

Eagle River Nature Center
FACILITY USE POLICIES for CLASSROOM YURT

SECTION ONE: Description of the Facility and Allowable Use

1. The Classroom Yurt is a 30' diameter insulated tent structure with a gas stove and 3 gas lanterns. During most weekdays in April, May, September and October this space is used for school classes. Other months and on most evenings, however, it is available for private use.
2. The facility does not have electricity however a generator capable of running a computer, projector and lights is available for an extra charge of \$10.
3. The facility has 30 stackable chairs and 3 folding tables.
4. The facility has an outdoor latrine near its primary trailhead (see map).
5. Two parking locations are available (weather permitting). The walk to the facility from the main upper parking lot is a ¼ mile along a trail or gravel road.
6. NO MUSIC is permitted inside or outside the facility.
7. The facility is available to private and non-profit groups.
8. Users may arrange to park their vehicles in the overflow parking area when the road is ice-free (usually May-October). You will need to make arrangements with staff to unlock the gate to this parking area.

SECTION TWO: Use of the Facility By the Permittee

The permittee agrees that the facility:

1. Shall not be used for any illegal purposes.
2. Shall not be used in any manner for which it was not designated or built. Maximum allowable occupancy is 47 people.
3. Shall not be used in a negligent manner.
4. Will not be used by any other persons without the permission of the manager.
5. Will be left in the same state as it was found.
6. The permittee is required to obtain approval from the Superintendent of Chugach State Park if alcohol is to be served. No alcohol may be consumed outside the facility. Any function which is open to the public, must receive an alcohol license from the Municipality of Anchorage.
7. No outdoor fires are allowed. Enclosed fires in grills or similar devices is allowed, but must be monitored at all times and completely distinguished before leaving the area.

SECTION THREE: Permit Fees

\$75.00 deposit must be obtained to secure the date of the permit. This deposit will be forfeited in the event of a cancellation up to seven calendar days prior to the permit date. The manager shall return \$50.00 of the deposit if cancellation is made 8 calendar days prior to the permit date. The deposit will be returned **after** the facility has been inspected by the manager for any damage (see above Section Two (f)).

\$50 per hour for private groups; \$25.00 per hour for non-profit groups/organizations. Full day use available at reduced rates. Full payment must be received 5 days prior to facility use. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). This fee includes set-up and clean-up time.

SECTION FOUR: Permittee Access to the Facility and Security

The permittee is required to contact the center manager at 694-2108 to arrange access to the facility. In most cases the permittee will be required to obtain a key from the Nature Center 24 hours prior to use.

SECTION FIVE: Indemnification

The permittee shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the manager from and against any claim of or liability for error, omission, or negligent act of the permittee under this permit. The permittee shall not be required to indemnify the manager for a claim of or liability for the independent negligence of the manager. If there is a claim of or liability for the joint negligent error or mission of the permittee and the independent negligence of the manager, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. "Permittee" and "manager" as used in the stipulation include members of the permittee's party and the employees, agents and other contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term "independent negligence" means other than the manager's decision to permit the permittee.

SECTION SIX: Facility Closing Instructions

The permittee is responsible for arranging the cleaning and securing the facility when finished with its use. The following must be completed:

- Doors must be secured before leaving the yurt. Key must be returned to the lockbox (per prior arrangements made with the manager).
- Trash **MUST** be bagged by the renter and removed from the premises. Please remember that bears will damage the yurt if any trash is left in the yurt. A bear resistant dumpster is available behind the Nature Center.
- Gas stove must be turned off if used. Important: follow the instructions posted and **DO NOT** shut off the gas.
- All gas lights must be switched off if used. **Damaged filaments will be charged a \$5 replacement fee.** Use match to light lamps, but **DO NOT** touch the filaments in any way. They disintegrate if touched.
- All personal belongings collected.
- The gate to the overflow parking area needs to be locked after all vehicles have left the area.

***A non-profit friends group takes care of this facility.
Thank you for helping us keep it clean.***

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