



BIG SKY

BIBLE CAMP

Dear Guest Group,

Greetings from Big Sky Bible Camp!

Thank you for your interest in Big Sky Bible Camp as a location for your retreat/conference. God has blessed us with a beautiful location and wonderful facilities and we desire them to be an instrument for God's glory with every group utilizing them. Following this letter is our rental policy which covers a majority of questions that groups have. However, there are always questions/issues which cannot be covered, so feel free to contact us if you have questions which this packet does not answer.

This packet includes several forms which are outlined below along with the timeline which they are to be returned to Big Sky. We thank you for your help in returning the forms promptly so we may stay organized!

- 1) **Rental Agreement Form** – This is to be filled out as soon as the retreat details are known. It is ok if the information (such as # of guests) is an estimate. For groups choosing to have Big Sky provide meals, this must be returned at least two months prior to the retreat date.
- 2) **Rental Policy and Standards** – This is for your information and is a guide to the policy and conduct you agree to upon signing the rental agreement form. This does not need to be returned.
- 3) **Facility Guide and Equipment/Facility Request Form** – This is simply a guide to our facilities and what equipment is available to guest groups. This form should be handed in along with the Rental Agreement Form. Groups may make changes

We hope that your retreat at Big Sky is a success and we will do anything within our power to assist you. Please continue to inform us if there is anything we can improve regarding our facilities, contracts, etc. Your input is important to us!

Blessings,
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Rental Agreement Form

Group Info:

Name of Group _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ ZIP _____
Telephone (_____) _____ - _____

Group Dates:

Starting Date and Time _____
Closing Date and Time _____
Attendance Expected _____
Age range of group _____

Contact Person

Contact Person _____
Contact Address (if different from above) _____
Contact City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Telephone (_____) _____ - _____
Contact Email _____
Contact Arrival Date and Time _____

The leaders, counselors, speakers, etc. of the above group are in agreement with Big Sky's purpose and standards. The leader will be familiar with the Big Sky Bible Camp Rental Policy before arrival and communicate necessary information to retreat participants.

Big Sky Bible Camp and B.C.M. International (owner of Big Sky) are released from any and all liability for any injury or personal damage which may be sustained by any member of the group renting the camp. I have read and will comply with the procedures in the rental policy.

I understand that Big Sky Bible Camp only carries secondary insurance for guests and that I will take primary responsibility for any charges that occur in the event that the guest should need any medical attention at any clinic, facility or hospital.

Printed Name of Group Representative

Signed Name of Group Representative

Date

Deposit Enclosed (\$250)

Big Sky Bible Camp's Rental Policy

The purpose of Big Sky Bible Camp is to bring people of all ages to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives, and to further lead them in steps of Christian growth.

We are eager to make camp facilities available to those groups in agreement with this purpose. In order to maintain a faithful testimony and care for what God has given us, the following rental policy is to be followed.

Terms

1) Big Sky Bible Camp provides the following for each guest group:

- Grounds and Buildings
- Limited Recreation Equipment
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels
- Paper Napkins, Kitchen Facilities for cooking (For groups cooking themselves)
- Whatever equipment is requested on the equipment request form

Renting Group supplies the following:

- Program and Leadership
- Speaker and Counselors (If applicable)
- Bedding (bedding is provided for Crater Cottage and Salmon Forks only)

2) Reserving the camp facility for your group is done by returning your completed Rental Agreement form along with a \$250 deposit.

3) Payment is to be made at the time of your departure or within one week of the end date of your retreat.

4) At least one week prior to your retreat, please submit the following:

- Expected Attendance of Retreat (A more exact # than the Rental Agreement Form).
Please note: groups must pay for this number of people regardless of how many actually attend the retreat.
- Retreat Schedule
- Arrival time (if different than marked Rental Agreement Form)

5) Rates and Packages are as follows

Planning a retreat here at Big Sky Bible Camp? Let Big Sky staff do the cooking for you. We have a certified food service manager along with many cooks who have years of experience cooking for small and large groups. Planning a retreat and purchasing food is a stressful experience! When Big Sky prepares meals, we deal with the stress and allow you to invest more time and energy into the retreat. You pick the meal times and our cooks will have the food hot and ready for your group to come and enjoy while fellowshiping around the table. We desire to offer the highest quality food at the lowest possible cost.

Please contact Big Sky Bible Camp for updated prices if you would like meals provided.

Meals Provided by Guest group:

2 Night retreat –\$35/person

1 Night retreat –\$20/person

*There is a minimum fee of \$600 per group for one night stay and \$800 per group for two nights stay.

Other Part Time charges (per groups' request):

Day Use

Ropes Course

Lifeguards

RV Hookup/Tents - \$10/night

6) Refunds for cancelled retreats are as follows:

More than 3 months notice – Refund of deposit minus \$50 processing fee

Less than 3 month notice – No Refund of deposit

Standards

- 1) Retreat participants are asked to keep the grounds and buildings clean and neat at all times.
- 2) Please honor all signs. Cars may be driven beyond the parking lot for kitchen deliveries only. There are many irrigation lines around camp and we desire to maintain a grassy lawn. If special needs arise, please ask.
- 3) Use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs is prohibited on camp property. Smoking is prohibited everywhere on camp except in personal vehicles. Please be sure cigarette butts are disposed properly and not left on the ground.
- 4) Retreats involving children or teenagers must have at least one adult for every ten kids and must be housed so that there is at least one adult in each dorm room.
- 5) Please do not bring pets to camp and do not allow any pets in buildings. The only exception is for those with special needs.
- 6) A public phone is not available on camp property. If necessary, the camp phone may be used, but requires a calling card for long distance calls. Most cell phones have reception on camp property.
- 7) Please report any damage or anything not working properly during the retreat. Each guest group is responsible to pay for any damage caused during their retreat. Big Sky staff will check each facility before the group arrives and note any damages existing before your group comes. Fire extinguishers are to be untouched except in case of emergency. If we find fire extinguishers which have been discharged, there will be a \$100 per extinguisher recharge fee.
- 8) Retreats involving waterfront usage must require one piece swimsuits for all female participants.

Facility Guide

The following guide will help orient the group to our facilities. We request that the contact person visit the camp prior to retreat time or arrive one hour in advance of the group for a tour and on-site briefing of the facility.

Dining Hall – Aeneas Lodge

Aeneas Lodge Dining Hall seats about 100 adults. It is equipped with electric heat and a wood burning fireplace insert. When the insert is used, ceiling fans should be turned on to ensure proper circulation of warm air. Camp staff will recommend a source of heat for the weekend depending on the weather and temperature at that time of year.

The downstairs of Aeneas Lodge offers light indoor recreation (ping pong table, foosball, air hockey) and also has a men's and ladies' rest room. This area may also be used as overflow from the dining hall or as a meeting/conference room.

Kitchen – Aeneas Lodge

If your group is new to camp, please make sure you receive orientation on the following:

- Refrigerator and Freezer Locations
- Operation of Kitchen Range
- Exhaust Fan operation
- Garbage procedures
- Location of electrical breaker box
- Light switch for outside flood lights
- Dishwasher orientation

Groups choosing to do their own cooking will also be responsible for kitchen and dining hall clean up as well as dishwashing. For groups having Big Sky prepare meals, these services are included in the price. If a group cooks themselves, but desires Big Sky to clean up and wash dishes, there will be an extra fee.

Dorms

Big Sky Bible Camp has two main dorms. Each dorm has 4 separate rooms and each room sleeps 12 people (for a total of 48 per dorm). Each dorm is also equipped with its own restroom and shower. Please do not move beds around in the room or from room to room. Do your best to minimize heat loss due to open doors and windows. Open doors also invite critters from the woods to visit buildings.

Groups will heat with wood or electricity depending upon Big Sky's recommendation. If wood heat is recommended, your designated woodstove operator must go through a briefing on the operation of the wood stoves. Only the designated operator is to run the stoves. This is for safety purposes as well as the most efficient operation of the stoves. Please never allow children to touch or put wood in the stove.

Chapel

The chapel provides a more formal meeting place for groups. It seats about 125 and has a portable sound system, piano, available projector and large projection screen. During winter, smaller groups (40 or less) should plan to use the dining hall for both meals and meetings if possible. The Chapel is equipped with wood heat. See heating with wood under Dorms for rules regarding wood heat.

Crater Cottage

Crater Cottage provides two floors, each consisting of a living room, two bedrooms and a full bath. Each bedroom is equipped with a full or queen sized bed.

This building is heated with electric heat and we ask that groups use that heat conservatively. An extra fee may be added to the retreat cost of groups are found using heat excessively or wastefully.

The Outback

The Outback is our seasonal facility (April-October) with a bathhouse which can comfortably accommodate 30-40, three cabins which each sleep 10 individuals and one cabin which has two rooms with a queen bed in each room. The Outback is also a great place for those wishing to tent.

Waterfront

- 1) Canoes are available for guest group use. Remember that Montana law requires a life jacket for each boat occupant.
- 2) Please carry (do not drag) boats and canoes to the water.
- 3) Please make sure to put all life jackets, paddles, oars and other equipment back on the racks after each usage.
- 4) Big Sky does not require groups to have a lifeguard but does offer lifeguard services per groups' request.

Ropes Course

Big Sky Bible Camp has a ropes/challenge course on the property. If your group is interested in utilizing this as a group activity, please contact the director in advance for times available. Otherwise, this area is off limits to guest groups.

Camp Store

Big Sky operates a camp store which carries a wide variety of candy, slushies, popcorn, soda, ice cream bars, etc. as well as stuffed animals, Big Sky sweatshirts and t-shirts and more. Just mention that you would like to have the camp store opened and give us the times that you would like it opened (usually just an hour or two).

Espresso Stand

New to Big Sky is our Espresso stand located in the dining hall. Big Sky staff would love to serve your group by making lattes, mochas, and other specialty drinks. We will open the stand for no extra cost but guests will be charged for their drinks. Just tell us when you would like the stand open!

Facility Request Form

Please check buildings needed and any equipment needed.

Aeneas Lodge

Kitchen & Dining Hall

Would you like BSBC to provide meals?
Yes / No

Downstairs Meeting Room

Dorms

Boy's dorm (# of rooms: 1 2 3 4)

Girl's dorm (# of rooms: 1 2 3 4)

Crater Cottage

Upstairs

Downstairs

Outback Cabins

Traber Chapel

of RV's/Tents

Other Equipment Needed:

LCD Projector

Projector Screen

Sound System

Waterfront

Big Sky Bible Camp Lifeguard (Extra charge)

Ropes Course

of individuals in the group (Extra Charge)

Camp Store

What hours would you like the camp store open?

Espresso Stand

What hours would you like the espresso stand open?