

Notice to Campers - 2024

We look forward to another season of camping along the Swatara Creek. Here are a few notes and rules to help ensure a fun, safe and environmentally friendly season for all.

The donation for one campsite for a Full Season (May 1 - Oct 31) is \$500.

A \$50 cleanup fee will be assessed to anyone who does not remove all trash and items upon check out.

Campsite holders from the previous season have first priority for the same site this season.

To reserve a site for the season:

Returning campers: In order to secure your site, notify us at info@swatarawatershed.org and let us know your name and desired site. Then complete the 2024 Campsite Agreement and mail with your check made out to Swatara Watershed Association to: 20 Black Walnut Lane, Annville, PA 17003. Alternatively, you may email the agreement and use [Paypal](#) to submit payment. If you want a different site or an additional site, please let us know via email and we will let you know if that site is available. **You will have until April 21, 2024 to reserve your site. New campers will have access to unreserved sites beginning April 22.**

New campers: Notify us of your desire to rent a site by email at info@swatarawatershed.org. We will put you on a list in order of the date we receive your email and you will be given a chance to select your site from those still available after returning campers secure their sites. At that time, complete the 2024 Campsite Agreement and mail with your check made out to Swatara Watershed Association to: 20 Black Walnut Lane, Annville, PA 17003. Alternatively, you may email the agreement and use [Paypal](#) to submit payment, or arrange for in person pickup.

The agreement must be received along with payment prior to moving into the site. If, after moving into a site, you would like to change sites to one that is not occupied, please let us know and wait for approval prior to moving. You may make one change per season.

-Please remove trash weekly from your site. Please remove ALL items from your campsite (with the exception of secured stairs) by October 31, 2024. Do not throw trash in fire rings. Please secure your picnic table to a tree prior to any predicted high water event and at the end of the season.

-The SWA is all about Clean Water. To ensure we do not cause additional pollution please follow these steps prior to a predicted flood.

- Secure your picnic table to a tree
- Clean up all trash and remove from the site
- Remove all torches, solar lights, flags, decorations etc.
- Do not pile items in trees or on picnic tables. This does not keep the items from being washed away!
- Remove camper to higher ground on premises or remove from premises depending on flood height - please be aware of the river predictions during an event.
- Remove all tents and canopies

-As a camper, you have the right to question any person you feel does not belong on the premises after dark, or at any time if they are breaking any laws. Get their names, pictures and license plate numbers if possible, but do not put yourself in harm's way. Call 911 to report suspicious activity.

- Potable (drinkable) water is available at the pavilion and at the sink behind the office. The water is tested monthly per PA DEP regulations.

-Toilet Service will be supplied by Walter's Toilets, 650 Firehouse Rd, Grantville, PA, exclusively. If you would like a toilet for your personal use at your own expense, their number is 1-888-265-3581.

-Green tree tubes line the bank of the creek. These tubes are protecting seedlings that were planted in 2021 in an effort to help stabilize the stream bank and reinforce the existing riparian buffer. Do not remove or damage tree tubes or trees. Do not attach anything to the tubes or cover them in any way.

-Do not nail or screw items into trees. Straps or ropes should be used to secure necessary items to trees. Please remove all ropes or straps (except for those attached to picnic tables) from trees at the end of the season. Old ropes, lights and straps left in trees can cause girdling and tree death.