

Welcome to S.H.A.R.E. Park Days!



Park Days Club Goals

- 1- To meet **at least once per week** at local county parks and field trip events
- 2- To provide a **safe and supervised** predator-free play environment
- 3- To provide our children with **playmates** focused on friendly inclusive playtimes
- 4- To provide our children with a **bully-free environment** for socialization
- 5- **FUN FUN FUN!!!**

Our Number One Rule:

We ask that you supervise your child always. If a parent cannot be watchful of their child, we ask that they appoint a trusted friend to take their place. Trusted friends must be adults and cannot be other children.

This rule exists so that we can guide our children socially as they grow into adults. Issues of hitting, bullying, taking property never seem to happen when parents are actively watching their children from a distance. This rule takes care of 99% of trouble between children, as well as between adults. It gives us the opportunity to coach our children socially AS the problems occur.

We also ask that parents not sit far away from their children, working on phones or tablets. Of course, we fellowship, but always while keeping an eye on our children.

For safety reasons, no children under age 15 are to go unattended at any time at park day meet-ups. No drop-offs unless you have another parent in charge of your children.

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING HOW THIS RULE HELPS US PROVIDE OUR CHILDREN WITH NEAR PERFECT PLAYTIME. 😊

Discipline Policy

When problem behaviors occur, the parent should remove his/her child from the area. After a short bit of time, this child can resume the activity. If after the original incident, this behavior does not cease, then the child and parent probably need to leave for the day as the child is most likely over stimulated or too tired.

If the child is consistently having behavioral problems that have warranted removal from several activities (3 or more times removed from an activity), the parent may be asked to refrain from attending events until the child's aggressive or anti-social behavior is under control.

How We Do NOT Behave:

- hair pulling
- hitting
- kicking
- wrestling (with intent to harm, not just consenting rough play that is typical)
- hitting with objects
- scratching
- destroying property
- punching
- pushing
- slapping
- screaming at others
- inappropriate language/gestures
- biting
- taking property
- throwing objects at people (rocks etc)
- any form of bullying

How we DO Behave

- **Friendliness** – Be kind to one another
- **Politeness** – Remember to say 'please and 'thank you'
- **Patience** – Wait your turn
- **Inclusion** – Everyone can Play – Leave No one Out!
- **Gentleness** – No Bullying – No Overly Rough Play
- **Attitude** – Be positive! We are here to have fun! No crabby faces! 😊

Other Rules for Parents

Safety – Any safety issue or concern should be brought to the attention of the other parents.

Swearing and offensive language - Please use respectful language at playgroup and refrain from using swearing and offensive language, even when talking with another adult. Children learn behaviors by watching their parents and often repeat what they hear and see.

Smoking/Alcohol - All playgroups, playgroup venues and the surrounding areas are smoke-free environments. Please do not light up at playgroup. This includes all smokable items--vaporization devices, as well as chewing tobacco or snuff. In general, if it's addictive don't bring it – we want to teach our children healthy life habits.

Obscenity – No member shall use physical or obscene gestures toward any other member of the club, their child/children.

Mobile Phones: Please limit the use of mobile phones during Playgroup as you are responsible for your child's safety. Playgroup is to promote positive interaction between parent and child or parents with other adults.

Sickness Policy

Please do not attend any Park Day functions if your child is sick. This is very important since there are pregnant and nursing mothers and small children.

Our Park Day Club defines sick as:

- having a fever,
- vomiting,
- diarrhea or any other illness in the previous 24 hours.
- nasal discharge (*completely clear mucous is OK if through incubation period*)

Anyone exposed to ANY communicable disease is considered sick until they are through the incubation period. It is expected that you will use your best judgment when determining whether it is appropriate to attend an activity or playgroup. *Please do not make us all sick.*

Allergy Symptoms – Please note that allergy symptoms do not mean your child is sick.

Disputes and Mediation

We ask that all parents supervise their children; and everyone remember our goal is stress-free and fun playtimes. If we supervise and guide our children, we can turn misunderstandings into solid people skills.

However, if a concern cannot be resolved on the playground, it will be good if the parents meet and discuss the matter before a small committee of at least 3 parents. The committee will decide the best course of action for the growth and development of everyone involved. We find that direct parental supervision tends to make everything work most smoothly.

Looking forward to some amazingly fun days at our local park



with some amazingly awesome homeschooling families!