

# Rental Terms and Conditions

## UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING – NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RESEARCH STATION AT AMK RANCH

As the renter of space (hereafter “Group Leader”) at the University of Wyoming - National Park Service Research Station at AMK Ranch (hereafter “Research Station”), I understand that the following Terms and Conditions apply to the rental:

### Reservations

- The Group Leader must be present at the Research Station for the duration of the reservation and is responsible for signing the Rental Terms and Conditions and ensuring that all members of their group are aware of and follow all rules, regulations, and safety requirements while at the Research Station.
- Priority for reservations is at the discretion of the Research Station staff and is based on fulfilling the mission of the University of Wyoming Research Institute at AMK Ranch, on reservation time, and on availability. A reservation cannot be made without providing the Research Station with the name and contact information for the Group Leader.
- The Research Station reserves the right to change housing assignments at any time.
- The University will make every effort to fulfill the reservation once confirmed but reserves the right to cancel in the event of circumstances making it illegal, impossible or unsafe to make the space available including, but not limited to Acts of God, war, government regulations, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, or terrorism. The Research Station will give as much notice as possible of any necessary cancellation.

### Cancellations

- The Group Leader may cancel the reservation up to one week in advance of arrival date without penalty. If the reservation is canceled within one week of arrival date, the Group Leader will owe the Research Station the full value of the initial reservation.

### Research Station Usage and Safety

- **The Research Station is a wilderness facility.** As such both natural disasters including snow, rain, lightening, hail, flash flooding, tornadoes, etc. and encounters with wildlife such as rodents, snakes, bats, moose, elk, bears, etc. both inside and outside the structures at the Research Station are possible. The University of Wyoming and the National Park Service are not responsible for encounters with weather or wildlife or any damage to people or property resulting from such. You are encouraged to train your group members for any dangers.
  - **Report animal encounters to station staff** that pose a safety concern.
  - **Be “Bear Aware”** (be alert, make noise, carry bear spray, do not run) and follow all recommendations for safe conduct around bears and other wildlife. Grizzlies and black bears are regular station visitors.
  - **Follow all water safety rules** which include wearing a coastguard-approved PFD while using a station-owned watercraft and signing out and in using the watercraft checkout form.
  - **Food/scent storage:** Use proper food storage in all kitchens, living spaces, and outdoor spaces to avoid attracting wildlife. Never leave food, scented items, or coolers unattended in outdoor spaces.
- **State Laws and Federal Regulations:** The Research Institute at AMK Ranch is owned by the National Park Service and located within Grand Teton National Park. *You must abide by Wyoming state law and Grand Teton National Park laws and policies while on site* including, but not limited to, those regarding hiking, boating, wildlife interactions, traffic and safety.
- **Research Station quiet hours** are 10 PM to 8 AM. I will limit the volume of my own activities and my group’s activities during this time.

- **The Research Station is a shared space.** There may be other users at the Research Station; the Group Leader is responsible for containing their group's activities to the facilities they have rented, and public spaces, and ensuring that their group is respectful of other visitors of the Research Station.
- **Occupancy limits** are posted at each structure. Individual users are responsible for complying with all posted occupancy limitations.
- **Smoking** is prohibited in or within 20 feet of all structures at the Research Station. Smokers must grind out the cigarette, cigar, or pipe tobacco before properly disposing of the remains in a trash can or ashtray. Never smoke near flammable objects or surfaces and never leave the remains on the ground.
- **Alcohol** consumption by adults is allowed, but public intoxication will not be tolerated.
- **Wood, charcoal and pellet fires used for any purpose and camp stoves of any fuel source** are not permitted at the Research Station. Propane grills, firepits or ovens may be used only with prior authorization by the Station Manager or Station Director and in full compliance of current fire restrictions. The Group Leader is responsible for ensuring that all members of the group know and follow Grand Teton National Park fire prevention guidelines.
- The Research Station recommends or requires the use of various equipment for some station activities including life jackets for boating. The Research Station will make such equipment available when at Research Station facilities and individuals have the option to use the Research Station equipment or their own equipment as well as the option to reject the use of any safety equipment that is recommended but not required.

**Damages**

- The University is not responsible for the safe-keeping of equipment, supplies, or other property of the group brought onto Research Station property. The Group is responsible for security of property of the Group or your invitees and are responsible for any loss or damage to such property.
- The University will hold you and your group responsible for any damages, usual wear and tear excepted, caused while the Research Station is under your care.
- The Research Station is a wilderness facility with risks, both known and unknown. The University is not responsible for injuries or damages to individuals or groups using the Research Station and each group member must complete a waiver before using the Research Station.
- Any condition of concern found at the Research Station must be immediately reported to onsite station staff and/or the station Director.
- The University retains its immunities and defenses provided by law and any action or claim against the University under this Agreement must be made in accordance with and are controlled by the Wyoming Government Claims Act.

By reserving the Research Station, you affirm that you have read the Terms and Conditions carefully, you are willing to accept the Terms and Conditions on your own behalf and on behalf of your group, and you are willing to inform your group of the dangers and station rules, ensure each group members signs the required waiver, and assume all risks for the group.

**TO BE SIGNED BY THE GROUP LEADER**

I have read and agree to abide by these rules. As the Group Leader, I will ensure that my party also abides by these rules.

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Group Leader Signature

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Date

Group Leader Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_