

Policy: We encourage the use of BLC facilities both by members, friends, and others in ways that are productive, that promote Christian values, or that otherwise are helpful to persons and groups in the Community. However, certain activities are prohibited or limited at BLC, and these are summarized below. All activities that are unlawful, immoral, or dangerous are forbidden. Certain other activities, though acceptable elsewhere, are not permitted or are carefully limited on the BLC property.

- ❖ Any unlawful activity is prohibited.
- ❖ Weapons (e.g. guns and knives) are not permitted on BLC property.
- ❖ Smoking is not allowed in or near the BLC building or the pavilion. Smokers should only use areas outside of structures and dispose of smoking materials safely and in proper receptacles.
- ❖ The use of unlawful drugs or abuse of drugs on BLC property is prohibited.
- ❖ Gambling for money is prohibited. Games played for small prizes are permitted to promote fellowship or to encourage raising money for worthy causes. Any regular use of the facilities of such games (e.g. bingo) must be approved by the BLC Council.
- ❖ Ordinarily, selling merchandize is not allowed on BLC property. The BLC Council may make exceptions, especially to promote and support BLC programs and benevolences (e.g. to support Youth mission trips).
- ❖ No "hard" liquor shall be consumed on the BLC premises or property. Beer and wine may be consumed with Vestry approval. Any modification to this policy must be discussed and approved by the Congregation at a duly called meeting.
- ❖ While BLC encourages persons to participate in the political process and to be good citizens, no campaigning for particular candidates will be allowed on BLC property. **
- ❖ BLC also encourages its members and friends to become familiar with issues facing the community. Identification of BLC as a sponsor or promoter of a particular policy alternative is permitted only after approval by the BLC Council.

** The one limited exception exists because BLC serves as a polling site. On Election Day, the political parties may post campaign signs in designated areas and/or send poll workers to the precincts to distribute campaign materials outside the polling place. Virginia election law allows this activity as long as it is not conducted within forty (40) feet of any entrance to the polling place. The Election Officers will post a "Prohibited Area" sign at the entrance of the building with this information.