

Flat Rock Brook Nature Association Group Use Application and Permit

A group use permit is required for organized groups of 10-25 persons who wish to visit Flat Rock Brook Nature Center for hiking, walking, nature study, or other types of independent class or group outing in the park. The Nature Center is a natural preserve for passive recreation and the quiet enjoyment of nature. In order to protect this natural resource, Flat Rock Brook Nature Association must regulate group use. All permit applications must be received at least two weeks prior to the proposed visit. All groups must leave a \$50 deposit by check or credit card before visiting. This can be refunded after site inspection by staff confirms the site has been left in satisfactory condition, or it can be left as a donation to our non-profit organization. Credit Cards will be charged once the permit is authorized, and refunded after satisfactory site inspection. Checks will be deposited once the permit is authorized and a refund check will be mailed after satisfactory site inspection. Groups of more than 25 persons are not eligible for group use permits; such groups wishing to visit should contact the main office to inquire about a program led by our education program staff.

All permits are reviewed and authorized by Flat Rock Brook's Land Manager. Applicants should complete this form and send it with the deposit (checks payable to Flat Rock Brook Nature Association) to the Association (address below) no later than two weeks prior to the proposed visit. Please call the office at (201) 567-1265 if you would like to place the deposit via credit card for processing. If the permit is authorized, the Land Manager will return the signed permit to the applicant. If there is a problem, the Land Manager will contact the applicant. Submitting an application does not constitute authorization. Once authorized by Flat Rock Brook, the application is considered a binding contract.

Group(s) shall indemnify and hold harmless Flat Rock Brook Nature Association against and from all costs, expenses, liabilities, losses, damages, injunction, suits, actions, fines, penalties, claims and demands of every kind or nature, including reasonable counsel fees, by or behalf of any person, party, or governmental authority whatsoever arising out of any loss or damage to property or injury to persons occurring during or incidental to the event. The permit is not binding until signed by all parties concerned. Nothing implied or expressed verbally shall constitute any changes in this agreement unless agreed to and signed by both parties.

Group(s) must abide by the following regulations, which will be strictly enforced:

- * Groups should display their approved permits for inspection by Flat Rock Brook representatives.
- * Non-compliant groups will lose their deposit and also lose their privilege to obtain future Group Use Permits.
- * Stay on trails at all times. Do not enter brooks or ponds. No fishing, no swimming, no boating.
- * Picnic only at the Jones Road picnic area tables and for no more than 90 minutes.
- * Do not litter. Dispose of refuse in appropriate on-site containers; recycle plastic and glass in on-site containers.
- * No grills, no barbecues, no fires. No dogs, no bicycles, no alcohol.
- * Keep noise to a minimum. No loud music, no active games, no races.
- * Do not pick plants or disturb the natural habitat in any way. Do not touch, capture, feed or harass animals.
- * The park is open to the public from dawn to dusk and closed overnight. Remember that people other than your group have the right to use the park during your permit time here.
- * Use of the Flat Rock Brook headquarters building by the group is limited to 45 minutes.

Name of group _____

Purpose of visit _____

Date(s) of visit _____ Time: From _____ To _____

Name of contact person _____

Group's mailing address _____

Telephone number(s) _____ Email address: _____

Fax number: _____ Number of persons in group ____ Type of transport: ____ car(s) ____ van ____ bus ____

Where group will be parking ____ Van Nostrand Avenue lot ____ Jones Road

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Name of Insured _____ Type of Policy _____

Person authorized to obtain permit _____

Authorized person's signature _____ Date _____

Flat Rock Brook authorization of permit. _____ Date _____

***Please check the box if you would like to leave deposit as donation. []**