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Executive Orders

EXECUTIVE ORDER DCT 82-25

Emergency Rules

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Commerce Office of Financial Institutions

WHEREAS, high technology industry is one of the fastest growing industries in this country; and

WHEREAS, the future economic development of Louisiana is dependent upon the state's ability to attract these new industries; and

WHEREAS, the state's ability to attract such industries is dependent upon its ability to provide the appropriate support and training through our educational institutions, particularly our higher education system, vo-tech schools and high schools; and

WHEREAS, there should be a mechanism whereby the State of Louisiana can determine what factors can encourage high technology industries to locate here, and to make recommendations on how the education system, in particular, can respond to these needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID C. TREEN, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority of power invested in me by the Constitution of and applicable statutes of the State of Louisiana, do hereby create the Governor's Task Force on High Technology, to consist of the following members and such other members as may be appointed by me;

Mr. Ben F. James, Jr., Chairman, Mr. Emile J. Brinkmann, Vice Chairman, Dr. William Arceneaux, Dr. James H. Wharton, Dr. Ray Authement, Dr. F. Jay Taylor, Dr. Eamon Kelly, Reverend James C. Carter, S.J., Dr. James R. Prestage, Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook, Dr. Leon J. Richelle, Mr. Russell J. Protti, Mr. John J. Graham, Mr. Wiley H. Sharp, Jr., Mr. J. Robert Fitzgerald, Mr. R. M. Allen, Mr. Morrell F. Trimble, Mr. John W. Barton, Mr. Harry D. Richardson, Mr. James J. Reiss, Jr., Mr. Murray C. Fincher, Mr. J. Hugh Watson, Mayor Pat Screen, State Representative John C. Ensminger, State Senator Thomas H. Hudson and State Senator William J. Jefferson.

This task force shall be organized under the Office of the Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 2nd day of December, A.D., 1982.

David C. Treen
Governor of Louisiana

Under authority granted by R.S. 6:902B, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions hereby adopts the following Rule, effective December 6, 1982, for the purpose of providing a means by which State Chartered Savings and Loan Associations may have authority consistent with that granted federal associations by Federal Home Loan Bank Board Rules and Regulations 546.2 (b) and (e).

RULE

Notwithstanding limitations imposed by Chapter 9, Title 6, Louisiana Revised Statutes, one or more state chartered savings and loan associations may merge in accordance with the following Rule:

(a) Each association, by a two-thirds vote of its board of directors, shall approve a plan of merger evidenced by a merger agreement. The agreement shall state that it is effective only when approved by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, State of Louisiana, and the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and shall specify (1) which association will be the resulting association; (2) the name it will use; (3) the location of its home office and branch offices; (4) the basis on which its savings accounts will be issued; and (5) the number of its directors and their names, addresses, and the length of their terms.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Rule, the Commissioner may require that a plan of merger be submitted to the voting members of any of the merging associations at a duly called meeting(s) and that the plan, to be effective, be approved by them.

This Emergency Rule was necessary in order to resolve problems in connection with "impaired" savings and loan associations prior to the end of the calendar year. This action was taken in accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Hunter O. Wagner, Jr.
Commissioner

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, at its meeting of November 18, 1982, exercised those powers conferred by the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953B, and adopted the following as an emergency Rule:

Revised Home Study Guidelines (Pursuant to R.S. 17:236)

I. Definition

A home study plan for the purpose of these Guidelines is a

program in which an approved curriculum can be implemented under the direction and control of a parent or a tutor.

II. Eligibility

Any child eligible by Louisiana law to attend Louisiana elementary or secondary schools shall be eligible to participate in a home study plan. The home study plan does not replace the provisions of the state home-bound law.

III. Application Process

Before the student's instruction in a home study plan begins, the parent or tutor shall submit a home study application to the State Department of Education for review and recommendation to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Acceptance of the home study application shall be at the discretion of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

IV. Instructor

A parent or tutor* may be permitted to provide instruction in a home study plan. *Tutor: Court appointed guardian under Louisiana law.

V. Curriculum

The home study program shall have a sustained curriculum of a quality at least equal to that offered by public schools at the same grade level. In order to receive a Louisiana state equivalency diploma, the student must pass the General Educational Development (GED) test.

VI. Transfer Provisions

The local public school system shall have a written policy to receive any student from a home study plan and shall use whatever means are applicable to arrive at an appropriate placement in the local school system.

Note: When a student enters an approved public or non-public school, the school shall have the authority to test the student to determine appropriate grade level placement or subject matter unit credit.

VII. Due Process

The due process procedures for resolution of disagreements at the local level pertaining to the application and reauthorization of the home study plan shall follow the procedures established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in its Policies and Procedures Manual.

VIII.

All reasonable costs directly attributable to the home study program shall be borne by the parents.

This emergency adoption is necessary in order for the revised application form to be implemented during the current school year. The effective date of this Emergency Rule is November 18, 1982.

James V. Soileau
Executive Director

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Office of Data Processing**

The Office of Data Processing in the Division of Administration, as required by Act 855 of the 1982 Regular Session and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953B, declares this an Emergency Rule. These guidelines establish the procedure to be used in the issuance of the solicitation for proposals for fiscal intermediary services for processing claims of health

care providers. The complete text may be found in the Notice of Intent section of this issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

Len Sanderson
Assistant Commissioner

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Health and Human Resources
Office of Family Security**

The Department of Health and Human Resources, Office of Family Security, has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:953B to revise the reimbursement methodology for hospital services to a prospective method with a target reimbursement rate set at the 90th percentile. Effective January 1, 1983, the following methodology shall apply for determining reimbursement rates for all in-patient and outpatient services provided on or after that date:

I. DEFINITIONS

A. 1) Consumer Price Index (CPI) - The Consumer price index for all items for all urban consumers as prepared by the Council of Economic Advisors for the Joint Economic Committee.

2) Medical Component of the CPI - the portion of the CPI pertaining to the cost of medical services for all urban consumers.

B. Hospitals - Public or private hospitals (except one for tuberculosis or mental diseases) which participate in the Title XIX vendor payment plan.

1) Emergency Access Hospital - a hospital which is not a Medicaid participating provider which provides emergency services to a Title XIX eligible recipient when such services are necessary to prevent the death of the individual or the serious impairment of his health.

2) New hospital - a hospital not currently enrolled as a Medicaid provider which becomes a Medicaid provider after midnight December 31, 1982.

3) Hospital serving a disproportionate number of low income patients - any short-term general hospital in which the combination of Medicaid inpatient days and indigent inpatient days represents 30 percent or more of the total inpatient days for that hospital's most recent fiscal year.

C. Indigent Inpatient Days - All Medicaid inpatient days shall be considered indigent inpatient days, as shall a day of care consumed by an individual whose gross monthly income is within the specified limits of the Louisiana Eligibility Standard for services in state general hospitals. The 1982-83 Eligibility Standards are as follows: a single individual whose income is \$500 or less; an individual from a two-member family with a monthly income of \$700 or less; a three-member family with a monthly income of \$800 or less; a four-member family with an income of \$900 or less; a five-member family with an income of \$1000 or less; a seven-member family with an income of \$1100 or less; and so forth, with \$50 added to the monthly limit for each additional member of the family. A plan for determining and verifying indigent patients other than Medicaid patients must be submitted by the hospital and be approved by the Medical Assistance Program.

D. Occupancy Rate - the ratio of the number of utilized beds to the total number of certified beds.

The following methods for determining reimbursement rates for inpatient and outpatient services are being proposed effective January 1, 1983, for all services provided on or after that date:

II. Inpatient Hospital Services - The per diem reimbursement rate effective January 1, 1983, shall be determined by taking the cost report for the most recent fiscal period ending before July 1, 1982. The per diem rate shall be calculated using that cost report and based on actual occupancy rate. The per diem rate thus calculated shall then be inflated by the percentage change in the medical component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The rate shall be increased by the percentage increase in the CPI for the same month in which the cost report ends (e.g. if the cost report covered services through November 30, 1981, it would be the percentage increase in the CPI medical component from November 1, 1981, through June, 1982). The rates shall then be arrayed from lowest to highest with determination of a target rate at the 90th percentile. All hospitals with rates below the 90th percentile will have their rate increased by the percentage change in the CPI from December, 1981, to June 1982. Hospitals with rates currently above the target rate will have their rate decreased by 1/5 of the difference between their current rate and the target rate.

A. Hospitals serving a disproportionate number of low income patients will have their rates determined in the same manner as noted above, but shall use the percentage increase in the medical component of the CPI from December, 1981 to June, 1982. However, no rate may be increased above the target rate.

New rates will be computed each year effective July 1, of the year by taking the percentage change in the consumer price index or the medical component CPI, whichever is appropriate, from December of two years previously to December of the last calendar year, and applying that to the rate for the immediately preceding year. No rate may be increased beyond the target rate. Hospitals above the target rate will have their rate reduced based on the difference between their rate and the target rate. Effective July, 1983, these rates will be reduced by $\frac{1}{4}$ of the difference, in 1984 by $\frac{1}{3}$ of the difference, in 1985 by $\frac{1}{2}$ of the difference and in 1986 these rates shall be reduced to the target rate.

C. New Hospitals (Inpatient Services) - The Medical Assistance Program shall reimburse new hospitals at a rate equal to the 50th percentile for inpatient services, not to exceed Medicare reimbursement rate(s) for such service(s). New hospitals shall bill the Medical Assistance Program for their usual and customary charge for such services and shall be required to certify in writing to the Medical Assistance Program, that their billed amounts are in compliance with this policy.

D. Emergency Access Hospitals (Inpatient Services) - The Medical Assistance Program shall reimburse hospitals designated as emergency access hospitals at a rate equal to the 50th percentile for inpatient services, not to exceed Medicare reimbursement rate(s) for such service(s). The hospitals shall bill the Medical Assistance Program their usual and customary charge for such services and shall be required to certify in writing to the Medical Assistance Program that their billed amounts are in compliance with this policy.

III. Outpatient Hospital Services - Hospitals (including new hospitals and emergency access hospitals) shall be reimbursed for outpatient services at 85% of billed charges. Hospitals must bill the Medical Assistance Program their usual and customary charges and will be required to certify in writing to the Medical Assistance Program that their billed amounts are in compliance with this policy.

This Emergency Rule is necessary due to a project budgetary deficit in the Medical Assistance Program. Without this action the Medical Assistance Program will be unable to continue services for the entire fiscal year once current funds are depleted. Lack of these services would imperil the health, safety and welfare of Title XIX recipients.

Roger P. Guissinger, Secretary
Department of Health and Human Resources

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health and Human Resources Office of Human Development

The Office of Human Development of the Department of Health and Human Resources has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:953B) to amend the rate determination formula promulgated in the June 20, 1981 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This amendment applies to non-state operated residential facilities who provide services funded under the Client Placement Program and who do not operate under a written contractual arrangement with the Office of Human Development. The basis of the emergency is that the Client Placement Program will be in a deficit funding posture before the end of this fiscal year, if it continues to pay rates at the level set by the existing rate determination formula. Without a reduction in rates Office of Human Development will be unable to provide placement services to any of its clients currently in placement, when funds are depleted. Lack of placement services would constitute a clear danger to the health, safety and welfare of clients now being served by the Client Placement Program.

Effective January 1, 1983 the per diem rates paid to providers affected by this amendment shall be determined in the following manner:

1. The per diem rates paid to providers affected by this amendment as of December 31, 1982 will be arrayed to establish a range of payments.
2. The 50th percentile of this array of rates will be calculated by the Department of Health and Human Resources.
3. All providers providing services at per diem rates at or below the 50th percentile will continue to be paid at that per diem rate.
4. All providers providing services at per diem rates above the 50th percentile will be paid a per diem rate calculated as follows:

Maximum per diem rate - 50th percentile plus one half of the amount of the current per diem in excess of the 50th percentile.

Roger P. Guissinger
Secretary

Rules

RULE

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism Office of State Parks

The following Rules and Regulations, procedures and fees were established in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 56:1687-1699. They become effective January 1, 1983.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OFFICE OF STATE PARKS

These Rules and Regulations were enacted by the Office of State Parks to govern all State Parks, State Commemorative Areas, State Preservation Areas, State Preservation Sites, Sta

Experimental Sites and all other holdings under its jurisdiction, pursuant to the authority given in Title 56, Chapter 6 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

SECTION 1. PARK PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT

1.1 It is strictly forbidden to destroy, deface, remove, or in any other manner damage any natural feature or plant within a park. (The word "park" is defined for these Rules and Regulations to mean any holding of the Office of State Parks.)

1.2 It is strictly forbidden to deface, destroy, remove, alter, damage or disturb any building, sign, marker, structure, or other park property.

1.3 No timber may be cut, destroyed, or damaged except as necessary to meet established park management criteria including insect control, public safety, and approved park construction. No timber cutting or removal may occur without the written permission of the Assistant Secretary or his authorized agent.

1.4 No building, structure, or other park feature may be altered, erected, or constructed without written consent of the Assistant Secretary or his authorized agent.

1.5 A park manager or his agent may close the park to incoming visitors when the maximum use capacity of the park has been reached or when it is determined that additional users may cause damage to the park.

1.6 No food, beverage or smoking is permitted in structures or areas containing historical furnishings or displays except in designated meeting rooms and assembly locations.

1.7 The use of metal detectors or other devices for the purpose of locating surface or subsurface artifacts or relics is prohibited. It is strictly forbidden to dig for or otherwise remove any historical feature, relic or artifact. Excavations for and removal of historical features by professional archaeological means may be considered by a special permit for historical and scientific research purposes. All such requests will be reviewed by the Louisiana State Archaeological Survey and Antiquities Commission. Applications for such permits must be made to the Assistant Secretary, Office of State Parks.

1.8 No plant material may be planted or otherwise introduced on any state park area without the written approval of the Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 2. VEHICLE USE

2.1 Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, recreation vehicles, or any other wheeled vehicles must be operated only on those roads, lanes, or byways designated for vehicular park traffic unless otherwise authorized by the park manager.

2.2 Vehicles, including recreational vehicles, shall be parked only in designated parking areas unless otherwise authorized by the park manager.

2.3 The vehicular speed limit in parks is 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

2.4 The operation of motorcycles, trailbikes, minibikes, motorscooters, or other two-wheel motor vehicles is prohibited from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., except for ingress into or egress out of the park. The operation of any vehicle on public roads in state parks must meet all licensing requirements and be properly licensed for operation on public roads as specified by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety or other regulatory agencies.

2.5 The driving of any vehicle, carelessly or heedlessly, disregarding the rights or safety of others, or without due caution and at a speed or manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, is prohibited.

2.6 All motor vehicles must be operated with a muffler in good working order and are not to be operated in such a manner as to create excessive or unusual noise or annoying smoke.

2.7 No motorist may excessively accelerate the engine of a motor vehicle or motorcycle when such vehicle is not moving or is approaching or leaving a stopping point.

2.8 All persons operating a licensed vehicle must possess a valid operator's license on their person.

2.9 No two-wheel motor vehicles are allowed beyond the entrance to the Grand Isle State Park. All such vehicles must be parked in the designated area, locked and registered with the gate attendant.

2.10 The removal of any barrier to gain access to a restricted area is prohibited.

SECTION 3. BOATING USE

3.1 The operation of all water craft in and on all waters or streams, on or adjacent to park property, must be done in a careful and reasonable manner, subject to the rules of safety imposed by the laws of Louisiana and by the United States Coast Guard.

3.2 It is strictly forbidden to operate or be a passenger in or on any boat, vessel, conveyance, or other water craft on any waters owned by or subject to the supervision of the Office of State Parks without a life jacket, ring, belt, or other device approved by the United States Coast Guard.

3.3 Boats shall be launched only from designated boat ramps or launching areas within a park.

3.4 Any power boat under way at night must display a white stern light higher than the forward red and green port and starboard running lights. Canoes, pirogues, and other similar craft must carry a white light that can be flashed at intervals to prevent collisions.

3.5 When at anchor, all power boats must display a white light that can be seen by any boat approaching from any direction.

3.6 Persons renting boats must return the boat to the original docking location after use.

3.7 No boat may be operated in a designated swimming area or in any other area designated by signs or any area restricted from boat operation or docking.

3.8 Boats left docked and unattended must be properly secured in designated areas only. The Office of State Parks will not be responsible for theft or damage to boats, equipment or supplies left unattended.

3.9 Boats will be considered abandoned when left unattended for more than seven consecutive days unless written approval is granted in advance by the park manager.

SECTION 4. DAY USE

4.1 Day use facilities such as shelters, barbecue pits, tables, etc., which do not require prior reservations shall not be reserved by placing personal articles at these facilities prior to their immediate use. This includes firewood, ice chests, or any other personal property. The use of all such facilities is on a first come, first served basis.

4.2 The use of any facility in a park area is subject to certain conditions or policies set down on an individual facility basis by the park manager. These conditions or policies must be approved in writing by the Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 5. OVERNIGHT USE

5.1 Any overnight use of a park requires a written permit or cash receipt from the park.

5.2 Any permit may be terminated by the Assistant Secretary of the Office of State Parks and may be immediately terminated by the park manager upon the violation of any established park rule, regulation, or any condition of the permit.

5.3 Overnight camping, lodge use, or cabin use is limited to a 14 day period within 30 days. No campsite may be vacated for longer than a 24 hour continuous period under any permit agreement.

5.4 In no case will public residency be allowed in a state park.

5.5 State parks campgrounds are intended for tents and recreational vehicles only, and in no case will mobile homes be allowed.

5.6 Campsite occupancy is limited to one family unit per night or a non-family unit not to exceed six persons. Not applicable to areas set aside for special group camping activities, i.e. Scouts, etc. (A family unit is composed of members of an immediate family group, husband, wife, and/or children.)

5.7 Only one camping rig will be allowed in each campsite.

5.8 A camper rig is defined as the maximum combination of camping equipment that will be allowed to occupy one campsite. These allowable combinations are:

- A. One passenger vehicle and one tent.
- B. One passenger vehicle and one camping trailer.
- C. One van-type camping vehicle and one tent.
- D. One van-type camping vehicle and one camping trailer.
- E. One pickup truck camper and one tent.
- F. One pickup truck camper and one camping trailer.
- G. One motorized camper (or bus).

5.9 In no case may a campsite be reserved by payment or other means prior to actual physical occupancy by the permittee.

5.10 Permittee may not transfer or assign any use permit nor sublet any facility or part thereof.

5.11 Upon termination of any use permit, the facility must be delivered up in good repair and in the same condition in which it was found. Where applicable, all doors and windows will be closed, all water taps shut, and all fires extinguished. Permittee will be responsible for any and all damages resulting from his use of the facility.

5.12 Established time schedules (check-in and check-out) are strictly enforced. Failure to comply without advanced approval of the park manager may result in additional charges and denial of any future use of the facility.

5.13 No permittee may repair or install any park equipment or furnishings unless authorized and supervised by the park manager.

5.14 Permittee waives and releases all claims against the State of Louisiana for any damage to person or property arising from the privileges granted by any use permit.

5.15 No camper may erect or display unsightly or inappropriate structures or features which, in the opinion of the park manager, may create a disturbing or otherwise unpleasant condition detrimental to the general park use.

5.16 Tents and/or camping vehicles must be erected or parked only on designated campsites provided for such purposes.

5.17 Campers must maintain a reasonably quiet camp between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

5.18 Beds are arranged under Health Service recommendations and cannot be changed without the permission of the park manager.

5.19 Keys or lock combinations are issued for the personal use of the permittee who is prohibited from allowing others to use the key or lock combination otherwise making the facilities open so that others not covered by the permit may enter or leave the facility or area.

5.19.1 Gate keys are available at some parks for the use of overnight visitors at a refundable deposit rate of \$2 each. The key must be surrendered when the visitor completes his stay.

5.20 The park manager has the authority to require registration of every person occupying a campsite or overnight facility.

5.21 No one occupying an overnight facility will be allowed to reregister for the use of that facility for a period of more than 14 days within a 30 day period.

5.22 All overnight facilities have a check-in time of 4 p.m. and a check-out time of 2 p.m.

5.23 The park manager will furnish or post in each overnight structure an inventory of movable equipment and furnishings which are available in the unit. The user should check the inventory immediately upon occupancy and report to the manager

any deviation between the actual inventory and the printed inventory. The user may be required to reimburse the Office of State Parks for the cost of any equipment or furnishings which, if not reported upon occupancy, is missing or damaged when the unit is vacated.

SECTION 6. HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND THE USE OF FIREARMS OR FIREWORKS

6.1 The wildlife in state parks areas is under strict protection and must not be hunted, molested, disturbed, destroyed, or removed, except for scientific purposes when approved by the Assistant Secretary.

6.2 Bringing or keeping of any hunting dogs on park property for the purpose of hunting inside or adjacent to a park area is prohibited.

6.3 The display or discharge of any weapon, including but not limited to shotguns, rifles, pistols, and bow and arrows within a park area is prohibited.

6.4 The taking and hunting of frogs with a light after dark on any park property is prohibited.

6.5 No fireworks of any type are allowed in a park area.

6.6 The taking of fish by nets, traps or any means other than hook or line is prohibited on any state park area except for management purposes authorized by special permit. Taking of Flounder by gigs is permitted.

SECTION 7. HORSES, CATTLE, AND PETS

7.1 Horseback riding is allowed on only those parks with specifically developed areas and/or trails for their use. Under no circumstance may horses be ridden in parks unless authorized by the park manager.

7.2 Dogs or pets are not allowed to run at liberty in the parks. Any dog or pet brought within the park area must be leashed, caged or crated, and under no circumstances be permitted within buildings or other enclosed structures of the park (the leash is not to exceed five feet in length). Only seeing eye dogs will be permitted near developed swimming areas. Owners of pets causing any injury or damage will be fully responsible.

7.3 Under no circumstances will livestock be allowed to run or graze on park property.

7.4 No pets are allowed on State Preservation Areas or the Louisiana State Arboretum.

7.5 In the event that a park visitor or employee is attacked, bitten or scratched by an animal on a park area, a report shall be made immediately to the park manager. When applicable, the manager will take steps necessary and feasible to ensure that law enforcement and/or animal control agents are properly advised of the incident. Such animals, at the option of the park manager or other enforcement agents, may be seized or impounded for observation.

7.5.1 All costs associated with such action will be the responsibility of the animal owner. No animal shall be brought on a park area by a visitor unless he bears a current rabies inoculation tag indicating that he has been properly and currently inoculated against the disease.

7.5.2 Release or final disposition of an impounded animal will be the responsibility of the Parish Health Officer or a registered veterinarian.

SECTION 8. SANITATION

8.1 Visitors using parks must dispose of all paper, garbage, litter, and other refuse by placing such materials in receptacles provided for that purpose.

8.2 Draining or dumping refuse waste from any trailer or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for such uses is prohibited.

8.3 Cleaning fish or food, or washing clothing or articles of household use at hydrants or at water faucets located in restrooms is prohibited.

8.4 Polluting or contaminating water supplies or water used for human consumption or swimming is prohibited.

8.5 Depositing, except into receptacles provided for that purpose, any body waste in or on any portion of any comfort station or any public structure, or depositing any bottles, cans, cloth, rags, metal, wood, stone, or other damaging substance in any of the fixtures in such stations or structures is prohibited.

8.6 Using refuse containers or other refuse facilities for dumping household or commercial garbage or trash brought to a park as such is prohibited.

8.7 Glass containers of any kind are prohibited within any perimeter boundaries of pools, enclosed swimming areas, enclosed beach areas, and beach parks.

SECTION 9. FIRES

9.1 Fires shall be built only in places specifically designated for that purpose.

SECTION 10. SWIMMING

10.1 Swimming is permitted only at designated places, and persons are not permitted to swim unaccompanied.

10.2 All children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at any swimming area not under the supervision of a certified lifeguard.

10.3 The capacity of all pools and beach areas is determined, regulated and enforced by the park manager.

SECTION 11. AMPLIFIED SOUND EQUIPMENT

11.1 There will be no playing of amplified musical instruments within areas.

11.2 The operation or use of any public address systems, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted, without prior approval of the park manager is prohibited.

11.3 Remote public broadcast activities involving the use of amplified sound equipment is prohibited on all state park holdings.

SECTION 12. CONDUCT OF VISITORS

12.1 Disorderly or boisterous conduct is forbidden.

12.2 The manager and/or his agent is authorized to control the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages in a park. The consumption of alcoholic beverages may be allowed to the extent that such activity does not adversely affect the use and enjoyment of the park by a majority of the park users.

SECTION 13. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

13.1 No one may sell or offer for sale any merchandise or service in a park area without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary.

13.2 No one may distribute, post, place, or erect any advertising device in the park area without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 14. FEES, FINES, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

14.1 The use of certain parks and/or facilities is subject to charges which will be imposed by the manager according to the schedule of fees approved by the Office of State Parks. The manager or his agents are responsible for the collection and enforcement of these fees.

14.2 Persons violating the Rules and Regulations of the respective parks are subject to fines for each violation of not less than \$15 nor more than \$250 (L.R.S. 56:1689).

14.3 Park managers and other park agents including rangers, watchmen, and guards if certified as "park wardens" are fully authorized to administer and enforce the Rules and Regulations applicable to the park areas and are empowered to issue citations and make arrests for violation of these Rules and Regulations. The manager and his agents if certified as "park wardens" are permitted to carry concealed weapons (L.R.S. 56:1689).

14.4 The Assistant Secretary or his authorized agent may direct the closing of a park to public use when or if any natural or

man-made occurrence has affected or is expected to affect the operation and management of the park to a degree that normal public use and enjoyment are altered, or when such use may impair the health, safety, and well-being of the public or employees of the agency.

14.5 Entering a park when closed or entering a park without proper registration or any effort to avoid payment of user fees is prohibited. Anyone entering a park without proper registration will be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.

14.6 In addition to the Rules and Regulations as printed herein, there may be other specific Rules and Regulations that are applicable to the operation of an individual area or facility. Any such regulation in order to be effective must be approved according to the Administrative Procedure Act (L.R.S. 40:951-968). Such regulations are enforceable as any Rule or Regulation printed herein and these Rules and Regulations are subject to enforcement action and/or fines identified in L.R.S. 56:1689.

SECTION 15. REFUNDS

15.1 Refunds can be granted in certain cases where the visitor is forced to leave the park prematurely for reasons beyond his control except when evicted for enforcement or disciplinary reasons. In emergency situations where the park must be closed due to natural or man-made emergencies (water shortage, fire, weather, and equipment failure), refunds will be issued at the park site. In all other situations, refunds will be issued through the Administrative Office; however, the refund procedure will be initiated at the individual park. The visitor must remit to the park attendant his original receipt which the park attendant will certify and submit with the appropriate form to the Administrative Office. The refund decision will be based upon the visitor's explanation and the park attendant's verification of the refund need.

15.2 Visitors are encouraged to request a temporary visitor pass for the purpose of inspecting the park facilities prior to an anticipated visit. Refunds are not granted when a visitor by his own choosing leaves the park as a result of inclement weather.

These Rules and Regulations are hereby approved pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 56:1687-1688.

PROCEDURES GOVERNING ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONS, FACILITIES AND EVENTS

SECTION 1 OPERATING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, the following schedule applies to the operation of all State Park Areas.

1.1 State Parks

Summer Schedule (1 April - 30 September)

Parks Open: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily (exception: Chicot State Park, South Landing, 5 a.m. and Grand Isle State Park, 6 a.m.)

Winter Schedule (1 October - 31 March)

Parks Open: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily (exception Chicot State Park, South Landing, 7 a.m.)

(Note: Attendant on duty until 10 p.m. on weekends for camper registration)

1.2 State Commemorative Areas

Museums - Year-round Schedule

Open: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily

Closed: Christmas Day; New Year's Day; Thanksgiving Day

Day-Use Facilities and Grounds

Summer Schedule (1 April - 30 September)

Open: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily

Winter Schedule (1 October - 31 March)

Open: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily

- 1.2.1 Exceptions:
 Kent House SCA - October - February; Second Wednesday each month,
 Open: 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Second Thursday each month; Christmas Day; New Year's Day; Thanksgiving Day
 Old Arsenal SCA - Year-round Schedule
 Open: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday - Monday
 Closed: Tuesday; Christmas Day; New Year's Day; Thanksgiving Day
- 1.3 State Preservation Areas
 Open: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday
 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday
 Closed: Christmas Day; New Year's Day; Thanksgiving Day
- 1.4 Temporary Operating Schedule
 Some areas are not fully operational pending completion of programs or facilities. Such areas operate on a part time schedule as follows:
- 1.4.1 Port Hudson State Commemorative Area
 Open: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday - Sunday
 Special group tours may be made through the Park Manager on other days.
- 1.4.2 Plaquemine Locks State Commemorative Area
 Open: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday - Sunday
 Special group tours may be made through the Park Manager on other days.
- 1.4.3 Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Commemorative Area
 Open: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday - Sunday
 Special group tours may be made through the Park Manager on other days.

SECTION 2 FEES AND FACILITIES

2.1 General Admission Day Use Facilities

2.1.1 A day use fee is charged at all state parks and at two state commemorative areas (Audubon SCA and Longfellow-Evangeline SCA). Non-commercial vehicles with up to four people are charged \$1 per day. Each additional person is charged \$0.25. Buses used as public conveyances are charged \$10 per day. Walk-in visitors are charged \$0.25 per person for the day. All prices include state and local taxes.

2.1.2 In any cases where entrance fees are charged, there is no additional charge for the use of picnicking, boat launching, or swimming facilities.

2.1.3 Exception: St. Bernard State Park: Swimming Pool Fee \$1 per person per day.

2.2 Museums:

2.2.1 An admission of \$1 per adult and \$0.50 per child (between the ages of six and twelve) is charged for all park museums except Audubon SCA and Longfellow-Evangeline SCA.

2.2.2 All children under six years of age accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older are admitted free.

2.2.3 School groups are requested to notify the Park Manager in advance of their arrival.

2.2.4 Candlelight Tours

2.2.4.1 Special candlelight tours are offered at Kent House SCA on the second Wednesday of each of the following months: October, November, December, January and February. Tour hours are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on these days with the first hour reserved for the general public. Group reservation use may be scheduled to occur between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. No tours will begin after 8 p.m.

2.2.4.2 The fee for the candlelight tours is \$5 per person during the public use period and \$5 per person for group use with a minimum charge of \$50 for group reservations. Contact the His-

toric Site Manager at Kent House SCA for group reservations and other information at least 30 days before the proposed use. A group reservation permit is required. The number of visitors and group size will be controlled by the site manager. Reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. The operating hours of Kent House SCA on days when candlelight tours are held will be 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. The House will be closed on the second Thursday (following the candlelight tours) during the months of October through February.

2.3 Boating

2.3.1 Rental boats range in length from 12 feet to 14 feet and are available in most parks. The use of motors on these boats is limited to the manufacturer's recommended horsepower capacity.

2.3.2 Boats are available at a rental rate of \$3 per boat per day.

2.3.3 Life jackets are available at some parks and may be rented for \$1 per day. A refundable deposit of \$2 per jacket is required.

2.3.4 Paddles are available at no charge and have a refundable deposit of \$2 per paddle.

2.3.5 Certain parks maintain a boat system utilizing a central fee collection and a boat lock system. The boat keys are issued upon renting a boat and must be returned when rental period expires. A refundable deposit of \$2 is required for the use of the key.

2.4 Swimming Pools and Enclosed Beach Areas

2.4.1 Pools and enclosed beach areas are usually operated from June 1 through Labor Day, subject to an operating schedule per individual park. All pools and enclosed beach areas are closed on Monday, except holidays.

2.5 Fishing Piers

2.5.1 A fishing pier extending into the Gulf of Mexico is located at Grand Isle East State Park. Tickets available at the park are \$1 for children (12 years of age and under) and \$2 for adults. Tickets are available for either day or night fishing and must be purchased in addition to the regular day use or overnight use fees.

2.5.2 A day use ticket allows a person to use the pier from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. during the summer season (April 1 through September 30) or from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. during the winter season (October 1 through March 31). The pier is closed for cleanup between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the summer and between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the winter.

2.5.3 A night use ticket allows a person to use the pier from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. in the summer or from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. in the winter. Night use tickets are sold between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the summer and between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the winter. Night tickets become invalid if the user leaves the park. The pier is closed for cleanup between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. in the summer and between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. in the winter.

2.6 Marina Facilities

2.6.1 Fort Macomb Marina Boat Slip Rental. The Office of State Parks will rent for public use 37 covered boat slips located at Fort Macomb State Commemorative Area, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. Each boat slip is approximately 47 feet long and 18 feet wide. Utility connections including water and electricity are available at each site.

2.6.1.1 A rental agreement will be executed between all boat rental slip occupants and the Office of State Parks, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

All requests for an assignment of boat slips will be coordinated by the Office of State Parks' Land Administrator in care of the Office of State Parks, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Drawer 1111, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-1111.

Term "Request for Rental" as herein used shall mean a written application addressed to the Office of State Parks requesting rental of a boat slip. No telephone requests will be accepted.

The "Owner" as herein defined shall mean the Office of State Parks, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

The "Tenant" as herein defined means the responsible party who is contracting with the Office of State Parks for the rental of boat slip at Fort Macomb State Commemorative Area, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

2.6.1.2 All requests for rental must be received, dated, and stamped by the Office of State Parks no earlier than July 1 and no later than December 31 annually preceding the annual July reassignment date.

Between January 1 and May 1 annually the Office of State Parks, through the State Parks and Recreation Commission, will hold an annual drawing for assignment of boat rental slips.

The boat rental slip will become available for occupancy on July 1 annually following the drawing between January 1 and May 1.

The applicant for boat rental slips will be advised of the selection on or about May 1 annually.

A rental agreement will be executed between the tenant and owner for a period of one year beginning July 1 annually. This agreement will be submitted to the tenant for execution between May 1 and June 1.

2.6.1.3 The rental cost for each boat slip, with one boat per slip, will be \$80 per month payable on a monthly basis in advance. No multiple payments will be accepted.

2.6.1.4 The duration of the rental agreement is for a maximum of one year payable monthly in advance on the first day of the month.

2.6.1.5 If a tenant is selected by the State Parks and Recreation Commission to occupy a slip immediately following an approved rental period, he may request approval to retain the same rental space he utilized in the previous rental period.

2.6.1.6 If vacancies occur in the interim between selections, assignments will be handled on a first come, first served basis established on the date the request for rental was received in the Office of State Parks. No telephone requests for rental will be accepted.

2.6.1.7 It will be the responsibility of the tenant to make the necessary contacts with the public utilities to arrange for connections and disconnections of services to his rental slip.

2.6.1.8 The rental agreement must be executed before the tenant takes occupancy of the slip. The rental slip is to be used solely for berthing and docking of boats and vessels.

2.6.1.9 The tenant shall maintain at all times a liability insurance coverage with limits not less than \$100,000 for bodily injuries including accidental death to any one person subject to the same limit for each person in an amount not less than \$300,000 for a single accident; and property damage in an amount not less than \$100,000. Tenant will deliver to the owner attached to rental agreement a certificate of insurance which sets forth the terms of coverage.

2.6.1.10 Only one application per applicant will be considered in the annual drawing. If more than one request for rental is received the one bearing the earliest date of receipt by the Office of State Parks will be used for the drawing purpose.

2.6.1.11 Requests received before July annually but not assigned during that assignment period will not be carried forward. Each request for the applicable drawing period must be filed after July 1 annually and before December 31 of the same calendar year.

2.7 Assembly Rooms

2.7.1 Any meeting room or enclosed facility of a park used to accommodate meetings and functions of private groups, clubs and other organizations is available at a rate of \$50 per day (a normal day is the period between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.) or \$10 per hour for day use, whichever is the lower. All use after 3:30 p.m.

until normal closing hours of the park is charged at a rate of \$15 per hour or at a flat rate of \$75, whichever is the lower. Kitchen facilities may be used if available.

2.7.2 All use after regular closing hours requires written approval from the Assistant Secretary and is available at a flat rate of \$50 plus \$25 per hour.

2.7.3 Assembly rooms are available at Fort Jesup SCA and Chemin-A-Haut SP.

2.8 Exemptions

2.8.1 Senior Citizens - All persons age 62 or older are admitted free upon proof of age. All persons accompanying a visitor 62 or older in a private, non-commercial vehicle are exempt from the entrance fees and the museum charges.

2.8.2 Disabled Veterans - A special "Veteran Entrance Permit" allows any disabled U. S. Veteran and any person(s) accompanying him in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle free entrance to all day use areas and museums. Applications for a veteran permit may be made to the Louisiana Department of Veterans' Affairs Service Office serving the parish in which the applicant resides. After certification of eligibility has been established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Assistant Secretary of the Office of State Parks will issue a permit directly to the applicant.

2.8.3 School Groups - Any school child who is on a field trip conducted as part of the curriculum of the school and any classroom teacher, parent, bus driver and any other person accompanying a school child on such a field trip are exempt from paying the general admission charge to any state park, museum or related state facility in Louisiana. This exemption shall be valid from Monday through Friday during the school year.

2.9 Annual Permits

2.9.1 Annual Day Use Permits allow a single, private non-commercial vehicle and its occupants entry to all state parks and are available at a cost of \$25 per year. The permit, to be permanently affixed to the vehicle, may be obtained by application and payment to the Office of State Parks, P. O. Drawer 1111, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. Permit applications are available at all State Park areas. The permit is valid for a period of one year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

The annual day use permits are valid for exemption of the general admission day use charge only.

SECTION 3. OVERNIGHT USE

3.1 Camping Fee

Reservations for campsites are not accepted. Improved campsites rent for \$6 per night. Unimproved campsites rent for \$4 per night.

Each campsite is restricted to use by one camping unit.

Improved sites are equipped with picnic table, grill, electricity and water hookups.

3.1.1 Specific primitive areas accommodating organized groups (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.) are located at the following State Park areas: Chicot State Park, Fountainebleau State Park, Lake Bistineau State Park, Lake Claiborne State Park, and Sam Houston Jones State Park. Reservations for these areas are made directly with the Park Manager. The group charge is \$10 per night. Capacity level will be set by the Park Manager.

3.2 Rally Camping Areas are those areas of a Louisiana state park delineated and reserved for use by organized groups of overnight campers. These areas differ from the normal state park campgrounds since they are available for group use and may be reserved in advance. The rules, regulations and fees governing the use of these camping areas are as follows:

3.2.1 Reservations for rally camping areas may be obtained for group reservation through the park's reservation office on a first come, first served basis. A \$25 advance deposit is required to confirm reservations, which will be applied to the first

night's use. Reservations must be made at the park where the facilities are to be used. Reservations for use between January 1 and May 31 are accepted beginning October 1 annually. Reservations placed for this period between October 1 and October 10 are accepted by telephone only and are on a first come, first served basis. Reservations for this period are accepted after October 10 annually by either telephoning or writing the individual park at which accommodations are desired. Reservations for use between June 1 and December 31 are accepted beginning January 1 annually. Reservations placed for this period between January 1 and January 10 are accepted by telephone only and are on a first come, first served basis. Reservations for this period are accepted after January 10 annually by either telephoning or writing the individual park at which accommodations are desired. Reservations are accepted only from persons 18 years of age or older and adults must accompany all minors.

3.2.2 Fees - A lump sum fee of \$25 per night is assessed to the group for the exclusive use of the area, plus an additional \$6 per unit per night is for each individual camper rig occupying the area.

3.2.3 Carrying Capacity - A maximum carrying capacity for improved and unimproved sites is established by individual parks and information concerning these capacities is available through the individual park offices.

3.3 Exemptions

3.3.1 All persons 62 years of age or older and anyone accompanying such person in the same vehicle are entitled to a \$2 per night discount on the use of camping facilities. Proof of age is required.

3.4 Backpacking

3.4.1 Backpacking is available only at Chicot State Park at the present time. A permit is required for all overnight backpacking use and may be obtained at the park entrance station. For group outings this permit must be obtained two weeks in advance and may be obtained by writing to Chicot State Park.

3.4.2 Each person will be assessed a fee of \$0.25 per night. A copy of the backpacking regulations can be obtained at the park entrance station.

3.4.3 Backcountry camping or backpacking is defined as camping in undeveloped areas of the park where there are no designated campsites and no facilities provided. These areas are reached by backpacking or by boat. The following regulations for backcountry use have been developed to protect users and park resources:

3.4.3.1 A written backcountry permit issued at the individual park office is required for all overnight backcountry use. This permit may be obtained at the park entrance station. For group outings this permit must be obtained two weeks in advance and may be obtained by writing to the individual state park.

3.4.3.2 A trip plan including expected area of camping, route of travel, and expected departure and return times must be filed with designated personnel.

3.4.3.3 All garbage and litter must be brought back to the main park for proper disposal in trash containers. The camping area should be left as clean or cleaner than it was before you used it.

3.4.3.4 Human waste is to be buried well away from camp areas and streams.

3.4.3.5 Fires are permitted but only dead wood collected from the ground is to be used for fuel. Fires should be modest in size and fully extinguished when camp is left.

3.4.3.6 Digging, ditching, or leveling of ground for tent sites is prohibited. Installation of permanent camp facilities is prohibited.

3.4.3.7 No horses, dogs, cats, mechanized or wheeled vehicles, or motor boats are allowed in backcountry areas.

3.4.3.8 Possession of firearms, traps, seines, etc., is prohibited. Fishing is permitted with a valid Louisiana fishing license.

3.4.3.9 Campers should be self-sufficient and carry enough water, food, and first aid equipment for emergency situations.

3.4.3.10 Vehicles used to get to the trail head will be left in areas designated by appropriate park personnel.

3.4.3.11 Because of the delicate nature of the backcountry environment at Chicot State Park no more than 20 people per campsite will be allowed at any given time. Since there are five campsites, permits will be issued to a maximum of 100 people.

3.4.4 Backcountry Camping Permit Procedure

3.4.4.1 Provide user with copy of regulations and have trip leader fill out permit in duplicate.

3.4.4.2 Collect use fee for park at rate of \$0.25 per night of use per person.

3.4.4.3 Review trip plan with party leader and impress upon him the importance of following plan to greatest extent possible.

3.4.4.4 Sign permit and give one copy to party leader. Keep second copy in park office.

3.4.4.5 Tell users where you want them to leave their vehicles.

3.4.4.6 Plastic trash bags will be issued to those users unable to carry out their garbage in any other manner.

3.5 Cabins and Lodges

3.5.1 Class "A" Cabins - There are two types of class "A" cabins, the modular and the standard. Both are two bedroom, accommodate six persons with a maximum of eight persons, and rent for a nightly rate of \$30, with bed linen and kitchen equipment furnished. Modular cabins are furnished with one double bed, two single beds, and two single day beds. Standard cabins contain two double beds and two single beds and have a screened porch. Both modular and standard cabins are available at Lake Bistineau State Park and Sam Houston Jones State Park. Modular cabins are available at Chicot State Park.

3.5.2 Class "B" Cabins - These cabins are furnished similarly to class "A" cabins but have a normal capacity of four persons with a maximum of six persons and rent for a nightly rate of \$25. Class "B" cabins are available at Chemin-A-Haut State Park and Chicot State Park. Cabins at Chemin-A-Haut SP contain one bedroom with two double bed-sized bunks and a fireplace. Cabins at Chicot SP contain two bedrooms with one double bed in each. All class "B" cabins have screened porches.

3.5.3 Park Lodges - These are large overnight structures equipped with kitchen, bath and sleeping facilities and can accommodate a large family or several family groups. Reservations for lodges are made through the park reservation office.

The Chicot State Park Lodge is available at a rate of \$50 per night, and a one night advance deposit is required. This unit contains sleeping facilities for 12 persons with a maximum of 16 persons.

The Fontainebleau State Park Lodge is available at a rate of \$40 per night, and a one night advance deposit is required. This unit contains sleeping facilities for nine persons with a maximum of 13 persons.

3.6 Group Camps

These are available at certain parks for organized group use. The capacity, type of facility, rate and location are as follows:

Park Location	Type of Facility	Capacity (No. Persons)	Minimum Rate and Deposit Overnight	Day Use Rate
Chemin-A-Haut SP	1 Dormitory	52	\$ 56	\$30
Chicot Area No. 1	5 Cabins,	160	172	90
Chicot Area No. 2	1 Dormitory			
Fontainebleau No. 1 (West end-large)	6 Cabins	48	52	30
Fontainebleau No. 1 (West end-small)	1 Dormitory	150	162	90
Fontainebleau No. 2 (West end-small)	1 Dormitory	30	33	20
Fontainebleau No. 3 (East end)	2 Dormitories	65	70	40
Lake Bistineau Area No. 1	20 Cabins	160	172	90
Lake Bistineau Area No. 2	6 Cabins	48	52	30
Longfellow-Evangeline	1 Dormitory	60	65	40

3.6.1 Minimum overnight rate is based on 50 percent capacity of the facility. Rate is \$2 per person per night for each person over the 50 percent capacity.

3.6.2 Group camps may be reserved for day use only at a basic rate. In addition the normal day use entrance fee will be assessed each vehicle entering the group camp area.

3.6.3 Beds, kitchen and necessary cooking ware are furnished. User must furnish his own tableware (silver, dishes, glasses, etc.), bed linens, pillows, towels, and toilet necessities.

3.7 Reservation Policy

Reservations may be made in advance for use of cabins, group camps, lodges and assembly rooms; beginning October 1 reservations must be made at the park where the facilities are to be used.

3.7.1 Reservations for use between January 1 and May 31 are accepted beginning October 1 annually. Reservations placed for this period between October 1 and October 10 are accepted by telephone ONLY and are on a first come, first served basis. Reservations for this period are accepted after October 10 annually by either phoning or writing the individual park at which accommodations are desired.

3.7.2 Reservations for use between June 1 and December 31 are accepted beginning January 1 annually. Reservations placed for this period between January 1 and January 10 are accepted by telephone ONLY and are on a first come, first served basis. Reservations for this period are accepted after January 10 annually by either phoning or writing the individual park at which accommodations are desired.

3.7.3 Reservations are accepted only from persons 18 years of age or older. Adults must accompany all minors.

3.7.4 The minimum reservation period for a weekend is from 4 p.m. Friday through 2 p.m. Sunday.

3.8 Special Facilities (Overnight)

3.8.1 Poverty Point SCA Dormitory

3.8.1.1 Purpose of Facility - The primary purpose of the dormitory is to provide living space and sleeping accommodations for professional archaeologists who are actively conducting on-site research. The dormitory can be used on a first come, first served reservation basis by other individuals who meet the requirements as set forth in this policy statement.

3.8.1.2 Eligible Users - The dormitory is available to college students, professional archaeologists and other scientists who are studying the Poverty Point culture and/or actively conducting research which relates to or directly involves the Poverty Point SCA.

Requests for use of the dormitory by individuals or groups not meeting the above criteria will be reviewed by the Office of State Parks' Assistant Secretary, or his designee, to determine merit and appropriateness. The primary determining factor for accepting such individuals or groups will be the benefit to the commemorative area and its visitors. Their presence and activities should add to the on-site interpretive and educational programs in an authentic and historically accurate manner or benefit our programs through the contribution of archaeological/historical research, reports, or artifacts.

3.8.1.3 Application Process - Requests for use of the dormitory must be made by letter addressed to the Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Office of State Parks, P. O. Drawer 1111, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-1111.

Review of request and evaluation by Assistant Secretary or his designee.

Response to request by Assistant Secretary (in writing). If request approved, enclose Facility Use Agreement and copy of State Parks' pamphlet entitled, "Fees, Facilities and Regulations."

Phone calls are not acceptable in this first come, first served application process.

3.8.1.4 Facility Use Agreement

All parties granted permission to use the dormitory must execute a Facility Use Agreement. This agreement is between the Office of State Parks and those parties using the dormitory. It stipulates the terms and pertinent regulations by which the dormitory occupants agree to abide.

The user must execute the agreement and return it to the Assistant Secretary before occupying the dormitory.

Each original Facility Use Agreement will be kept on file by the Office of State Parks' central office and copies will be sent to the user and the Historic Site Manager of Poverty Point State Commemorative Area.

3.8.1.5 Fees

All user groups unless otherwise authorized by the Assistant Secretary, Office of State Parks, will be required to pay a fee for overnight use.

The user must deposit \$50 with the Historic Site Manager within ten days after receiving written approval to use the dormitory. This deposit will serve to confirm the user's desire to reserve the dormitory. The deposit will be retained by the Historic Site Manager and deducted from the total rental fee.

After arriving at Poverty Point SCA, the user is required to pay all rental fees to the Historic Site Manager before occupying the dormitory.