

## Picnic Reservations Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where do I make reservations for a picnic area?**

All outdoor picnic reservations are completed through the MORPD District Office at 3344 Mission Avenue, Carmichael, 95608; Swanston Park (Swanston Community Center), 5350 Northrop Ave., Sacramento, 95825; and Gibbons Park (Mission Oaks Community Center), 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, 95608. We have four parks that we reserve; Mission North, Gibbons, Ashton and, Swanston.

- Mission North has three areas; Oak and Camphor.
- Gibbons has two picnic areas; Liquidambar and Sycamore.
- Ashton has three picnic areas; Alder, Redwood and, Hackberry.
- Swanston has four picnic areas; Pine, Walnut, Holly Oak and Aristocrat.

### **How much does it cost to reserve a picnic area? Can I rent the whole park? When is payment due?**

Each site is \$85. Picnic site reservation fees are not to be considered as a deposit and are not refundable. The general public can reserve all areas but not the whole park nor the Splash Park. Payment is due when the reservation application is submitted. Picnic areas will not be held.

### **What are the rules for picnic areas?**

- A. You may use masking tape on picnic tables. You may not use staples, tacks, nails or screws. Before leaving, you are required to remove all decorations and throw all trash away in the garbage cans provided on site.
- B. Rock climbing walls and animal or pony rides are not allowed in the parks.
- C. Vehicles are allowed only in designated parking areas, and are not allowed on park grounds.
- D. Amplified sound, including public address system, disc jockeys, or music is not permitted without the written permission of the district.
- E. Groups planning to hire a caterer that will require a large group portable barbecue or cooker will be advised to rent a picnic area at Gibbons Park. The equipment must be set up in an area of the parking lot, with attention paid to protecting the asphalt from the heat and debris.
- F. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in Parks.
- G. The District does not provide water or electricity.
- H. Visitors are allowed to bring in picnic blankets, tables and chairs; they must be removed at time of departure.

### **What can I expect from a reservation?**

A reservation provides:

1. The reservation does not entitle you to staff presence or law enforcement services during the event.
2. Picnic areas clean of debris, graffiti; trash containers and clean restrooms are provided.
3. A "reserved" sign will be posted in the area on the day of reservation.
4. When these areas are not reserved, they will be open for use by the general public on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **How far in advance should I reserve a picnic area?**

Picnic areas may be reserved up to one year in advance for public or private use. A minimum of seven (7) business days prior to the reservation date is required to process the request. Reservations are available March through October. Weekend reservations are strongly suggested for groups over 50 people. During the summer months the parks are very busy, it is suggested that you reserve and arrive at your site prior to noon. Picnic areas are only available on a first-come, first-served basis on major holidays, such as Easter, Memorial Day weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day weekend.