

KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL

CAMPGROUND RULES

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Violation of these rules may result in removal from the premises without refund and may additionally result in a temporary or permanent ban from future events.

CAMPGROUND ACCESS:

Everyone must have a wristband in order to enter the campground during the festival. Wristbands must be worn on the wrist at all times. Broken wristbands may be exchanged at the ticket booth. The entire broken band must be surrendered to get a replacement.

VEHICLE RULES:

SPEED LIMIT – Ranch speed limit is **FIVE MILES PER HOUR**. This applies to all vehicles including golf carts, tractors, and bicycles. This is for safety and to keep the dust down. If you see dust in your rearview mirror you are going too fast!

PARKED VEHICLES – Any vehicle parked on the road or blocking a road may be towed without notice at the owner's expense. Please Note: because the roadway adjacent to the Threadgill Theater will be required for artists load in and load-out, no golf carts or cars will be allowed to park beyond the barricades. Golf carts will be allowed for drop off and pick up only, and the driver must always stay with the cart.

GOLF CARTS – Golf carts must observe the 5-mph rule. All riders must be seated, in a seat. One person is allowed per seat, do not overload golf carts. Standing on side bars or hanging off the back is not allowed. **NO HORSEPLAY ON GOLF CARTS!**

BICYCLES – No one under 12 may ride a bike on the ranch during the festival. Any cyclists under 18 must wear a helmet. Bike riding is only allowed on ranch roads, not in any grassy areas or on hills. Bikes must observe the 5 mph speed limit.

ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES – Unauthorized or non-permitted vehicles in the campgrounds may be towed at the owner's expense. Any vehicles blocking roads may be towed without notice.

GENERAL RULES:

AGE – No one under 18 years of age will be allowed on the premises without a parent or legal guardian (with notarized Power of Attorney) present.

TRASH AND GEAR – Campers are responsible for the trash in their area. Please make sure that all garbage is properly disposed of in the provided, lined trash barrels. Recycle bins are available throughout the campground. **PLEASE** take all camping equipment such as tents, tarps, chairs, canopies, pallets, and furniture home with you, even if they are broken!
IF YOU BROUGHT IT IN, TAKE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE!

PETS – PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE RANCH DURING FESTIVALS! *Trained "Service Animals"* as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act are allowed. "Emotional Support" animals ARE NOT covered under the ADA and are not permitted. Service animals and their owners who do not adhere to specific ADA standards of behavior will be in violation of festival rules and subject to eviction without a refund.

SMOKING – DO NOT THROW CIGARETTE BUTTS ON THE GROUND! Smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of any covered structure including the Kerrtry store, crafts and food booths, the Threadgill Theater and the Festival Office.

ALCOHOL – Beer and wine will be sold at the Kerrtry Store and the Food & Beverage pavilion in the Kennedy Outdoor Theater. KFFF serves beer and wine under a special event license issued by TABC and all rules regarding legal drinking age and hours must be observed. Loud, disruptive or violent behavior due to intoxication will not be tolerated. No alcoholic beverages in containers or coolers may be carried into the Kennedy Outdoor Theater or the Threadgill Theater area (beyond the barricades or from the side or back of the theater). It is the responsibility of the camper to enforce underage drinking laws among all members of their group. Public consumption and display of alcohol in common areas such as roads, potties, showers, and within the Theater area is prohibited by state law Monday through Saturday between midnight and 7:00 a.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Alcohol consumption is permitted in the immediate vicinity of RV sites and campsites.

NITROUS OXIDE – The use and possession of nitrous oxide (aka "whip-its"), including nitrous oxide cartridges, tanks, or canisters, is prohibited at all Kerrville Folk Festival Foundation events, including the Kerrville Folk Festival and Welcome Home Fest. Possession or use of nitrous oxide may result in a temporary or permanent ban from Foundation events.

RESPECTING THE RANCH – Maintaining the natural beauty of the Quiet Valley Ranch is important to us. Altering, defacing or damaging the property is prohibited. Cutting of trees or shrubs is not allowed. **DO NOT DRIVE NAILS OR SCREWS INTO LIVE TREES! DO NOT TIE, LEAN, OR HANG ANYTHING ONTO LIVE TREES!** Digging, grading, building, or the planting of anything without prior consent of the campground management is prohibited. If you need trimming or grounds maintenance performed in your area, contact the Festival Office. Do not tie or lean anything on fences. Do not climb over any fences onto adjacent property. Do not break or modify the erosion control terraces or berms.

LOUD, BOISTEROUS, OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR – We want everyone to have a good time, but please be considerate of others. The odd "howl at the moon" is expected, but there is no need for incessant screaming. No stereos or recorded music are allowed in the campgrounds at any time during the festival. No public nudity. Public display and/or use of illegal substances are strictly prohibited. Amplified instruments are not permitted. **NO DRUMS!**

PERSONAL CONDUCT – We are a community. Each and every person is entitled to respectful and equitable treatment by others. We should all act responsibly toward one another. **Mental, verbal, physical or sexual abuse (or unwanted sexual advances) by patrons, volunteers or staff WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** and may result in a permanent ban from the festival and /or the Quiet Valley Ranch. For more information, please see the KFFF Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Consent Policy, available on our website. Always respect each other and each other's property. Fighting and other forms of violence are not allowed. Know where your kids, and any other kids in your group, are playing at all times!

SECURING YOUR CAMP – Make sure your tents, canopies, etc. are tied down and secured against the wind and elements. Sudden gusts of wind can roar through the campground at any time that can unexpectedly turn an aluminum-poled canopy into a deadly projectile. Tents and other gear should not be left unattended for more than a few hours. If you go home at any point during the festival, you should break down your tents and campsite.

PEST CONTROL – The use of poisons or insecticides is prohibited. The use of diatomaceous earth is allowed. If you need ant mitigation or pest control performed in your camping area, visit Ranch Central (next to the Mix Master campground entrance).

MOBILE DEVICES – Mobile phone use is prohibited in Threadgill Theater and the benches at the Kennedy Outdoor Theater. Please be considerate and silence your phone when music begins. Selfie sticks are also prohibited in the theater areas.

FIREARMS – The alcohol service license issued to KFFF prohibits firearms on the property, even if the owner has a legal permit.

FIREWORKS – No fireworks allowed in the campground, this includes sparklers and poppers.

FIRE SPINNING – Is only allowed with written approval by the Foundation office and is subject to safety evaluations. No fire spinning will be permitted if we are under a burn ban. Security and the Foundation office must approve the time and location in advance and all participants must receive prior approval and safety review. Proper safety procedures must be followed at all times.

CAMPFIRES – Fire safety is paramount! If you choose to have a campfire please follow these rules: Keep a full bucket of water and a wet burlap sack next to your fire to tamp down any stray embers. Open fires must be within fire rings, BBQ grills, or contained outdoor fireplaces. **LARGE BONFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED!** Please keep fires small. Fires are not allowed during periods of excessive drought or when Kerr County has issued a county wide burn ban. During periods of a burn ban, only charcoal fires in BBQ grills are allowed. Gathering of firewood on the property is not permitted. Firewood and water buckets can usually be found near the Kerrtry store behind the campground showers. Do not burn fires under trees, branches, or next to wooden structures. Fires **MUST** be attended at all times, and must be completely extinguished before retiring for the night or departing the campsite. Share fires when possible.

FIRST AID – We have a volunteer First Aid Crew on duty 24 hours a day. The First Aid clinic is located at the east end of the Kennedy Theater food pavilion. If needed, First Aid can be requested through anyone wearing a festival radio or through a Safety Volunteer (Peace-Keeper) in a red shirt.

UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITORS – The selling of food, beverages, merchandise, or services is prohibited in both the theater and the campground, except for registered vendors in approved locations.

LOST AND FOUND – located in Ranch Central by the Mix Master campground entrance.

DRONE FLIGHTS & PROFESSIONAL PHOTO / VIDEO EQUIPMENT – are prohibited without written approval from the Festival Office. Anything with a detachable lens and/or external flash is considered "professional photography equipment." If you would like to apply for a media pass, please fill out the Media Credentials request form under the "Get Involved" section of our website, or email media@kerrvillefolkfestival.org