



National Camporama 2012

# Camporama Rules & Safety

Camporama will be an exciting event, filled with all kinds of fun and challenging things to do. But to get the most out of the experience you'll want to be sure you know the rules and safety procedures. Look over the following material before you arrive at the camp to insure your Camporama experience is the best it can be.

## Camporama Code

A Royal Ranger lives by the Golden Rule. In fact, it's our daily rule. So pay others the respect you wish to receive. The Golden Rule teaches us to pay it forward to others with kindness, a smile, or encouraging words. Pick up your own trash, and the rubbish someone else dropped. Treat the property and space of others better than your own. Be honest and courteous. Have fun!

Get the most out of your Camporama experience by living by the Camporama Code:

- *Be safe:* Follow the Camp Rules and observe the Health and Safety guidelines found in this notebook.
- *Have fun:* Don't play checkers all day in your campsite. Enjoy the activities.
- *Make friends:* People from all over the country and from around the world have gathered. It's a great time to meet them and share your Rangers experiences.
- *Be helpful:* After each meal, clean up around the food station and tent; daily participate in the service project assigned to your group; and perform random acts of kindness whenever you have the chance.
- *Meet with God:* That's why we are here. Do your morning devotions. Attend the regional assembly. Enjoy the evening rally and hit the altar to seek God.

## Camp Rules and Information

**Security:** Professional security personnel (in black) will be available before, during, and after Camporama as needed. Follow their instructions.

**ID badge:** You are expected to wear your ID badge and lanyard all day, everyday. The ID badge is your pass to the camp, to participate in the activities, to receive your meals, and to enter the amphitheater.

**Meals:** Your Camporama ID badge is one of three colors— red, green, or blue. Eat all of your meals at the food pavilion that is the same color as your ID badge.

**Amphitheater:** Enter and exit the amphitheater each evening through the gates that match the color of your ID badge.

**Banned Items:** Use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks, laser penlights, carry and conceal weapons is forbidden. Any outpost participating in a shooting competition and transporting any firearm for this reason must keep these firearms in a case that can be locked. These firearms should only be accessible for the competition and not outside the storage case or handled anywhere but at the range.

Any firearm seen handled in campsites or transported improperly will be confiscated by security and held in safekeeping until that outpost/individual checks out to return home.

**Prohibited Sale of Firearms and Knives:** Firearms (including black powder firearms) and knives (including folding knives) may not be sold, awarded, traded, or conveyed as personal property by anyone at Camporama. Possessing knives that open by spring action or centrifugal force (switch blades, butterfly knives, etc.) is expressly prohibited at any Royal Rangers activity.

**Product Sales:** To protect campers and the Camporama experience, the sale of products (including pins, shirts, etc.) is forbidden except by approved vendors. Please report violations to security.

**Off-site Travel:** Campers traveling off-site must be under adult supervision. Adults must complete a Release and Hold Harmless Form for accompanying minors before leaving the campground. This form may be obtained at registration, regional headquarters, or the main security checkpoint. The form is turned in to security as you leave the premises.

**Spiritual Formation:** To fully experience what Camporama is all about, campers are requested to do the following each day:

1. Have personal devotions around breakfast time
2. Attend the morning devotions held at the regional/denominational/international assembly
3. Participate in the evening services in the amphitheater
4. Complete the "Making it Personal" section in the Camporama Notebook.

If you have questions or need prayer, a chaplain is available at each regional headquarters and at the main first aid station throughout the day; altar workers are available following the evening message in the amphitheater.

**Registration:** Everyone must register (at the Eagle's Resort Lodge) before entering the campground. At registration, every camper will receive an ID badge, lanyard, and the Camporama Notebook. The remaining registration items, including your campstool, are given to each camper individually at the Camporama Store.

**Dress:** Monday–Thursday dress in Camporama t-shirt, ball cap, and shorts or pants.

**Roads and Footpaths:** Pedestrians walk on footpaths; however, if walking on a roadway, walk facing traffic (with a flashlight at night). Some roads may be temporarily closed to vehicles due to weather.

**Vehicles:** Most roads inside Camp Eagle Rock are one way. Please obey posted signs, including speed limit (which is 10 miles/hour or less). Buckle up! No riding on tailgates! Yield to emergency vehicles, trams, carts, and pedestrians. Vehicles are allowed in campsites to unload for no more than two hours on Sunday or Monday immediately following registration and to pack on Friday morning after 6:00 a.m.\* Trailers cannot be left in campsites. Park vehicles in the designated parking areas only. Anyone wishing to use their vehicle off-site during Camporama should use the designated parking area outside the secure campground gates. Displaying parking permit, issued at registration, is mandatory at all times. A tow truck will move illegally parked vehicles at owner's expense. The road near the amphitheater is closed one hour before the evening rally and remains closed until the end of the altar service. Some roads may be temporarily closed to vehicles due to weather; follow staff instructions. (\*Regional staff will clear exceptions.)

**Activities:** There are dozens of exciting activities available to you at Camporama. They are only open during the designated times listed on the schedule and are available exclusively to registered campers.

Visitors may only participate in the following activities: The Muse, Museum, Heritage Trail, and the Thursday evening service and concert. All other activities are for registered campers only.

**Hat Pin Trading:** This is a fun Camporama tradition. Hat pins are for trade and should not be sold or bought! Trade only when a responsible adult is present to witness the trade. Keep it fun and fair.

**Trams:** Trams are available each day from 8:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tram service will be available to international guests 15 minutes after close of evening service, departing from the Trading Post. Trams will also be available Thursday evening for guests.

**Personal Privacy:** Respect another person's privacy while they are showering or dressing. Shower and restroom facilities have separate boys' and men's designations. Male campers 18+ years old should use the men's facilities.

**Power:** Electricity is available at shower houses and snack bars. Outlets are limited to the use of electric razors and battery chargers for cell phones and cameras. The National Royal Rangers Ministries is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**Flashlights:** Use a flashlight while walking on roads and trails at night. Replacement batteries are available at the Camporama Store. Flashlights should remain off during evening service. Use of laser lights is forbidden.

**Visitors:** All visitors must check in/out at the registration office (located at the Eagles Resort Lodge) and will receive an ID badge that needs to be returned as they leave the campground. Visitors may rest at or around the main snack bar, located near the Johnnie Barnes Lodge, and may purchase food, snacks, and refreshments there. To protect campers' privacy, female visitors are kindly requested not to visit district campsites. Visitors may only participate in the following activities: The Muse, Museum, Heritage Trail, and the Thursday evening service and concert. To protect the Camporama experience, all other activities are for registered campers only.

**Visiting Hours:** Monday-Wednesday: 9:15 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday: 9:15 a.m.-end of service/concert. Thursday evening visitors are invited to enjoy the evening service and concert and are kindly asked to depart immediately following.

**International Encampment:** US campers and guests are prohibited from entering the international encampment. You can meet guests from overseas at the Royal Rangers International tent located in the Missions Plex during activity times.

**Daily Service Project:** Every day each outpost will be assigned a short service project. The group leaders should check in each morning at the regional headquarters to find out what their assignment is and when it should be completed. In addition, every camper is expected to follow the Camporama Code.

**Adult Volunteers:** All able-bodied adults are expected to volunteer at least (1) 4-hour shift during Camporama. Please check in at the volunteer office (east of the Johnnie Barnes Lodge) for your assignment. Volunteers will receive exclusive memorabilia for each 4-hour shift: one 4-hour shift is a patch; two 4-hour shifts (total 8 hours) is a coin; and three 4-hour shifts (total 12hours) is a hat.

**Camporama Merit:** Every camper is encouraged to complete the Camporama Merit. Requirements and full information can be found on the [Camporama Merit](#) page.

**District/Denominational Competition:** Within each region, districts/denominations will compete for largest attendance, best entryway, camp, flag, and spirit. Do your part to make your district/denomination shine! (Check with your district director for details.) Awards will be presented Thursday morning.

**Camp Set-up and Tear-down:** Following registration, check in with regional headquarters for campsite location. Vehicles are allowed in campsite for no more than two hours immediately following registration on Sunday or Monday. Safety is paramount. Regional staff will inspect campsite before clearance to leave camp is granted.

**Lost and Found:** Lost and found is located at Camporama Office immediately to the east of the Johnnie Barnes Lodge.

## **Health and Safety**

**First Aid Stations:** Report injuries and illnesses immediately to your regional first aid station. If you are participating in activities, go to the main first aid station, located on the ground level of the Johnnie Barnes lodge. The medical staff (in light blue) will make an assessment and take appropriate action. All first aid stations are open 24 hours/day.

**Dehydration:** Drink sufficient water to avoid heat-related injuries. Frequent drinks of water and resting in the shade are necessary in high temperatures. Potable water fountains are located throughout the activity field, outside shower houses, and at the amphitheater. Do not drink water from the creek.

**Local Hazards:** Avoid walking through high weeds or wooded areas where ticks, chiggers, snakes, and poison ivy are common. Do not disturb the wildlife unless your safety is directly threatened.

**Insect Repellent and Sunscreen:** For your protection and comfort, wear both at all times. For your convenience, both are available at the Camporama Store.

**Prescription Drugs:** All prescriptions must be registered with the medical staff at the main first aid station, located on the ground level of the Johnnie Barnes Lodge, upon check-in. Depending on the prescription or situation involved, some medications may be required to be kept there while a camper's leader or legal guardian may be permitted to keep others in their campsites.

**Emergency Response:** In the event of a natural hazard, such as flood or fire, campers should return as safely and as quickly as possible to their district campsites and wait for instructions.

In the event of a sudden severe thunderstorm or tornado, take the following actions:

- Try to get inside and seek out a small, protected space with no windows.
- If protected space is not available, lie in a ditch, ravine, culvert, or low-lying area not prone to flooding.
- Use your arms or a piece of clothing to protect your head and neck.
- Do not enter a grove of trees.
- Do not seek shelter under any large tent located at Camporama.

**Hand Washing:** Keep hands clean to avoid sickness. Wash hands before and after eating and before and after using the restroom.

**Trash:** Keep the campgrounds clean and sanitary by disposing of all trash in designated areas.

**Portable Toilets:** To promote good sanitation, please do not use the woods or nearby trees as a bathroom. Toilets are serviced daily. Do not discard trash or bottles in toilets.

**Shower Houses:** Keep them clean. Use biodegradable soaps and shampoos. As a courtesy to other campers, shower quickly. Men (18+ years old) and boys use separate facilities. All shower houses will be closed one hour each afternoon for cleaning; times are posted on each facility.

**Buddy System:** For safety, campers ages 9-17 should be accompanied by another individual at all times.

**Fire Safety:** Open fires are prohibited.

**Swimming:** Swim in pools only during scheduled times when lifeguards are on duty. Do not swim in the creeks.

**Emergency Phone Calls:** In the event of an emergency, calls will be received at 417-271-3900. A message will be taken to the appropriate regional headquarters for delivery to the Camporama attendee. Calls should be strictly limited to significant emergencies.