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Coming Soon: Family Cabin #8

So far, so good! We are about two months into the construction of Family Cabin #8. This new cabin will be located in the same loop as FC #6 and FC #7; will have an excellent view of the lake and MLRP Golf Course; and is predicted to be our largest cabin built so far.

Much like our other two bedroom cabins, Family Cabin #8 will have two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and common area (with fireplace) on the main level. The loft area will have a closed off bedroom in addition to the open sleeping area. The number of people it will sleep will be contingent on furnishings and final measurements once the interior is complete, though we're predicting the cabin will be able to sleep 12-15 people.

The cabin is currently being built by the Maryville R-II School District Northwest Technical School (NTS), the same group who created Family Cabins #6 and #7. Construction of the cabin began in early September and has been making significant progress ever since. Currently the tech school is working on framing both levels of the cabin. They've set a goal to have the structure enclosed by Thanksgiving, allowing them to work on it throughout the winter and spring.

Currently reservations cannot be placed for Cabin 8, nor is there a waiting list for reserving it. We will announce on a later date through our newsletter, Facebook page and website when (in Spring 2016) the public may begin placing reservations for it. If weather and time are on our side, the cabin should be complete by July 1st.

Mozingo Lake Recreation Park Staycation Showcase

This past summer, St. Joseph's KQTV 2 filmed a two minute showcase of Mozingo Lake Recreation Park to include in their "Staycation" programming. The half hour program that airs for a year and will be shown over thirty times. In addition to being televised, this video will be used extensively as a marketing tool this winter as we attend tradeshows throughout the Midwest.

"Staycation" highlights communities, amenities, and activities in the region that offer entertainment value and vacation opportunities close to home. The two minute video shot for the program is the property of the park and is currently available on our [website](#) under "Info & Maps".



5 Tips for Camping in the Fall and Winter

For many, fall marks the end of camping season. The rigs get winterized, the tents are put into storage and a night under the stars are replaced by a warm night by the fireplace. But for some, camping season is just beginning. Whether you are a seasoned fall/winter camper, or thinking of trying it out for the first time, here are five tips for camping in the colder months.

Bring the right sleeping bag! Be sure to check the packaging or research your sleeping bag online to see if it can handle temps ranging from 0-30 degrees. If you are not sure if yours can withstand the cold, purchase or borrow one. Even if you have a 4-season tent, having the right sleeping bag is essential for being comfortable at night.

Eat/drink up! Dieting and camping in the colder months don't mix. Warmth and energy are the key to enduring and enjoying your trip. Pack food loaded with carbs and good fats. And drink plenty of water; it's easy to get dehydrated with cooler, dryer temps.

Pack the right clothing! Bring multiple pairs of gloves, multiple hats, and plenty of dry socks. These are items that get wet or lost easily; you'll want plenty of spares, as drying them off is not easily achieved. Also, avoid cotton clothing and focus on other fabrics that'll keep you warm and dry (i.e. wool, fleece, etc).

Location, location, location! Try securing a site that is sheltered from the wind, or where you can easily set up tarps over or around your tent. And avoid shaded spots; unlike summer, you will want as much sun exposure to your tent as possible.

HAVE A BACKUP PLAN! If you're a first timer or just not feeling 100% about the weather you'll be facing, be prepared to bail on the trip. If it's an option, pay one to two days at a time to when you know weather predictions will be accurate. And bring extra money for a hotel or cabin; be ready to go indoors if you can no longer handle the cold.



Upcoming Programs & Events

11/2: Mozingo Advisory Board

12/21: Mozingo Advisory Board

For a full listing of golf and fishing tournaments, please visit the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website.

Firewood Reminder

All Missouri counties are currently under a federal and state quarantine that prohibits the transport of nursery stock, ash trees parts, and firewood from hardwood trees outside the state. That has been implemented to prevent the spread of emerald ash borers. These beetles tunnel under the bark of ash trees, disrupting the flow of water and nutrients each tree needs to stay alive. Please...

- Do not bring firewood across state lines.
- Do not bring firewood made from ash trees.
- When in doubt of where the firewood is coming from or what type of tree was used to make it, purchase it at the park or in town.



Photo of the Month

Current & Upcoming Hunting Seasons

Canadian Geese	Nov 26 - Jan 31
Coyote	May 11 - Mar 31
Deer - Archery	Sep 15 - Nov 13 Nov 25 - Jan 15
Deer - Firearms	Nov 14 - Nov 24
Ducks and Coots	Oct 31 - Dec 29
Rabbit	Oct 01 - Feb 15
Turkey - Archery	Sep 15 - Nov 13 Nov 25 - Jan 15
Turkey - Firearms	Oct 01 - Oct 31

For a full listing of hunting seasons and regulations, please visit the MO Department of Conservation's [Hunting & Trapping](#) page on their [website](#).

