

# **Blue Jay Big Group Trip Guidelines**

Tips for making your Trip to Blue Jay Point a Success!

Please call (919) 870-4330 to let us know when your group of 50 or more is planning to come. This is NOT a reservation but will allow us to better serve you.

#### **Park Hours:**

- The park is open every day but New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- The park opens at 8 a.m. and gates lock at dusk—the exact time is on the sign as you enter the park.

### Parking:

- Use the large gravel parking lot or T-Ball parking lot for extra parking for your group. Buses should park in the large gravel parking lot.
- NO parking is allowed on the sides of the road or grass.

# Picnicking:

- Picnic tables and grills are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Some tables are arranged with 3 or 4 tables together with a double grill, conducive for groups.
- Be considerate when you claim tables—staking out tables at 9 a.m. for a 1 p.m. picnic keeps away others who could use the tables before that time.
- Charcoal grills are available for your use. Do not dump charcoal on the ground, but leave it in the grills to burn out and staff will clean grills the next morning. NO personal gas/charcoal grills are allowed (see note on pig cookers below) and grease fryers/turkey cookers are prohibited.
- If you are bringing a large pig cooker, please note that the park does not open until 8 a.m. The pig cooker should be parked in a marked parking space, with cardboard underneath.
- Food trucks and on-site catering are prohibited (this includes ice cream trucks). Caterers must set up food and leave.

### **Activities:**

- E-Z Up-style tents are allowed, as well as portable badminton and volleyball nets.
- If you are considering carnival-type activities, call us for information on our requirements and restrictions. NO inflatable structures/bounce houses/gaming trucks are permitted.
- You will have no access to electrical or water hook-ups.
- No water balloons are permitted due to hazard potential for wildlife. Consider bringing wet sponges in a cooler of water instead.
- The fields may be in use by organized sports that may affect your use of the fields. Call us for updates on anticipated field usage on your desired date.
- Blue Jay does not own the sports goals, so the goals may off the field and locked up at any given time. Bring your own portable nets if needed.
- No amplified music or alcohol is allowed in the park.
- Fishing is permitted from Blue Jay's shoreline. All regular NC Fishing Laws apply.
- Clear any rocket launches AHEAD OF TIME by calling (919) 870-4330.

# Clean-up:

- Pick up any litter associated with your group's visit—this includes straw and candy wrappers.
- Recycling containers are labeled and have blue lids.
- Trash cans have black lids. Please be aware of this when cleaning up your picnic area.