## **Picnic Guidelines**

## **General Tips**

Because of park scheduling and catering issues, picnics will be held rain or shine, except in the event of named storms.

Due to limited seating under the chickee huts, bringing folding chairs and tables are encouraged. Veteran picnic-goers tend to cluster in groups with their own chairs.

Guests will pay a sur-charge of \$5 over the normal member charge. Since MSC has only family memberships, **both husband and wife are members**.



If you can't find your name at check-in, have the check-in person check for other names you could have used. The sign-in sheet usually reflects the name that was on the check. Also, it is possible you had someone else pay for you and you are under their name.

Be careful of similar picnics in other clubs, e.g. MSC and Marco Men's Club both have St. Patrick's luncheons. If you plan to go to both, make sure you pay for both. If only going to one, go to the right one.

New members/picnic attendees should identify themselves at check-in and at the beverage chickee in order to be introduced to other members.

Start time is always noon, beginning with a "social half-hour" with food serving **BEGINNING** around 12:30. Obviously if we're cooking steaks, everyone can't eat at the same time. The start time is approximate, depending on caterer delivery or efficiency of the cooking crew.

Anyone wishing to help out setting up can come around 11:00.

MICA requires that we take all garbage with us when we leave so therefore we have the following guidelines:

- Do not dump any liquids in the trash containers
- Use only those trash containers that have the "No Liquid" signs on them. We don't monitor the all trash containers in the park and don't want MICA finding our trash in other containers (Red Solo Cups are a giveaway it's ours).
- Please use the recyclable bins for cups, cans, water and ice tea bottles.
- Garbage to be taken home is double bagged in heavy duty black bags. If you see one by the exit, feel free to take it home and put in your trash. The picnics are on Wednesday so that you only need to have the garbage stored until you take it out to the curb for Thursday pick-up.

Please be courteous to the check-in crew; things get hectic with over 100 people trying to check in within a very short window. Settling of any payment disputes may have to be deferred until after everyone has checked in.

There is no set finish time, lasting until all fish tales have been exhausted (but no later than dark, when the gates are locked.

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