

QUESTION:

I just signed up for camping. I noticed the camping spaces will be assigned as we arrive.

How can two families ensure adjacent spots if we arrive at different times?

ANSWER:

The current policy will be to assign the main campground sites to those who have made advance purchases. Those people who arrive at the gate until mid-day Saturday without advance purchase will be assigned a spot in the secondary areas. Within the main campground, we will make assignments as you arrive for those who made advance purchases (and a block allocated to the museum ... they control the grounds). Sites will be assigned on a space available basis, with preference going to advance purchase customers for the main campground.

If you want to camp next to friends, the best way to ensure you can be located together is for the first of your group to arrive to have the tickets for ALL the sites your group has purchased in advance. Then, we will assign you spaces next to each other for those pre-purchased sites. If you come one at a time, we will put you together if we can, but we cannot indefinitely "hold" sites pending arrival of others with tickets if someone else with a ticket arrives and the site next to yours is needed for another patron. When you arrive indicate you have a second prepaid party/RV arriving later, which you wish to be near. Upon your arrival ask the attendant to leave a spot open for them. You will need to know the lengths & popout widths of all RV's so we can place your party in spaces that fit. We will try to accommodate this request as long as the campground has appropriately sized spaces to hold the arriving prepaid campsite patrons. You will have to communicate to the other party what site they have been potentially assigned, and they will have to inform the gate attendants of your actions. We expect to have the sites numbered

This policy should accommodate most or all of the advance purchase camping, but of course we can not be sure that more people won't sign up in advance than we have main campground spaces. If that happens, the main campground will be assigned on a first come first serve basis until full.

You must realize this is not a guarantee that the adjacent site will be available, nor is it a guarantee that we will hold the site until your party arrives. But by holding the main campground for advance purchase patrons, you should have a good chance at getting neighboring sites.

QUESTION:

I would like to have full hookups and showers, but you only offer dry camping,

ANSWER:

We are aware of the issues you have noted and too would like to better accommodate your needs. For the tenters there is a permanent toilet facility and some water is available. RVs should come with their water tanks full. We have an on grounds dump station. And, for 2006 we do offer showers at the adjacent Guajome Academy School by on site sign up for a fee of \$3. (See below for more info on showers)

At this time another option is to camp at the Guajome Regional Park campground, which is the North part of the Guajome Park where the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum is located, but is 1.7 miles (5 minutes) away from the festival by road.

- 0.0 Depart Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum Left on CR-S14 [N Santa Fe Ave] (North)
- 0.8 Bear RIGHT (North-West) onto Glenview Ln
- 1.2 Turn LEFT (North-West) onto Guajome Lake Rd
- 1.7 Arrive 3000 Guajome Lake Rd, Oceanside, CA 92057

This facility has water, electric hookups, showers, a dump station, and is separately managed. Summergrass has no arrangements with this campground. Reservations are required, and must be made through the Park and Recreational Department of San Diego County, not through Summergrass or AGSEM. Reservations can be made through the county campground web page, which is www.co.san-diego.ca.us/parks/camping/quajome.html

The campground has the usual public campground rules, which means among other things, that jamming after 10 PM is not allowed. There are also other campgrounds in the area. Go to the Summergrass web page www.summergrass.net, then click to go to the Camping Page, then click on the link on that page to

see a list and description of other campgrounds in the area. We hope you will stay with us at Summergrass and get the full enjoyment of camping on site. But, if you really need electric or other services we can't provide, take a look at these other campgrounds.

QUESTION:

Can I get a good hot shower at Summergrass?

ANSWER:

Yes! Summergrass has made arrangements to offer showers to campers on site at Summergrass in the gym of the new on-site Guajome Park Academy School (GPA). Showers will be offered Thursday afternoon at 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday morning from 8 to 10 am for a \$3 charge per person. You must sign up in advance at the ticket booth and reserve a shower slot at the festival. There will be a sign up system for showers. Check in at the front ticket gate to pay for your shower, sign up for a reserved time slot, and to receive your voucher and instructions. We have 6 indoor showers for men and 6 for women. You will need to bring your own soap, toiletries and towels.

QUESTION:

Why is Summergrass charging a fee for showers?

ANSWER

These fees pay for the GPA employee required by the school to be in attendance beyond the school's normal operating hours in order to make the showers available for Summergrass.

QUESTION:

You say there are showers at the Guajome County Park. Can the Summergrass campers use them on a day use basis?

ANSWER:

No, *definitely not*. We have attempted to make an arrangement in the past years, and have been consistently turned down. The policy of the head ranger for that facility is to *limit the use* of the showers to *only the registered campers*. If a person is caught using the showers who is not a registered camper, the head ranger will levy a fee large enough to discourage the individual from returning to the park, then tell them not to return to that campground ever again.

QUESTION:

Are there plans to install showers at the Summergrass (AGSEM) campsite?

ANSWER

No, not as long as they are available through GPA. ***But, as noted above, you can sign up at the ticket booth and reserve a shower slot at the GPA during the festival.***

QUESTION:

Will campfires be allowed in the campgrounds?

ANSWER

Probably not; August is in the California fire season, and it has been determined in the last three years that it is unsafe to allow fires. This year the fire season promises to be even worse with such a dry year. This includes fires in a washtub style fire pit. We will allow propane stoves and charcoal grills, but you must keep the open flame to less than a foot when you start your grill, as well as soaking the ashes if you leave the grill unattended.

QUESTION:

Is there a quiet time curfew in the Summergrass campground?

ANSWER

Yes, 10PM to 6AM. Unless there is a complaint, we will ignore the quiet hour rule for jamming but we will be enforcing the 10 PM – 6 AM quiet hour for individual private generators.

QUESTION: Is there a generator free camping area for RVs?

ANSWER:

Yes, we will be offering a limited generator free camping area this year. If you would like to park your RV where generators will not be allowed, notify the gate personnel when you arrive, and space permitting, we will assign you a space there until full.

QUESTION:

Are pets allowed at Summergrass?

ANSWER

We allow pets *only in the campground area*, provided they are tethered to the boundaries of your campsite, and you *immediately* clean up their waste. Pets are *not allowed* in the show area. Failure to observe this restriction is cause for removal and forfeiture of all fees.

QUESTION:

What about alcohol?

ANSWER

No alcohol is sold on the grounds. No alcohol is allowed in the show area. If kept within the confines of your own campsite, and it does not present a social problem, we will overlook the activity. But remember, this is a *family* event, so moderation is the rule. We apply the same rules as does the California Highway Patrol when judging this activity. (We won't tolerate *drunks*)... and naturally, no illicit drug use!

QUESTION:

Where can I find an ATM machine?

ANSWER

There is no ATM machine on the AGSEM grounds. The Stater Brothers grocery is in the nearest shopping center to the south of the museum grounds (exit right turn at North Santa Fe & Museum Way, go 1 mile to Bobier). They accept ATM cards with cash back on a purchase.

Washington Mutual Bank offers ATM transactions at 615 College Blvd (Highway 76 & College Blvd) 2.8 miles from Summergrass festival. (Exit left turn at Museum Way & North Santa Fe, turn left at Highway 76). As of January 2006 Washington Mutual has placed a fee on its ATM transactions and they are no longer free.

QUESTION:

What about handicap facilities?

ANSWER

Consideration is made for handicap needs. The main campground is essentially level, but the secondary camping areas have some rolling inclines and are not recommended for the handicapped needing to use a wheel chair or scooter. So that we can set aside appropriate handicap space in the campground, we recommend making advance camping purchase if you have handicap needs. The show area is level, and roads that lead between the show area and the main campground are rough dirt surface with minor inclines. We issue handicap passes which allow handicap personal vehicles to travel between the camping area and the show area. You may also flag down one of the Summergrass volunteers in a golf cart if you need a ride to a destination. Non-handicap personal vehicles, such as scooters and bicycles will be restricted to the main campground confines, and may not be used to go to or in the show area. Please note that electrified sites will not be offered this year as explained below. However, there will be a recharge station for handicap carts.

QUESTION:

Why are you not offering optional electric service for RV's this year?

ANSWER:

Due to conditions beyond our control the cost of providing optional electric service more than doubled. Under the circumstances we are unable to offer that service this year. But, your generators are welcome in all camping areas, subject to restrictions on hours, except in the limited "generator free" camping area.

QUESTION:

Can I arrive early for camping?

ANSWER: We strongly recommend you do not arrive before we open the gates at 4 pm on Wednesday August 23. You will not get into the camping area before 4 pm and there is a huge traffic jam at the school prior to that time as school lets out. The City of Vista has posted NO STOPPING signs on both sides of the street around the area where you turn into Summergrass at Museum Way from North Santa Fe. Beginning April 26, 2006 the Sheriff's department will begin ticketing for violation of the stopping zone. So, we are sorry but there really is no place to park, even temporarily, while you wait for Summergrass to open the gates at 4 pm, so come some time after 4.