



## MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP WHISPERING PINES RENTAL POLICY

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1. The Whispering Pines Banquet Hall will be rented on a first come, first served basis, provided all appropriate paperwork and applicable fees are received on time as specified in Section 2.
2. To reserve a date at the Whispering Pines, all Renting Parties are required to submit a completed Rental Agreement and security deposit (if applicable) to the Township a minimum of ten (10) business days before the requested Rental Period. The Township cannot guarantee accommodation to late requests.
3. The Whispering Pines may be rented, subject to approval by the Banquet Hall Manger, any day of the week with no event beginning earlier than 9am and no event ending later than 10pm (followed by cleanup). All setup, event activities, and cleanup must take place during the hours specified by the Renting Party on their Agreement. Renting Parties may not access the Whispering Pines before the start of the agreed upon setup time or Rental Period and are expected to vacate the Whispering Pines no later than 90 minutes following the end of the agreed upon Rental Period (for post-event cleanup).
4. All guests at the Whispering Pines, having cleaned the facility should vacate the building as soon as cleanup is completed, even if the entire 90 minutes are not needed. At no time may setup or cleanup time be used as additional party time. No renter is entitled to remain in the building once cleanup is completed. Additional time for cleanup may be allowed by the staff person present at their discretion, but may not extend any later than 11:59pm on the same date as the Rental Period.
5. Time for setup and cleanup not immediately preceding or following the agreed upon Rental Period must be requested at least ten (10) business days prior to the requested Rental Period. Time on days other than the date of the requested Rental Period is at the discretion of the Township and is not guaranteed.
6. The Whispering Pines is not available for rental on certain holidays or Township observed holidays. These holidays include, but are not limited to: Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day. Additional holidays may be unavailable and will be confirmed by the Banquet Hall Manager prior to booking.
7. For all non-profit, charity, or other events not of a personal nature (i.e. a birthday or wedding) a copy of the program, agenda, and/or presentation must be provided to the Township at the time of application to rent the Whispering Pines, or a minimum of ten (10) business days prior to the Rental Period.
8. Events scheduled for the purpose of fundraising must provide a description of their fundraising activities to the Township at the time of application for approval. This description must include the Renting Party's planned means of raising funds and the beneficiary of all funds raised at the event. Funds may only be raised for allowable charities as defined by the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code.
9. Admission charges are prohibited, except as part of fundraising for allowable charities as defined by the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, and only with the prior written consent of the Township. Renting Parties may charge attendees for materials used. Purchase of materials may not be a condition of entry to any event where an admission fee is otherwise prohibited. Township sponsored events are permitted to charge admission.
10. The Whispering Pines may not be used for entrepreneurial or commercial purposes, for the solicitation of business, or for profit.
11. The Whispering Pines may not be rented by any political candidate, campaign, or party for any reason during campaign season, (i.e., from 4 weeks before the primary election day through general election day).