

Reserve 4

BEACH RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Compliance** - All persons at the Beaver Dam Lake Reserve 4 facility must comply with these rules, the instructions of Lifeguards and staff as well as all requirements of the Orange County Department of Health and the NY State Department of Health.
2. **Disabilities** – Any person with a hearing impairment, visual impairment or other condition who may require accommodations to receive emergency instructions or to safely follow these rules should inform the Lifeguard upon arrival at the beach. Lifeguards and staff will keep this information confidential.
3. **Lifeguards**
 - a. The Lifeguard is authorized to enforce these rules and is authorized to issue additional instructions in the interests of safety.
 - b. Lifeguards shall remain alert and shall not engage in the use of electronic devices, cell phones, texting devices or any other distractions while on duty.
 - c. No person shall engage in lengthy conversations or any other activity that could distract the Lifeguard while on duty.
4. **Minimum Age**
 - a. Persons under 12 years old must be supervised and accompanied by an adult at all times when on the beach, in the water or in the building.
 - b. The Lifeguard and / or management may require a parent or legal guardian to attest to age if a person appears to be under the age of 12.
5. **Bathing and Swimming**
 - a. Bathing, wading and swimming is permitted only when a Lifeguard is officially on duty and physically in the elevated Lifeguard Station. Entering the water at all other times is prohibited.
 - b. All bathers, waders and swimmers must remain inside the swim area defined by the float lines.
 - c. Non-swimmers and weak swimmers must remain in shallow water no deeper than the lower chest.
 - d. When the Lifeguard is in doubt of a swimmer's ability they may ask the individual to take a safety test. (swim across the Beach area and / or other appropriate test of the swimmers abilities)
 - e. Every person must leave the water immediately upon the signal or instruction of the Lifeguard.
6. **Emergency Situations**
 - a. Emergency signals and instructions must be observed.
 - b. Any person may be requested to assist the Lifeguard or to summon help as conditions warrant.
 - c. No person may interfere with emergency operations or drill activities.
 - d. No person may use whistles on the beach, in the water or near the bathing area.

7. Weather Conditions

- a. The Lifeguard **must** close the beach and bathers **must** immediately leave the water and seek shelter at the first indication of thunder, lightning or unusual weather event.
- b. The Lifeguard shall not reopen the beach for bathing until at least 30 minutes have elapsed since the last indication of thunder, lightning or unusual weather event. The period of closure may be extended at the discretion of the Lifeguard or management.

8. **Equipment** - Safety equipment, medical equipment, first aid kits, rescue equipment and furniture shall not be used, moved, or altered by unauthorized persons.

9. Bathing Attire

- a. Clean bathing suits or other suitable bathing attire must be worn by all persons in the water.
- b. Bathing attire must not impede the ability to safely swim.
- c. Bathing attire shall be opaque and shall not become transparent or translucent when wet.
- d. Changing into or out of bathing attire shall only be done in an area not viewable by other people.

10. Alcohol and Drugs

- a. Alcohol, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, controlled substances and drug paraphernalia are not permitted on any District Facilities.
- b. Individuals under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances are not permitted on any District Facility.

11. **Smoking** - Smoking is prohibited except in designated areas.

12. **Medical Conditions** - Individuals with skin eruptions, open wounds, sores, bandages, or contagious diseases are not permitted on the beach area or in the water.

13. **Animals** - Dogs, pets and other animals of any kind (except registered service animals) are not allowed on the property. Service animals are permitted only when accompanying the person they are assisting.

14. **Glass** - Glass containers and other glass items (except for eyeglasses) are not permitted anywhere on Reserve 4 or in the water.

15. Boats (including other floating objects)

- a. Boats are not permitted to be stored, launched, docked or landed anywhere on Reserve 4 except for District authorized maintenance and rescue boats.
- b. Boats are prohibited within 50 feet of the swimming area.
- c. Small floating boards and tubes may be permitted in the swim area at the Lifeguard's discretion.

16. **Model Boats and Model Aircraft** – Powered or propelled model boats, model aircraft, model sailboats and equivalent items are not permitted anywhere on Reserve 4 or within 50 feet of the swim area.

17. Fishing

- a. Fishing is not permitted at any time on Reserve 4
- b. Fishing from a boat or other floating object is not permitted within 50 feet of the swim area.
- c. Casting into or within 50 feet of the swim area is not permitted at any time.

18. Vehicles and Bicycles

- a. The maximum speed limit for vehicles and bicycles on district facilities is 5 MPH.
- b. Vehicles on District facilities must bear a valid state registration and license plate.
- c. All vehicles operated or parked on District facilities must display a valid Resident Permit.
- d. Vehicles and bicycles must be parked in designated areas only and are not permitted to be operated or parked on the grass, sand or in the lake.
- e. Bicycles must be parked in the bicycle rack
- f. ATVs, UTVs and similar vehicles are not permitted on District facilities.

19. Personal Behavior

- a. Abusive or foul language is not permitted.
- b. Behavior that interferes with the rights of others to enjoy the beach is not permitted.
- c. Excessively amorous physical contact or other behavior not consistent with a family atmosphere is not permitted.
- d. Radios, musical instruments and audible electronic devices are not permitted except for specific District sponsored functions.

20. Swimming Lessons and Group Activities - No person may teach swimming or conduct any aquatic group activity without the written approval of the District Administrative Head or his designee.

21. Umbrellas, Sunshades and Visual Obstructions –

- a. The temporary placement of umbrellas, sun shades and other similar objects is permitted on the beach provided that they are stable and secure, do not pose a hazard to others nor interfere with the use of the beach by others.
- b. The placement of objects must not interfere with the Lifeguard's full view of the swimming area and adjacent shoreline.

22. Commercial and Political Activities - No commercial activities, soliciting, selling, advertising, posting of signs or political activities are permitted on District Facilities without the written approval of the District Administrative Head or his designee.