utilities. Minimum rental period is 7 days. Additional charges of \$20.00 per day will be made for use of a mess hall and \$20.00 per week for park-furnished utensils when used for the entire week or any part thereof.

The daily rental rate per camping unit will apply September through May. The \$75.00 rate will be charged for use of a group camp unit, mess hall, and utensils as a package only; utilities are also included in this fee. 4

The most common question shared by all districts, with the exception of REDI, concerned the reservation of picnic shelters. Shelter reservation has been a practice for some years at KELA and most recently at JORD and FALA, but this will be the first season it has been implemented on a Divisionwide basis. Every park superintendent should be aware that our picnic shelters are now available for reservations and will be rented on a reservation basis only. Shelters not reserved will continue to be free and available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations will be taken in person or by mail at park offices and should not be made until the fee is paid. A fee receipt will be issued by the Park Superintendent as confirmation of the reservation. Shelters available for reservations will have a lockable "Reserved" sign and, when appropriate, be designated by a letter, number, or distinctive name.

Many of you have asked, and I know others are wondering, how to handle the facility reservations made prior to March 1. You should fully honor those reservations as commitments the Division has already made with the public; the new fee schedule will not be applied to these reservations. Reservations made after March 1 should reflect the new schedule of fees.

I appreciate the attention, time, and effort you have given to this schedule and the questions you have raised to insure consistent application of these fees throughout all operating units of our park system.