

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR WEDDINGS HELD AT THE F. H. BUHL FARM

Outdoor weddings are permitted in certain specified areas in Buhl Farm, such as the Rose Garden and the Gazebo. A Special Use Permit must be obtained for any outdoor wedding that is to occur in these areas. Special Use Permits are also available to reserve indoor facilities for weddings, such as the Casino, the Activities Center, and the picnic shelters. These permits are issued for the current calendar year only and are processed on a first come, first served basis.

In making your wedding plans, you should consider that Buhl Farm is more appropriate for small, intimate weddings of less than 75 people. The weather is always a factor in planning an outdoor wedding and therefore you should be prepared for all conditions. If you are planning a large wedding or an extensive reception after the wedding, your event may be better suited for a church, reception hall, or other large indoor facility.

The Trustees of Buhl Farm have established specific regulations that apply to weddings in Buhl Farm which should be carefully reviewed. These regulations are intended to assist you with your event and to protect Buhl Farm as well as other visitors who may be enjoying the park at the time of your wedding.

REGULATIONS

1. Anyone desiring to schedule an outdoor wedding ceremony in Buhl Farm must file an application for a Special Use Permit with the Office of the Buhl Farm Administrator, together with a reservation fee of \$350.00. In addition to the reservation fee, a \$150.00 refundable damage/cleaning deposit will be required. Applications for a Special Use Permit for indoor weddings must also be filed with the Office of the Buhl Farm Administrator. The reservation fees and the deposit will vary depending upon the facility, the time for which the facility is reserved, and the size of the function.
2. Outdoor weddings that take place in Buhl Farm are restricted to the specific area designated in the Special Use Permit and are limited to simple stand up wedding ceremonies. The length of time for which the Special Use Permit is issued shall be no longer than one and a half hours. A small number of chairs may be allowed for elderly and/or disabled guests, provided that the chairs are flat-footed and supplied by the permittee.
3. The designated areas may not be roped, cordoned off, or otherwise isolated from general public access.

4. To protect Buhl Farm and its wildlife, the releasing of balloons, doves or butterflies and the throwing of rice, birdseed, flower petals or other natural or artificial material is not allowed. Birdseed provides an unnatural food source which could harm wildlife and may introduce unwarranted plant species. Balloons and rice can be harmful to wildlife and the environment. The releasing of doves and butterflies is prohibited by law and may upset the natural balance of wildlife in Buhl Farm.
5. If floral arrangements are part of the wedding décor, the flowers may arrive no earlier than thirty (30) minutes prior to ceremony time, provided that the thirty minute timeframe is included in the period of time for which the Special Use Permit is issued.
6. If musicians, soloist and/or an organist are part of the wedding ceremony, they are to arrive no earlier than thirty (30) minutes prior to the ceremony time, provided that the thirty minute timeframe is included in the period of time for which the Special Use Permit is issued. In respect of other visitors in Buhl Farm, amplified music is prohibited. Acoustic music will be considered. Exceptions can be made for portable tape decks or CD players if discussed in advance and approved by the Office of the Buhl Farm Administrator. Standing speakers, disk jockeys, public address systems or any other type of amplified devices are prohibited.
7. Decorations, including religious symbols and special equipment, must be reviewed and approved by the Buhl Farm Administrator prior to their use. Canopies and tents are prohibited.
8. Fires, candles, tiki torches and all other forms of open flame are prohibited.
9. The use of staples, nails or tacks to hang decorations are prohibited.
10. The use of alcohol is not permitted in Buhl Farm. A violation of the no alcohol policy will result in the forfeiture of your damage/cleaning deposit and the revocation of the Special Use Permit. Smoking is not permitted in any buildings, gazebos, picnic shelters, or enclosed areas.
11. Parking must be in designated areas of Buhl Farm. Available parking is limited, often crowded and not guaranteed. Car pooling or the use of van shuttles is highly recommended in order to allow your guests to arrive on schedule and at the correct location.
12. Special Use Permits for Weddings will not be issued during periods of heavy use, (e.g. Labor Day Weekend, 4th of July and Memorial Day Weekend).