

Application Process

Permits are required for any size organized group, individual or sports league that holds organized game(s), practices, fee-based fitness classes, or any type of recreation/health class with more than 5 participants.

Permit requests may be submitted in-person at Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) Headquarters, 536 N. Harlem Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305, by fax (708) 771-1071 or via email fpd.permits@cookcountyil.gov. A location map indicating where activities will take place and field rental/class schedule must be submitted with the application.

Requests must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event date. Any submission submitted within two weeks from the event date, must pay a \$30 late fee. Additionally, all requests submitted within two weeks of the event date are subject to denial.

Permits that have been issued by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) are non-transferrable. In addition, the sale of FPCC permits to any individual or group is **strictly prohibited**. The use of the field by any other team outside of the group on the permit is **strictly prohibited**. Any incidents that occur during the time listed on the FPCC permit will be the responsibility of the permit holder/organization listed on the permit. Incidents include, but are not limited injury to any player, participants or spectator, damage to FPCC property, and more. Violation of this policy will result in the cancellation of the permit(s), the retention of fees, and may result to a ban from being able to purchase future permits and further legal action.

Insurance Requirements

A Certificate of General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 with Endorsement naming the Forest Preserves of Cook County as additional insured is required (sample of insurance on pg. 7-8).

Permits will be issued based on the effective and expiration dates listed on the Certificate of General Liability Insurance. Requested dates that fall after expiration date of insurance will be placed on hold, but payment musts still be made to hold the dates. An updated Certificate of General Liability Insurance with Endorsement must be submitted to the FPCC permit department at **least three weeks prior to its expiration date**. Dates placed on hold will be approved upon receipt of updated insurance, however full balance must be paid two weeks after invoicing.

Fees

Permit Type	Application Fee	Permit Fee
Fitness & Recreation Classes	\$25	\$55 / Per Month
Field Rental – Adult (18+)	\$25	\$29 / Per Hour
Field Rental –Youth	\$25	\$18 / Per Hour
Special Use	\$25	\$15 / Per Item / Per Day
FPCC Portable Bathroom	-	Based on Number of Days
Grove with Shelter	-	\$85 / Per Day
Grove without Shelter	-	\$64 / Per Day
Changes to Permit	-	\$5 / Per Submission
**Late Fee	-	\$30

^{**}Requests and changes to permits received within two weeks of event date are subject to denial or a \$30 late fee**.

Permit fees are not prorated, refundable or transferrable. Non–resident customers will be required to pay an additional 10% on Permit fees. NFP and Veteran organizations, with proper documentation, may qualify for a reduced rate of 50% on base permit fees.



Field Rentals (Hourly): Policies, Hours of Use & Locations

Field Rentals (Hourly) permits are required for any organized group, individual, or sports league that holds organized game(s) or practices on FPCC property regardless of attendance or time duration. League activities must be held on FPCC designated fields (see page 4). Fields must be reserved for a minimum of 2 hours. Permits that have been issued by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) are non-transferrable. In addition, the sale of FPCC permits to any individual or group is **strictly prohibited**. The use of the field by any other team outside of the group on the permit is **strictly prohibited**.

Permits are issued based on FPCC hours of operation, sunrise/sunset. Applicants must adhere to FPCC hours of operation when submitting requests/schedules. All attendees must vacate preserves by sunset or be subject to citations and/or administrative court proceedings.

Sunrise/Sunset times can be found online: https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/

Tournaments and activities with 400+ attendees must apply for a Special Event Permit. Special event permits will pay the daily event reservation fees.

A portable restroom is required for each permitted location(s) to remain on site through the duration of the permit. Permit holder must submit a portable restroom invoice in their name and/or the organizations as part of approval process. Portable bathrooms may be requested via FPCC Portable Bathroom program but are not prorated for extended stay (see pg. 9 for details).

Please be advised that the State of Illinois has a statute known as Zach's Law regarding the safety of movable soccer goals (see Chapter 430, article 145 of Illinois compiled status-430 ILSC 145/1). FPCC requires all users of field spaces or movable soccer goals to comply with Zach's Law. The Zach Law agreement form must be signed before any field usage will be approved.

Fitness & Recreation Class: Policies, Hours of Use & Locations

Any fee-based fitness or recreation/health classes (more than 5 participants) held in the Forest Preserves, must have monthly fitness/recreation class permit. Additionally, fitness and recreation classes with 25 or more participants taking place on FPCC property are automatically required to obtain an event permit. Permits that have been issued by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) are non-transferrable and the sale of FPCC permits to any individual or group is **strictly prohibited**.

Fitness classes must take place Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from between sunrise to sunset <u>and</u> Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays from between sunrise to 9:00 am only. All attendees and participant must be our of preserves by sunset. Estimated sunrise/sunset times can be found here <u>www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/</u>. or be subject to fines and court dates.

Classes held in preserves where picnics are allowed must take place a minimum of 100ft <u>away</u> from designated picnic groves. For a list/map of picnic groves refer to <u>www.fpdcc.com</u>. Applicants should download a FPCC picnic grove map and mark location of fitness class to submit to FPCC permit office.

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FPCC Designated League Fields				
Location Name	Number of Fields	Address	Notes	
147th & Ridgeland	4	147th St & Ridgeland Ave Oak Forest, IL 60452 (<u>map</u>)		
Brezina Woods	1	N La Grange Rd, south of W Cermak Rd Cook County, IL 60526 (<i>map</i>)	Under 18 years old only. No Friday to Sunday permits from Memorial Day through Labor Day.	
Calumet Woods	1	Ashland Ave & Charles Dr Additional grove fees for Friday to Sunda Riverdale, IL 60827 (map)		
Dam No. 2 Woods	1	E Des Plaines River Rd, south of E Euclid Ave/W Lake Ave Cook County, IL 60056 (map)		
Dan Ryan Woods- Central	4	W 83rd St, east of S Western Ave Chicago, IL 60620 (map)	No Friday - Sunday permits from Memorial Day - Labor Day. Additional grove fees for Friday to Sunday permits.	
Elizabeth Conkey Forest - North	2	Central Ave, north of W 135th St Cook County, IL 60463 (map)		
Harms Woods -South	1	Harms Rd, north of Golf Rd Cook County, IL 60077 (<i>map</i>)	Additional grove fees for Friday to Sunday permits	
Miller Meadow - South	1	1st Ave, south of Roosevelt Rd Cook County, IL 60130 (map)	No Frday - Sunday permits from Memorial Day - Labor Day. Additional grove fees for Friday to Sunday permits.	
Ned Brown Meadow	4	Golf Rd, east of I-290/Hwy 53 Cook County, IL 60007 (map)	No Friday - Sunday permits from Memorial Day - Labor Day. Additional grove fees for Friday to Sunday permits.	
Grassy Ridge Meadow	2	W Central Ave, east of Huntington Blvd/Freeman Rd Hoffman Estates, IL 60195 (<i>map</i>)		
John E. Traeger Family Picnic Area	1	E Touhy Ave, east of Talcott Rd Park Ridge, IL 60068 (<i>map</i>)		
Pioneer Woods	1	107th St, east of S Willow Springs Rd/Flavin Rd Cook County, IL 60480 (<i>map</i>)		
Plank Road Meadow Boat Launch	1	Ogden Ave, east of 1st Ave Riverside, IL 60534 (<u>map</u>)		
Robinson Homestead Family Picnic Area	2	Des Plaines River Rd, south of Lawrence Ave, Schiller Park, IL 60176 (<u>map</u>)		
Schiller Playfield	3	W Montrose Ave, east of N Cumberland Ave Chicago, IL 60706 (<u>map</u>)		
Schiller Woods-East	9	W Irving Park Rd, west of N Cumberland Ave Chicago, IL 60634 (<u>map</u>)		
St. Paul Woods	1	Lincoln Ave, south of W Dempster St Morton Grove, IL 60053 (<u>map</u>)	No Friday - Sunday permits from Memorial Day - Labor Day. Additional grove fees for Friday to Sunday permits.	
Thatcher Woods	1	Chicago Ave, west of Thatcher Ave River Forest, IL 60305 (<u>map</u>)	Under 18 years old (Youth) only. No Friday to Sunday permits.	
Woodland Meadow	3	Rohlwing Rd, north of Biesterfield Rd Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 (<u>map</u>)		



Use of FPCC space

- 1. All signs must be removed from FPCC property at the close of your event. All events that require marking of trails or fields must be marked with *water soluble paint or chalk*. Painting of team names or logos on the athletic fields and/or facilities, in any form is prohibited.
- 2. Do not play and/or use the athletic fields and/or facilities if the weather and/or ground conditions are not conducive to FPCC policies. The FPCC's Division Superintendent shall have the full right and authority to cancel this permit and totally prohibit use of the athletic field and/or facilities, if in their opinion, such use may cause damage to FPCC athletic fields and/or facilities or disrupt the native landscape, wildlife, or other natural habitat.
- 3. In granting this permission, the FPCC does not in any way imply, infer, or acknowledge that the area is suited for the type of use requested.
- 4. The field/facility is furnished in an "as is" condition. If prior approval is granted by the Permits Department and/or the Division Superintendent, minor improvements may be made to the condition of the field/grass/turf, when necessary.
- 5. Striping, mowing, light maintenance and rolling of the field can be done by the organization holding the permit.

 Please contact the Division Superintendent prior to doing so. HEAVY MACHINERY OR REGRADING IS NOT ALLOWED.
- 6. Permit holder and/or organization is responsible for removing all garbage and debris from the area after your permitted games/classes (including athletic tape). Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future permits.
- 7. Zach's law agreement regarding movable soccer goals must be signed before any activity can take place.
- 8. All items associated with your league/class such as goal posts and equipment boxes must be removed before sunset on the day of the event. Nothing can stay on FPCC property overnight, abandoned items will be confiscated.
- 9. FPCC permits do not grant you or your group/organization exclusive-use privileges. It is agreed that no event may exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise subject any person to discrimination because of the person's race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or any disability during the use of FPCC property. Exclusive use of groves is not permitted.
- 10. Advertising to the public is prohibited without FPCC's written approval. Any unapproved advertising by the FPCC (including web and social media advertising) may result in the of the permit and denial of future permit applications.
- 11. The FPCC reserves the right to cancel or relocate an event before or on the event date due to weather, county/statewide mandates, or other conditions that may cause excessive damage to FPCC property. Rain dates and/or refunds will not be issued.



Prohibited Activities

- <u>Admission/Parking Fees</u> –Admission/parking fees may not be levied for any picnic or event unless permission has been granted for on-site registration via a Special Use Permit.
- <u>Close Time</u> Individuals on FPCC property after sunset are subject to citations, administrative court proceedings, and may have their vehicle towed.
- Open Fires/Bonfires Open fires are prohibited on FPCC property.
- <u>Gambling/Raffles</u> The sale or use of gambling devices is prohibited.
- <u>Glass Beverage Containers</u> Glass containers are not permitted on FPCC property. Please note that the consumption of alcohol upon or within 50 feet of any roadway, parking area or entrance is prohibited.
- <u>Native Landscape</u> Native Landscape (trees, shrubs, plant matter, etc.) shall not be cut, trimmed, removed, or destroyed. Attaching of signs/banners on trees and/or FPCC signage is prohibited.
- <u>Driving/Parking</u> Driving/parking anywhere outside of designated roadways or parking areas is prohibited. Parking is open to the public, even during permitted events.
- <u>Cannabis Use</u> Permit holders, event attendees, and other visitors <u>may not</u> use, consume, distribute, sell, share, smoke, or gift cannabis (including edible cannabis products) within the Forest Preserves of Cook County.
- <u>Vandalism/Paint</u> Vandalism of buildings, structures, signs, picnic tables, or other property belonging to FPCC is prohibited. No paint shall be used on grounds, trees, rocks or any other district property.
- <u>Vending</u> Vending of any products/services on FPCC property without a permit is prohibited.
- Weapons/Fireworks No unauthorized person shall at any time bring into any preserve, nor have in their
 possession, or discharge nor set off anywhere within the FPCC, any toy firearm, air rifle, air gun, water gun, toy
 cannon, or any water cannon, slingshot or bow and arrow or any gun that discharges projectiles either by air,
 spirit, or have any switchblade, explosive substance or any other item as listed/refenced within the FPCC
 ordinance. Use/possession of the items fall under the FPCC ordinances governing misconduct.
- <u>Charcoal</u> DO NOT dump charcoal on trees or grass areas as hot coals can damage or kill FPCC trees. You must
 extinguish all grill fires and dispose of charcoal in the designated fire/coal containers provided near the picnic
 grove areas.

Security Deposit Fees

If the permitted area is found to be in unsatisfactory condition, the FPCC reserves the right to request a Security Deposit be required on future permit requests. Unsatisfactory conditions include, but are not limited to damaged property, failure to remove garbage, signage, or markings, covering of drains and other violation(s).

Updating/Cancelling a Permit

- <u>Updating</u> Requests for permit changes must be submitted via the Permit Change/Special Use Request Form which is available for download on our website: fpdcc.com/permits/picnics-event-permits/#special. Additional fees will apply. The form must be submitted by the permit holder and/or organization at least two weeks prior to event date. Changes submitted less than two weeks are subject to denial or late fees.
- <u>Cancelling</u> All cancellation requests must be submitted by the permit holder and/or organization via the Permit Change Form. Please note fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Any incidents that occur during the time of an approved rental will be the responsibility of the permit holder.
- <u>Portable Bathrooms</u> Permit holders and/or organizations will be required to rent portable restrooms either through FPCC or through a 3rd party vendor (additional permitting fees may apply). All portable bathrooms must be placed 10 feet from parking lot curb. Portable bathrooms are not allowed in green space near shelters.



 <u>Permit Copy</u> – Permits must be available for inspection upon request by FPCC personnel (including, but not limited to, FPCC Police) at the permit site on the day of the event.

Permit Discount:

A bona fide Not for Profit organization is one which is engaged in charitable, educational, civic, youth and Faith based activities with Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and current registration with the Illinois Attorney General as a charitable organization may qualify for the nonprofit discount. To receive the discount the following must be met:

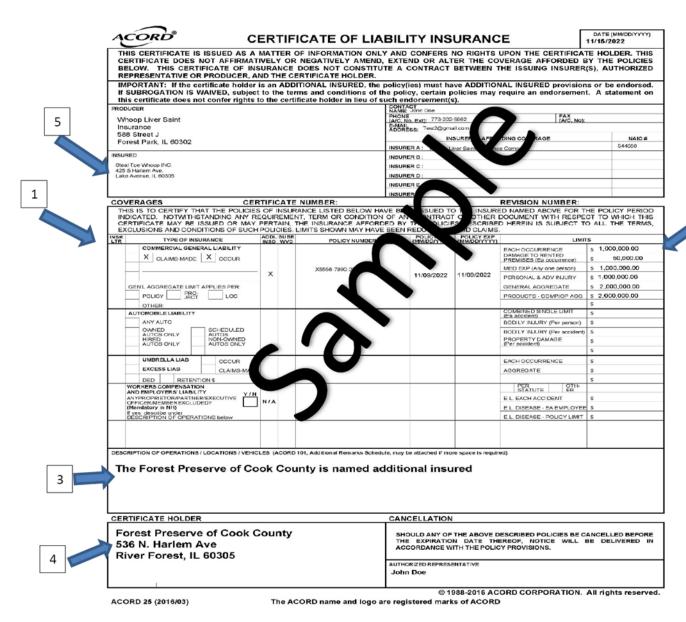
- The location of the official headquarters or administrative office of the organization submitting the request for the permit is located in County Cook and is the same as that which is on file with the Illinois Attorney General, or was submitted for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except in the case of local chapters of national organizations, wherein the local chapter maintains a Cook County office and submits proof of affiliation with the national organization.
- The following are acceptable proof of address:
 - o Letter on company letterhead signed by management.
 - Business card with name of applicant
- If the applicant is a school located within Cook County, no additional documentation or proof of Not-for-Profit status shall be required, other than a letter on school letterhead signed by an official of the school stating that the activity/event is officially sanctioned under and supervised by employee(s) of the school.

Field Rental (Hourly) & Fitness/Recreation Class Permit Application

SAMPLE Certificate of Liability Insurance (COI)

Please see sample certificate below. Certificates are due no less than two weeks prior to event date and must have the following noted:

- Type of insurance must be "Commercial General Liability."
- 2. Amount of coverage per occurrence must be \$1,000,000.
- 3. Forest Preserves of Cook County must be listed <u>specifically</u> as "**Additional Insured.**" (Policy numbers must match policy numbers on endorsement page.)
- 4. Address to be used on insurance should reflect our General Headquarters office in River Forest.
- 5. Events with 1,000+ attendees require \$2,000,000 per occurrence.



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SAMPLE: Endorsement Page of COI

POLICY NUMBER:

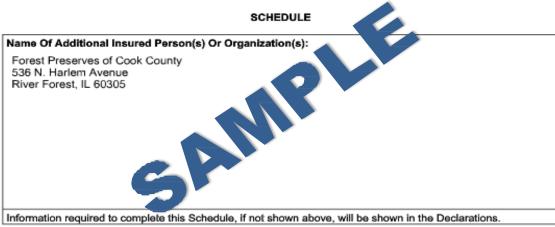
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THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

ADDITIONAL INSURED – DESIGNATED PERSON OR ORGANIZATION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART



- A. Section II Who is An Insured is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily Injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:
 - In the performance of your ongoing operations; or
 - In connection with your premises owned by or rented to you.

However:

- The insurance afforded to such additional insured only applies to the extent permitted by law: and
- If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the insurance afforded to such additional insured will not be broader than that which you are required by the contract or agreement to provide for such additional insured.

B. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following is added to Section III – Limits Of Insurance:

If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the most we will pay on behalf of the additional insured is the amount of insurance:

- Required by the contract or agreement; or
- Available under the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations;

whichever is less.

This endorsement shall not Increase the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations.

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One application must be submitted PER LOCATION. Field Rentals must submit Youth & Adult requests separately.

<u>Please Note</u>: If location/field choice #1 is not available, second or third choice will be automatically reserved (if available).

Section 1 – Applicant Information										
First & Last Name:		Date of Birth:								
Address:			City:		Sta	ate:	Zip Code:			
Email Address:			Primary Phone:			Se	condary Phor	ne:		
Name of Organization	on (if applica	ble):				Role at Organization:				
Organization addres	SS:	City:				State: Zip Code:				
Is the applicant requ	esting a Not	-for-Profit dis	count on per	mit fees?	□Yes (Additi	onal docum	ents require	ed, see page 6) □No	
Section 2 – C	class/Fie	ld Rent	al Inforn	nation						
Class Title <u>OR</u> Type	Class Title OR Type of Sport: ☐ Youth League/Class ☐ Adult League/Class						☐ Adult League/Class			
On-Site Contact (If	On-Site Contact (If different from applicant): Cell Phone:									
Total estimated atte	endance (Ple	ase include	staff, specta	tors and pai	rticipants):					
#1 Location Request	#1 Location Request: Field Rentals Only Field Request:									
#2 Alternate Locatio	2 Alternate Location Request: Field Rentals Only Alternate Field Request:				equest:					
#3 Alternate Locatio	Alternate Location Request: Field Rentals Only Alternate Field Request:			Request:						
Section 3 - D	Section 3 - Dates									
Please check the day(s) of the week that are being requested; be sure to include dates needed for striping/set-up/tear down. A schedule must be attached with all applications. Field Rental (Hourly) permits must adhere to FPCC hours of operation- sunrise to sunset. Fitness permits are to be scheduled at specified hours. See page 2 for details. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun.										



Section 4 – Special Use Items Special Use items may be operated only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or up to (2) hours before sunset at a cost of \$15.00 per item.					
Special Use Item	Quantity	Details			
Amplified Equipment		□ DJ & Equipment □ Stereo System □ Acoustic Band □ Band (Requiring generator) □ Other (<i>specify</i>):			
Canopy Tent (larger than 10X10)		Size:			
Generator(s)		Used for:			
Other:		List:			
Portable Restroom					
Vending					
Section 5 – Require	ments Checl	klist In order to efficiently process your request, submit the following items			
with this application:					
Fitness Instructor Appli	cants	Field Rental Applicants			
\square Location/route of class location on FPCC ma		nap ☐ Schedule of games & practices			
☐ Class schedule		☐ Location map of requested field(s)			
☐ Equipment List (If any, su	ıbject to approval)			
Payment and Signature					
By signing this Field Rental (Hourly) & Fitness Instructor Permit Application, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by all FPCC permit rules, regulations, and ordinances, including the cancellation policy. I also agree that I am solely responsible for the actions and conduct of my guests, invitees, participants, spectators, contractors and for assuring compliance with all permit rules, regulations and ordinances pertaining to my permit. I understand and agree that my security deposit shall be forfeited for any violation of this agreement.					
I hereby assume all responsibility for and agree to defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless, the FPCC, its officers, employees, volunteers, contractors and agents against any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, actions, suits, proceedings, costs or expenses that they may suffer, incur or sustain or for which it or they may become liable as a result of, arising out of or relating to any injury or damage incurred by myself as applicant, and any guests, invitees, participants, spectators, including any officers, employees, contractors, agents or persons under a sponsoring organization's control in connection with or related to the issuance of a Permit by the FPCC. My obligation to indemnify the FPCC shall survive the expiration of any permit issued.					
I do solemnly swear that all answers given, and statements made on this Application are full and true to the best of my knowledge and that I am 21 years of age or older.					
	I understand the permit(s) issued to me by FPCC is/are non-transferrable and the sale of said permit(s) to another individual/organization is prohibited.				
Signature of Applicant: Date:					