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POLICIES, PROCEDURES, and FEES

Paisano's theme is taken from Psalm 121:1-2, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

I. General. These policies and procedures are intended to enhance the pleasure and effectiveness of visits to Paisano. **Safety** is the overriding concern. Any unsafe condition should be reported immediately to the superintendent or other camp official.

A. Visiting Paisano

1. **On arrival at the grounds for the July General Encampment**, participants should proceed to the appropriate cabin or other destination. Early during the visit, visitors should check in at the encampment office near the dining shed. During the Encampment, "quiet time" is observed from 11:00 P.M. until the ringing of the breakfast bell at 7:00 A.M.

2. **Visits at other times during the summer season (April 15 - October 15) or during the winter season (October 16 - April 14).** Owners and visiting group leaders must communicate with the superintendent or staff at least two days before arrival by calling 1-432-837-3074 or e-mailing: paisanosupofgrounds@gmail.com. Camp maintenance of electrical, water, or sewer systems, or other camp activities, could impact the visit. Such activities, however, might be able to be rescheduled given adequate notice. All visitors must check in at the administration office which is the old Crane dormitory near the superintendent's home.

3. **Please note that from October 16 to April 14 most of the camp's water system is drained to avoid freeze damage.** Owners are welcome to stay in their buildings, but the water supply via camp supply pipes is not available. However, water can be carried to cabins from any of several frost-free faucets.

B. Attire. Clothing should be modest and appropriate, befitting the holy grounds of Paisano, a place of worship. The following questions should guide in determining dress: 1. How will the way I dress affect the cause of Christ? 2. How will the way I dress affect the way I feel about myself as an individual? 3. How will the way I dress affect the way others feel about me as an individual?

C. Trash disposal. Trash should be placed inside of provided containers. Large items such as furniture that do not fit in the receptacles are the owner's responsibility. However, the superintendent can provide advice concerning alternate disposal locations.

II. Traffic: bicycles, golf carts, ATVs, cars, trucks, and cargo trailers.

A. Speed limits are 10 miles per hour or less if causing dust when near buildings or people, and are not to exceed 20 miles per hour in other areas.

B. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) operators under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No passenger is allowed unless the ATV is designed for passengers. ATVs must display head and tail lights if operated from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

C. Bicycles and skate boards are not permitted on sidewalks. When riding bicycles after dark, operators must use head and tail lights as described in B above. Bike racks should be used for parking at the Edwards Activities Building (gymnasium), day camp area, dining shed, and tabernacle.

D. A handicap access area is delineated from the tabernacle to and around the dining shed during the July encampment. Access to designated handicap parking is restricted to motorized chairs, golf carts, ATVs and larger vehicles only when transporting or awaiting handicapped persons.

E. Vehicular traffic must use existing roads. Off-road vehicle traffic is prohibited.

III. Personal safety, firearms, fireworks, hunting, and painting of rocks.

A. Paisano and its surroundings are the natural habitat of the diamondback rattlesnake, the Mojave rattlesnake, mountain lion, javelina, feral hog, mule deer, and venomous insects. Visitors must use caution! Wildlife information is available at the Edwards Activities Building and the entrance to "Fat Man's Misery" rock formation.

B. Fire is Paisano's greatest danger. Camp fires, wood or charcoal grills, and other flames that produce airborne sparks are not allowed unless specifically authorized by the superintendent. The adult-monitored use of propane grills is permitted with two means of fire suppression available such as water hose and fire extinguisher.

C. The discharge of firearms is not allowed.

D. The shooting of BB guns, pellet guns, arrows, and fireworks is not allowed.

E. Hunting for wild game on Paisano grounds is not permitted.

F. The painting of rocks or any sidewalk is prohibited. However, the Paisano bell may be tastefully painted.

IV. Unlawful entry. No one should trespass onto nearby private property. Violators risk arrest. Paisano Peak, the "Water Hole" ("Bottomless Pit"), and "Devil's Backbone" ("Saddleback") are privately owned properties and are not on Paisano's grounds.

V. Recreational vehicles, tent camping.

A. Paisano has two RV parks, Oak Grove and Cottonwood. Full hookups are available at both parks. Rest rooms and showers are available at Oak Grove. While on Paisano grounds, RVs may be parked only in an RV park. Tent camping sites are available at Oak Grove.

B. See rates and contact information at XI-B & C, below.

VI. Rental cabins.

A. Cabins near the tabernacle and the dining shed are available for rental during the week of the July encampment. All cabins are furnished and have bathrooms with showers. Sleeping capacities range from two to six persons. See rates and contact information at XI-B below.

B. Pets are not permitted in rental cabins.

VII. Alcohol, animals.

A. In keeping with the traditions of Paisano, consumption of alcoholic beverages on Paisano grounds is not permitted.

B. Service dogs are welcome.

C. Pets must be under physical control while on Paisano grounds. Pets should not be brought into the dining facility, tabernacle, nursery, museum, or gymnasium.

VIII. Cabin ownership, care, and maintenance

A. Cabins, dormitories, and multi-family dwellings and their contents are owned by individuals or churches.

1. The building owner's responsibility for electrical, water, and sewer systems begins at the point of connection to Paisano's supply of those services.

2. Owners are encouraged to attain and maintain compliance with national building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical codes. The superintendent is available to advise owners of code standards and to identify qualified electricians, plumbers, and contractors in the Paisano area that owners can employ.

3. Owners are responsible for preparation of their buildings for occupancy and winterization, remembering to be thorough since winter temperatures can reach below 0° Fahrenheit.

4. Buildings must be isolated to avoid inadvertent flooding. Isolation can be effected by closing a water supply valve that the owner alone controls. The valve should be closed after each visit.

5. Building owners must have an outside fuse or circuit breaker box. Electricity should be off after each visit.

6. All dwellings must have smoke detector(s) installed per Texas Health and Safety Code. Fire extinguisher(s) are highly recommended to enable immediate response to fire.

7. Owners are encouraged to trim tree limbs and mow grass and weeds in a 20 foot area around their structure(s). Before cutting limbs of six inches or greater diameter, owners should discuss the situation with the superintendent and advise the superintendent if branches touch or may soon contact electrical lines.

8. Newly built fences or other delineations of "yard boundaries" are not permitted.

9. Prior to prolonged absences, items such as hoses, rakes, brooms, benches, chairs, tables, grills, and ladders should be stored inside building(s).

10. Owners must provide the superintendent with a set of keys to all buildings, along with contact information, per the Homeowner's Agreement, available on Paisano's web site.

11. Painting the exterior or interior of building(s) does not require Properties Committee approval. However, when painting the exterior, the color must reflect Paisano's early history such as white or tan.

12. Before adding to the footprint of any building, a plan-view sketch and written description of the proposed work, including the name of the contractor, must be submitted to the Properties Committee for approval. At its closest point, the new footprint must be at least 20 feet from any neighboring building. The plan must be discussed early in the process with all neighbors. If the project is minor, for example adding a 3'x3' concrete pad outside an entry door, the Properties Committee chairperson is available to discuss minimizing or waiving paperwork.

13. Changes to interiors do not require Properties Committee approval unless those changes will increase electrical load or water usage.

14. The camp staff must be notified at least two days before workers arrive to remodel or perform other services on privately owned buildings.

15. Guests of owners may occupy owners' buildings. The owner is responsible to notify the superintendent or staff before an unaccompanied guest visit.

16. Because of limits on Paisano's septic sewer systems, all guests should conserve water and electricity. Use of washing machines and dishwashers should be avoided if possible.

IX. Sale, purchase, and other transfers of building ownership. The Properties Committee acts for Paisano in these matters. Changes of ownership are legal sales that include property tax implications. Bills of sale are appropriate between buyers and sellers. New owners are responsible to register ownership with Brewster County which requires the payment of annual property taxes. Paisano requires timely notification of any change of ownership and requests that the notification acknowledge the Brewster County property tax requirement. New building owners are required to execute a Homeowner's Agreement to accompany the bill of sale in a timely manner.

X. New cabin construction.

A. Paisano welcomes the construction of new cabins, built to meet the standards found in current national building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical codes. See VIII-A-2 above.

B. A building site may be selected from among those marked by the Properties Committee, or a site may be proposed after consideration of access to electricity, water, and sewer. Desired locations must be submitted to the Properties Committee.

C. Following site approval, the following must be submitted: a dimensioned, to-scale plan-view drawing of the structure that shows the points of connection to electricity, water and sewer; a description of framing, siding and roofing materials; a statement of the scope of work; scheduled start and completion dates; exterior color; and contact information for the builder. The plan must address the presence of nearby structures, allowing 40 feet distance from the closest points of other cabins. This allows 10 feet of future growth of both structures while assuring 20 feet of future separation.

XI. Rental fees

A. **General:** Using the approved policy as a guide, the superintendent has the authority to temporarily modify or add to the below rules if necessary to respond to unexpected circumstances.

B. **During the July General Encampment:**

1. Paisano-owned rental cabins: \$250 per week for a non-remodeled cabin, \$350.00 if remodeled.
2. Recreational vehicle full hook-up sites: \$95.00 per week.

C. **During the summer season (April 15 - October 15th):**

1. Fees are waived for girls, boys, and youth retreats. These camps are responsible for all set-up, cleaning, tear-down and after camp clean-up.

2. Tent camping: \$10.00 per day per family tent.

3. Millican Dormitory and Edwards Activities Building sleeping facilities: \$12.00 per person per day.

4. Edwards Activities Building entire building: \$150.00 per day.

5. Recreational vehicles: See B-2 above.

D. **During the winter season (October 16 - April 14), summer season fees remain in effect.** Note: Water is not supplied to cabins. However, water is available from any of several frost-free faucets. The Edwards Activities Building is fully operational.

E. **For rentals and payment for cabins, RV spaces, and campsites:** contact the reservations coordinator at the administration office in old Crane dorm, telephone (432) 837-3074 or e-mail paisanosupofgrounds@gmail.com. Checks should be payable to Paisano Baptist Assembly, Inc.