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## **Guidelines for Personal Use of Onset Campgrounds Facilities** beginning July 1, 2021 until updated or rescinded

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To all members of the Onset Conference, Campgrounds homeowners/lot lessees, and their families: this document provides guidelines for use of Onset Campgrounds facilities for summer & year-round residents, their guests, and other church members hoping to spend time on the campgrounds

The COVID-19 Pandemic has been challenging for everyone, across the world, in so many ways, and our hearts go out to those who may be struggling with long-term effects or who have lost a loved one to the disease. One very personal impact of the pandemic has been the limitations on our ability to gather together with our fellow Saints on the Onset Campgrounds over the past year. We are pleased to have obtained permission from World Church to re-open the Campgrounds beginning July 1, 2021 in a limited and restricted way as the COVID-19 pandemic abates.

**Every member of the Onset Conference, including everyone who owns a house or cottage on the Campgrounds, rents a cottage or apartment on the campgrounds, or would like to gather with their friends and family at Onset this summer should read this document.** It contains the conditions for personal/private use of facilities on the campgrounds and for the short-term rentals (Muddy Cove Retreat Center and Roberts House). A separate document provides the detailed instructions for hosting group activities on the campgrounds using any of the Church-owned facilities. These rules will be in effect until updated or rescinded. This document also provides answers to frequently asked questions.

The OBOT has designated two “Campgrounds Health Officers” (CHOs) – Jay Cook and Charlotte Brousseau. Please see either of them if you have any questions.

**It is important to note, that the world health situation is still in flux. The Onset Board of Trustees will monitor COVID data, and Commonwealth and Church requirements, and will re-close the Campgrounds if deemed necessary for public safety.**

Wishing you a healthy, happy summer,  
The Onset Board of Trustees Re-Opening Committee

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## **Guidelines for Personal/Private Use of The Point and Boat Launch**

**The following Guidelines are in effect starting July 1, 2021 until superseded or rescinded by the Onset Board of Trustees.**

**The campgrounds beach, known as The Point, will be open for private / personal use, as follows:**

Individuals and members of the same household on the Onset Campgrounds may use the beach for typical beach activities, such as building sandcastles, sunbathing, and picnicking, subject to compliance with appropriate social distancing practices from others not within their household who may be at the beach at the same time.

Water sport activities that do not bring participants into close, physical contact or involve sharing equipment are also permitted, provided participants practice adequate social distancing from others outside their own household. Such activities include swimming, kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding, etc.

**The Boat Launch area will be open for private/personal use, as follows:**

No OBOT managed watercraft will be placed out for use in Summer 2021.

Individuals and members of the same household on the Onset Campgrounds may launch their own watercraft (kayaks, canoes, sailboats, paddleboards) from the Boat Launch area subject to appropriate social distancing practices from others not within their household who may be at the Boat Launch at the same time.

### **Both areas:**

If an Organized Activity has been scheduled for the beach (e.g., a baptism) or the Boat Launch (e.g., boat races) the area will be marked off, and only those invited may enter the area.

As always, both of these areas are used at participant's sole personal risk as no lifeguards are provided for any personal use except in conjunction with an Organized Activity.

**Organized Activities** at The Point or using the Boat Launch on the campgrounds must follow the Guidelines and steps described in the document titled, "Guidelines and Application for Hosting In-Person Organized Activities"

## **Guidelines for Personal/Private Use of the Open-Air Facilities**

**The following Guidelines are in effect starting July 1, 2021 until superseded or rescinded by the Onset Board of Trustees.**

The Open Air (outdoor) Church-Owned, OBOT-Managed Facilities on the Campgrounds, including the playground, tennis courts, ballfield, picnic table court, and the gathering area behind the Rec Center are open for private/personal use, as follows:

- The Open-Air Facilities are not open to the general public.
- Outdoor recreational activities and enjoyment of Open-Air Facilities are permitted for personal/private use by homeowners and their guests on the Onset Campgrounds for sitting, playing and picnicking subject to compliance with appropriate social distancing practices.
- Sport activities by an individual or individuals from the same household on the Campgrounds that do not bring participants into close, physical contact with others or involve sharing equipment are also permitted, provided participants practice adequate social distancing from others outside their own household.
- **Organized Activities** using outdoor facilities on the campgrounds must follow the Guidelines and steps described in the document titled, “Guidelines and Application for Hosting In-Person Organized Activities”
- If an Organized Activity has been scheduled for an outdoor facility on the campgrounds, the area will be marked off, and only those invited may enter the area.
- The campgrounds takes no responsibility for cleaning and sanitizing these facilities in between various parties’ personal /private use. Please act accordingly. Use of these facilities is at your own risk.

## **Information on Group Gatherings**

The Onset Board of Trustees has received approval from World Church to allow in-person group gatherings using Church-owned indoor and outdoor facilities under specific terms and conditions. Those terms and conditions, as well as detailed procedures for reserving a facility for a group activity, are spelled out in a separate document, *The Guidelines and Application for Hosting In-Person Organized Activities*. Anyone wishing to hold a group activity in or on a church-owned facility on the Campgrounds must read that document and follow the procedures described.

### **The facilities that may be reserved for in-person group gatherings are:**

- The Rec Center (note: the kitchen will remain closed)
- The Youth Chapel
- The Tabernacle
- The Ball Field or other outdoor areas may also be reserved, such as the Point and the picnic area next to the rec center.

The indoor facilities will remain locked unless a group activity is scheduled. Personal/private use of the indoor facilities is not allowed at this time. At no time will the Rec Center bathroom entry doors directly to the outside be left open or unlocked for access by others not attending an Organized Activity.

### **Examples of group activities include:**

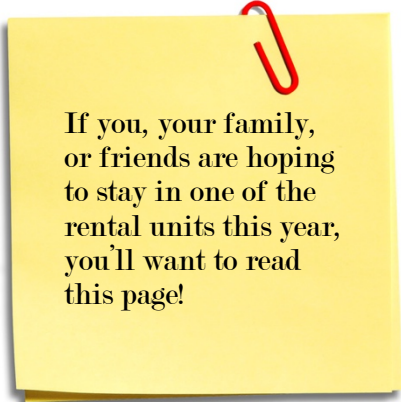
- Educational Activities (e.g., the Jim Cook Seminar, Bible Classes, Priesthood Meetings)
- Spiritual Activities (e.g., in-person worship services, baptism services, memorial services)
- Recreational (e.g., craft classes, softball games or a children's bicycle parade, family reunions, birthday or anniversary celebrations)

People who own or rent houses / cottages on the campgrounds may host group gatherings in their own home or on their leased lot on the Campgrounds, abiding by whatever restrictions or guidance the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has in place at the time of the gathering. (Massachusetts currently has no restrictions on private indoor or outdoor gatherings, but this could change in the future, based on the COVID-19 case rate.)

## **Guidelines for Overnight Rentals – 2021**

**The following Guidelines are in effect starting July 1, 2021 until superseded or rescinded by the Onset Board of Trustees.**

- The eight short term rental units in the Muddy Cove Retreat Center and the two units in the Roberts House will be open beginning July 1, 2021 for short-term rental. The hutments and campsites remain closed.
- The Board's June 28, 2020 Resolution on Short-Term Rentals which limits rentals to church members and those attending organized activities, remains in effect. This year, organized activities are only those that have been approved by the Campgrounds Health Officer.
- Reservations must be made in advance with the Rental Manager. The Reservation Request Form and instructions for submitting it, are available on the Campgrounds website [onsetcampground.org](http://onsetcampground.org), on the Housing Page.
- As always, smoking and the use/consumption of alcohol and recreational drugs, including marijuana in any form, is prohibited in the rental units.
- The OBOT may cancel reservations without notice if COVID-19 requirements for remaining open are not being met.
- No bedding (pillows, sheets, or blankets) or towels will be provided.
- No people from outside the renter's group are allowed inside the rental unit.
- All occupants must conform to any Massachusetts Travel Policy in effect at the time of their arrival.
- All occupants of the rental unit must have either been vaccinated at least two weeks prior to arriving or had a recent negative COVID test before arriving on-grounds and not have any symptoms of COVID or been exposed to someone known to have COVID in the last ten days.
- Any occupant of a rental unit who tests positive for COVID-19 within two weeks after their stay, must inform the Rental Manager.
- Rentals will be scheduled to ensure at least 48 hours of vacancy between guests and all units will be cleaned and sanitized between rentals.



If you, your family, or friends are hoping to stay in one of the rental units this year, you'll want to read this page!

## **Guidelines for Use of the Coin-Op Laundry Facilities**

**The following Guidelines are in effect starting July 1, 2021 unless superseded or rescinded by the Onset Board of Trustees.**

The coin-operated laundry facility located adjacent to the Robert's House will be locked at all times, only open for restricted use by those who meet with the Campgrounds Health Officer and agree to the terms and conditions below.

The Campgrounds Health Officer (CHO) will ensure signage is posted in the facility related to the terms and condition of use and preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The CHO will ensure disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer are available in the laundry facility.

The CHO will post a sign-up sheet on the door to facilitate safe use of the laundry facility.

Anyone wishing to use the Coin-Op laundry facility must contact the Campgrounds Health Officer, and agree to the terms and conditions of use, in order to receive the access code for entry.

Terms and Conditions of use are:

- Anyone wishing to use the facility must use the sign-in sheet, providing their name and date and time of use. (This will not only ensure one person at a time in the facility, but also allow for contact tracing if needed.)
- A mask must be worn inside the laundry facility at all times.
- Only one person may be in the facility at a time.
- Do not shake dirty clothes before placing in the washing machine.
- Use the hottest temperature appropriate for the load.
- No folding of clothes allowed. Take clothes back to your residence for folding.
- People are discouraged from remaining in the laundry facility while their laundry is in process. However, the Onset Board of Trustees bears no responsibility for lost or stolen items.
- The bathroom in the Laundry Facility will be locked. It may not be used by people using the laundry facilities.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 within two weeks after using the laundry facility must inform the Campgrounds Health Officer.
- Anyone using the laundry must wipe down anything they have touched with the disinfecting wipes provided. This includes the appliance knobs and doors, as well as the entrance door knobs. A trash can will be placed next to the exit for disposal of the Wipes after use, on your way out.
- Anyone using the facility does so at their own risk.

I acknowledge the receipt of these terms & conditions and agree to full compliance with all requirements related to use of the Campgrounds Laundry Facility.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Onset Campgrounds Reopening Answers to Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q1. What OBOT-managed facilities are open on the campgrounds for group activities in Summer 2021?**

A1. The Tabernacle, Rec Hall (but not the kitchen), and Youth Chapel are the indoor facilities available for group activities, however occupancy is restricted. Currently, occupancy is limited to approximately 50% Capacity – no more than 100 in the tabernacle, 50 in the Youth Chapel and 50 in the Rec Center. These facilities will only be opened up for specific group activities for which these facilities have been reserved. Those who reserve these facilities must follow the strict Guidelines issued by the OBOT and approved by World Church. Those who wish to host group activities are encouraged to host them outdoors. The outdoor facilities available to reserve for group activities are the Ball Field, the tennis courts, the beach, the boat launch, and the gathering area behind the Rec Center. Currently, no food service is allowed at group activities on the Campgrounds. The Board may cancel reservations with minimal notice if the COVID-19 situation in the US, and particularly in Plymouth County worsens. The occupancy limits and other restrictions may relax over time as the COVID-19 situation improves.

### **Q2. What are the short-term rental options on the Campgrounds in Summer 2021?**

A2. Only the eight short-term rental units in the Muddy Cove Retreat Center and the two units in the Roberts House are available for short term rental this summer. The hutments and campsites will remain closed. No bedding (pillows, sheets or blankets) or towels will be provided for guests. Rentals will be scheduled to ensure at least 48 hours of vacancy between reservations and all units will be cleaned and sanitized between rentals. Reservations may be cancelled at no notice if the COVID-19 situation in Plymouth County worsens. The Board's June 28, 2020 Resolution on Short-Term Rentals, which limits rentals to church members and those attending organized activities, remains in effect. See the *Guidelines for Short-Term Rentals 2021*.

### **Q3. Will there be an OBOT-sponsored summer program, run by OBOT-hired staff in 2021?**

A3. No.

### **Q4. Will the kayaks be available for use?**

A4. No. See the *Guidelines for Personal/Private Use of the Point or Boat Launch Area*.

### **Q5. Can I swim and play at the Point?**

A5. Yes, as described in the *Guidelines for Personal/Private Use of the Point and Boat Launch*.

### **Q6. If I host an organized activity on the Ballfield, following the OBOT's procedures and guidelines, can those who attend my event use the bathroom facilities in the Rec Hall?**

A6. Yes, but only if you have also reserved them (and paid any applicable fee). You must also, then, follow all the Guidelines for using the Rec Hall (including sanitizing the bathrooms after use).



**Q7. Do the OBOT-issued Guidelines for in-person gatherings/group activities apply to me if I am hosting friends and /or relatives in my cottage and on my lot on the campgrounds?**

A7. No. Cottage owners are encouraged to follow the recommendations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts when hosting gatherings in their Campgrounds home or on their leased lot.

**Q8. Do I have to wear a mask when I am in another person's cottage on the campgrounds, on another person's lot on the campgrounds or when I am walking around on the campgrounds?**

A8. Masks are not required outdoors. Campgrounds residents and visitors are encouraged to follow the current recommendations of the Commonwealth regarding indoor mask use. Cottage owners may require visitors to wear masks in their home if they desire.

**Q9. Can I use the Coin-Operated laundry adjacent to the Roberts House?**

A9. Yes, subject to the relevant terms and conditions, described in the OBOT's "Guidelines for Use of Coin Op Laundry Facilities."

**Q10. Will church be held in the Tabernacle this summer?**

A10. The Onset Congregation (not OBOT) hosts church services in the summer. See Pastor Bill Brousseau for more information.

**Q11. Will Reunion be held this summer?**

A11. New England Mission Center (not OBOT) hosts reunion every summer. They plan on hosting a virtual reunion this year. They are, however, also working on hosting one in-person Family Day on the Campgrounds this summer, tentatively scheduled for August 7th (Rain Date August 14).

**Q12. Will the Jim Cook Seminar be held in person this year?**

A12. Assuming the COVID-19 situation continues to improve, the seminar will be held in-person August 27-29, 2021. Details will be communicated as the date approaches.

**Q13. Will Onset Conference be held in person this year?**

A13. Onset Conference is scheduled for July 31, 2021. The Board will decide at its June Meeting whether it will be held virtually or in-person, and if in-person whether it will be indoors or outdoors.

**Q14. Does a person's vaccination status (i.e., being vaccinated or not) impact their ability to participate in activities on the Campgrounds this summer?**

A14. The permission we received from World Church requires that individuals must have either a) been fully vaccinated at least two weeks prior to arriving or participating in organized activities on the campgrounds, or b) if they are not vaccinated, must have had a negative COVID test within 72 hours before arriving on-grounds, and not have any symptoms of COVID, or been exposed to someone known to have COVID in the last ten days prior to participating in any activities. For everyone's protections, we encourage everyone who can to get vaccinated.

**Q15. Can baptisms, weddings or funerals/memorial services take place on the Campgrounds this summer?**

A15. Yes, in accordance with *OBOT Procedures and Requirements to Host an In Person Gathering*.

**Q16. Can I use the tennis court/pickle ball court?**

A16. Yes, in accordance with the *Guidelines for Personal/Private Use of the Open-Air Facilities*.

**Q17. Can I hold a memorial service in the Tabernacle this summer for my loved one who passed away earlier this year?**

A17. Yes, in accordance with the *Procedures and Requirements to Host an In-Person Organized Activity/Gathering*. The first step is to download and complete the rental form for the Tabernacle from the Campgrounds website, [onsetcampground.org](http://onsetcampground.org). Turn in the completed form to the Rental Manager, Mal Booth, who will ensure the date you request is available. You will then be directed to meet with the Campgrounds Health Officer (CHO) to learn about, and agree to, the requirements for hosting an event in the Tabernacle.

**Q18. If I host an organized activity in the Tabernacle, following the OBOT's procedures and guidelines, can those who attend my event use the bathroom facilities in the Laundry Building by the Roberts House?**

A18. Yes, but only if you have also reserved them (and paid any applicable fee). You must also, then, follow any requirements for sanitizing the bathrooms after use.