



## Homer Lake Interpretive Center Behavior Policy

The Homer Lake Interpretive Center aims to insure high quality, professional service to visitors of all ages and from many areas of the world. While everyone has an equal right to access the Center and enjoy its services, no person has the right to interfere with the ability of others to do the same.

*Behavior Policy statements are in accordance with Section IV, B and Sections V, A and D of the publication "Ordinance Governing the General Use of Champaign County Forest Preserve District Property." Behavior Policy can be found on the Center's website.*

**Audio Equipment:** Playing audio equipment so that others can hear it is not allowed.

**Bicycles:** Bicycles must be parked in designated areas outside the building.

**Cell Phones:** As a courtesy to others, customers entering the Center with a cell phone, pager, or similar electronic device should turn the device off or set it to a non-audible signal. When receiving a call, visitors should speak in low tones and keep conversations brief.

**Children:** The Center staff hope that families who use the facility will find it to be an inviting and fun place to develop an appreciation for their natural and cultural heritage. However, children who are left unattended or unsupervised can become disruptive or may hurt themselves.

Parents or caregivers are responsible for the actions and safety of their children. Parents/caregivers and children may be asked to leave if they do not cooperate with staff requests that a behavior stop, or if parents/caregivers cannot control their children.

**Clothing:** Shirts and shoes must be worn in the Center. Toddlers who are walking should have shoes on.

**Concealed Carry:** No person may possess, concealed or otherwise, any weapon inside the Center.

**Damages:** Willful damage to or destruction of Center objects, exhibits, materials/equipment, or property is unacceptable. Parents or caregivers can be liable for damage done by a child under the age of 18 years of age.

**Disturbances/Problem Behavior:** Problem behavior is any behavior which either consciously or unconsciously violates or restricts the rights of other customers or staff to use and enjoy the Center's resources, services and facilities.

Creating a disturbance by making noise, talking loudly, or engaging in other boisterous or disruptive conduct is not allowed. Obscene, profane, abusive, or offensive language is not allowed in the Center.

**Emergency Closing:** When the Center is forced to close due to an emergency (power failure, inclement weather, etc.) and there are visitors in the building, the staff will make every effort to assist visitors in finding a place to go.

**Entrances:** Building entrances and exits may not be blocked. Carriages and strollers may be left near the entrance provided that the entrance is not obstructed.

**Food and Drink:** Eating, chewing gum, and drinking are not allowed in the exhibit areas.

**Interference:** Interfering with another person's right to use the Center or with the Center staff's performance of their duties is not allowed.

**Interactives and Hands-on Materials:** In order to maintain a clean and attractive facility for visitors of all ages throughout the day, interactives and hands-on materials must remain in the areas where they belong. All items should be returned to their original location after play and areas should be ready for the next visitor to experience.

**Loitering:** Loitering on Center property is not allowed.

**Personal Possessions:** The Center is unable to guarantee the security of personal items.

**Pets:** Certified service animals and guide dogs are allowed in the Center. Other animals are not allowed.

**Public Displays of Affection:** Excessive displays of affection are inappropriate behavior for the Center.

**Restrooms:** Misusing the restrooms (e.g. using them as a laundry or washing facility, or defacing the walls) is not allowed.

**Running:** Running is not allowed in the building.

**Skateboards, Roller Skates/Blades, and Other Sports Equipment:** This equipment cannot be used in the Center.

**Solicitation:** Soliciting customers and staff for donations or for the purpose of obtaining signatures on petitions is not allowed on Center property.

**Staff Only Areas:** Customers are not allowed to enter staff-only areas (offices, storage areas) without permission.

**Theft:** Removal of any Center property from the building without authorization will be reported to the police.

**Threats:** Threatening behavior, including, but not limited to, violence, threats of violence, and possession of weapons is not allowed and will be reported to the police.

**Tobacco, Drugs, and Alcohol:** Drugs and Alcohol are not permitted on the property. (Alcohol may be permitted as part of a pre-approved District function.) Smoking and the use of tobacco products is also prohibited.