

**ESTABLISHMENT PLAN REVIEW**  
**REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT & STRUCTURE OF**  
**CHILDREN'S CAMPS**

"Children's camp" means any land with permanent buildings, tents or other structures established or maintained as living quarters where both food and lodging or the facilities therefor are provided for minors, operated continuously on a 24-hour basis for a period of 5 days or more each year for religious, recreational or vacation purposes, either free of charge or for a fee, but does not include any camps owned or leased for individual or family use, penal or correctional purposes, or places operated for the education, care or treatment of children.

Annually or before May 1, every person operating or seeking to operate a children's camp must make application in writing to the Clark County Health District for a permit to conduct a children's camp. The application shall be in such form and shall contain such information as the board of health finds necessary to determine that the children's camp will be built, operated and maintained in accordance with the standards prescribed by [NRS 444.220](#) to [444.320](#), inclusive.

When a person operates or is seeking to operate more than one children's camp, a separate application shall be made, and permit obtained, for each camp.

**Location, layout, drainage, and refuse disposal:**

1. Every children's camp shall be located on well drained ground (**NOT** prone to flooding) near an adequate safe water supply.
2. The general layout of a children's camp shall be planned to lessen fire, accident and disease hazards.
3. In every children's camp all kitchen, toilet, bath and other drainage shall be disposed of in such manner as to prevent fly and mosquito breeding and the pollution of any water or food supply.
4. A reasonable number of watertight metal garbage containers with lids shall be provided.

**Primitive Camp Kitchens (NRS 444.270 and NRS/NAC 446) - Equipment and area used:**

1. The area must be level and clear of debris;
2. Overhead protection must be provided over the food-handling and preparation area;
3. Cooking equipment must be capable of cooking potentially hazardous foods to at least 165°F.
4. Refrigeration equipment in such camps shall be available with provisions for preserving perishable foods at a temperature of not over 50° F.

5. Refrigeration equipment in such camps shall be available with provisions for preserving Potentially-Hazardous foods at 45° F *if* not kept longer than 72 hours (must be 40° F if kept longer than 72 hours).
6. Dry storage for foods must be elevated off the ground and vermin-proofed.
7. Provision must be made for a hand-washing station (please see TEMOPORARY EVENTS DO'S & DON'TS)
8. Provision must be made for adequate washing, rinsing, and chemically sanitizing reusable cookware and tableware.

**Permanent Camp Kitchens:** Must comply with structural requirements for Food Establishments (see [FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT PLAN REVIEW REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES](#) )

**Water Supply:**

1. Each such camp shall be provided with a water supply of sufficient quantity of a safe sanitary quality, meeting the minimum standards of the board of health of the appropriate health district or county.
2. Cross-connections or backflow with contaminated water supplies or other possible sources of contamination are prohibited in such camps.

**Toilets and disposal systems or portable facilities for temporarily holding sewage:**

1. Every children's camp must have suitable toilets and disposal systems or portable facilities for temporarily holding sewage that is treated with chemicals which conform to the provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as adopted by the local jurisdiction, and all applicable administrative regulations which pertain to the disposal of sewage.
2. A children's camp must provide one toilet or portable facility for every 15 persons or fraction thereof in the camp population.
3. ***Installation of permanent septic systems requires a separate permitting process – call 383-1271.***

**Buildings:**

***All buildings used for occupancy by a children's camp must meet all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations and codes pertaining to life, health, safety, and fire; building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical engineering, and be furnished within occupancy limits.***

1. MINIMUM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CABINS:
  - a. Suitable and separate beds or cots should be provided for each child. Where single beds are used, at least 40 square feet of floor space should be provided for each child. Where double deck bunks are used, at least 30 square feet of open floor space per child is recommended. Triple deck bunks are not acceptable.
  - b. Every sleeping space should contain at least 96 cubic feet of air space for each occupant (a sleeping space 4' wide x 3' high [bunk] x 8'long);

- c. Where double deck bunks are used, ceiling height should be at least 8 feet from the floor. At least 3 feet of clear space should be allowed between each set of double bunks.
- d. Where beds or bunks are used, non-permeable, cleanable mattresses and/or mattress covers should be provided.
- e. Every sleeping room should have one or more windows. All windows should be fitted with screening of at least 16 mesh.
- f. All doors and outside openings in living and sleeping quarters should be secured with screens not less than 16 mesh. All screen doors should be equipped with self-closing devices.
- g. When a camp is operated during a season and in a climate requiring artificial heating and/or cooling, all living quarters should be adequately heated and/or cooled in such a way as to ensure the comfort and safety of the occupants.
- h. Buildings should be rodent-proofed.