

# WELCOME to SUNRAY PEACE VILLAGE SPIRITUAL RETREAT CENTER

The Peace Village is our Sacred Home.  
Please Enjoy the Land and One Another!

## Rules of Conduct

**NO Intoxicants (marijuana, drugs, alcohol), NO Guns or Weapons, NO Fireworks**

### **Purpose**

The Sunray Peace Village Land Trust is an auxiliary of Sunray Meditation Society and is the site of many spiritual programs, ceremonies, weekly meditation, and individual/groups retreats.

These Rules of Conduct are to ensure that all behavior accords with the sacred intentions and purpose of the Peace Village.

### **Liability**

- By choosing to attend a program, stay at the Peace Village, volunteer, or visit the Sunray Peace Village, retreat campers and day visitors agree to follow the Sunray Rules of Conduct, and understand by not doing so, they can be asked to leave and any unused fees will be forfeited.
- By choosing to attend a program, stay at the Peace Village, volunteer or visit the Sunray Peace Village, retreat campers and day visitors release Sunray Peace Village Land Trust, Directors and Board members, and their staff and volunteers of all liability for the loss or damage to property and injury to his/her persons arising from his/her use of the facilities.
- Please read and sign the Sunray Peace Village LIABILITY RELEASE.

### **All Camping is by Pre-Registration**

- **As a Retreat Center, we expect all campers to have a daily spiritual practice, at the minimum Sunray Basic Practice or the Dance (form one). These are taught at Community Practice on Thursday evenings.**
- If you are attending a Sunray program, your camping registration form is already included with your Registration materials.
- If you are visiting the Sunray Peace Village for a personal retreat or volunteer work study, you must pre-register online or download the relevant form, fill it in and mail it to us. Links to all the forms, also the Rules of Conduct and the Liability Waiver which will apply to your stay, can be found at [www.sunray.org/resources/](http://www.sunray.org/resources/) .
- Once accepted for Retreat camping or work study, you may then pre-pay your camping fees online: [www.sunray.org/support](http://www.sunray.org/support)
- We are sustained by your kind donations and retreat camping fees.

### **Retreat Camp Sites**

- **Check in with the Peace Village Caretaker upon arrival re: your site**
- **You must supply your own camping and cooking gear.**
- Tents are welcome throughout the grassy central meadow area and designated areas.
- Recycle and remove Trash to designated area. Please be a "Leave no foot print" camper!

### **Safety for Children**

- Children 7 and under need to be with their parents as there are potential hazards
- Children 7 to 10 need to be within sight of their parents
- All children need to stay away from road, laneways, parking lots and bodies of water

## **Water Hazards**

- No swimming in Beaver Pond or stream. Footing is unpredictable. Since there are beaver inhabitants, there is risk of giardia.

## **Pets**

- *No pets on land*, especially during Elders or other events.
- In off season, if neighbors are walking their dogs, they need to be leashed for safety of wild animals and unexpected visitors.

## **Drinking (Potable) Water:**

- Drinking water is provided at tap at outside corner of Kitchen and both Bathhouses.

## **Motorized Vehicles:**

- *Only in designed parking areas*. Off load your camping gear into carts to take into camping area.
- Exceptions – disability pass, delivery vehicle, Elders vehicle
- Camping trailers/vans can set-up along north edge of laneway, near apple trees and parking lot.

## **Respect our Neighbors and Other Visitors**

- Do not walk on their property without permission.
- **Quiet in campground after 10 pm.**
- No drumming, singing after 9:00 pm. Please help us maintain good relationships.
- Kindness. Assist other campers as needed. Respect their quiet, privacy and space.

## **Campfire Pit**

- Open fire only at fire pit in northeast corner of Campground, near East Bathhouse. Be sure that water hose at East bathhouse is available if needed.

## **Cell Phone and Free Wi-Fi**

- Free Wi-Fi in porch area on the Community Hall
- Cell phone use is limited to Parking Area (reception is better here too)
- Other times/places, please turn them off

## **Smoking area**

- Please use designated area – log beside the Community Garden or in parking lot.

## **First Aid**

- First aid kit and public phone are on Community Hall Porch.
- **If it is an emergency, call 911.**  
Closest Emergency Unit is **Porter Medical Center** 115 Porter Drive, Middlebury.

## **Sacred Spaces**

- No parking in access lane to Peace Stupa or Tara Temple, nor camping near these sacred spaces
- The Moon Circle, Arbors, Labyrinth, Burial Mound, and walk to stream are all Sacred spaces to be enjoyed quietly, with respect.
- Refrain from cutting trees or removing branches; honor the plants and nature beings that live here!

**Questions or problems:** Peace Village Focalizer, Andy Tobey

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