



# Full Moon Beach Camping

## ***BEACH CAMPING FAQ***

### **WHERE?**

Seaside Heights Beach @ Hierung Avenue

### **WHEN?**

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Check-in begins at 7:00 p.m.

### **Q. How do I register?**

A. Registration will be available electronically through the EventBrite website. Registration will open for the July 9<sup>th</sup> camping event on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Registration will open for the August 7<sup>th</sup> camping event on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. The EventBrite link for each camping event will be posted at Official Seaside Heights Facebook, Official Seaside Heights Twitter, and exit82.com.

### **Q. Will on-site registration be available?**

A. On-site registration is not available.

### **Q. Is there an age minimum to enter the event?**

A. There is no age minimum to enter the event. This is a family event and we encourage Moms and Dads and legal guardians to bring young children for the sleepover. **However, no camp site will be approved for any person under 21 years of age on the date of the event when not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or providing proof of emancipation.** No “drop and runs.” Parents and legal guardians must remain at the camp site overnight.

**Q. Is there a fee for this event?**

A. No. Admission is free. But please know that Full Moon Beach Camping is one of our most popular events, and available resources (e.g., recreation staff, code enforcement officers, and police officers) limit the number of people we can accommodate. After all available camp sites are filled the registration will close. Therefore, please only register a camp site if you are absolutely certain that you will attend the event. If you register a camp site and fail to show up, you undoubtedly will have deprived some kid or family or couple the opportunity to participate. In that case, don't be surprised to receive personal e-mail from a Borough Official calling you all sorts of bad names and making you feel really, really bad about yourself. You may even receive a phone call. You also will be banned from registering for future overnight camping events FOREVER. Do you understand?

**Q. Who is the intended audience for this event?**

A. This event is designed for families, couples and mature adults to camp overnight on the beach and wake up to a Jersey Shore sunrise. The vibe is peaceful, quiet, and friendly. This event is **not** for people who intend to party at the camp site or at local bars before returning to the camp site. Security will not hesitate to eject any person who disrupts the peaceful enjoyment of the event by other campers.

**Q. Where is the camping venue located?**

A. Entrance to the camping venue is at Hierung Avenue in the vicinity of the vehicle access gate. The specific camp site on the beach will depend on tide and wind conditions.

**Q. Are camp sites pre-assigned?**

A. No, we do not assign specific camp sites. Posts and flags define the camping venue and specific camp sites. Please do not set up camp within the emergency access lanes in the camping venue. You will notice that the camping venue is organized in a grid pattern allowing for safe walkways and emergency four-wheel drive vehicular traffic.

**Q. Is this a rain or shine event?**

A. If the event is cancelled by Borough Officials due to forecast weather conditions, a notice will be posted on Official Seaside Heights Facebook and Official Seaside Heights Twitter. The event will not be cancelled unless weather or tide conditions are deemed unsafe.

**Q. What is the maximum tent size?**

A. The maximum tent size is 12'x12'. All camp sites are required to have a tent.

**Q. Where do we unload our camping gear?**

A. Campers are encouraged to unload from the street at Hiering Avenue and Boardwalk near the vehicular access gate. You may park your vehicle to unload; however, you MAY NOT leave your vehicle unattended. Plan to unload your gear, park your vehicle, and then meet your group at the street end or on the beach. The same rules apply for the morning departure. Seaside Heights Recreation Department staff will be available for load in and load out to direct you to the camping venue.

**Q. What are check-in and load out times for the event?**

A. Check-in will start at 7:00 p.m. and will close at 9:30pm. Load out typically starts after sunrise, but must be completed no later than 9:30 a.m. so that we can clean the beach before it re-opens to the public. Regular beach rules apply when the beach re-opens.

**Q. What is the check-in procedure?**

A. When you check-in for this event, you will receive a registration number that must be secured to the outside of your tent. This number identifies you and/or your group as being a registered guest(s) of the event. If the number is not visible on your tent, you will be asked to pack up and leave the camping venue. Only registered campers will be permitted into the camping venue.

**Q. Can I drive my vehicle onto the beach?**

A. No. Vehicles of any kind are NOT permitted on the beach.

**Q. What are my parking options?**

A. There are numerous private parking lots in the vicinity of Hiering Avenue along Ocean Terrace. They charge a fee for parking. Before you pay for your parking space please make sure the parking lot allows overnight parking. Free parking is available at designated sections of Bay Boulevard on the north side of the Borough.

**Q. Is overnight security provided in the camping area?**

A. The Seaside Heights Police Department and Code Enforcement Division patrol the camping venue from both the Boardwalk and beach between dusk and dawn. However, the Borough of Seaside Heights is not responsible for loss, damage or theft of cash, jewelry or other valuables left unattended at camp sites and in tents.

**Q. Are there quiet hours in the camp venue?**

A. Yes. Amplified sound of any kind is not permitted in the camping venue at any

time. Please observe quiet hours from midnight to 7:00 a.m. Acoustic musical entertainment will be provided for campers both nights.

**Q. Is there a curfew?**

A. We encourage campers to enjoy the Boardwalk and patronize our businesses. However, there is a 1:00 a.m. curfew. If you leave the camping venue for any reason, you must return to the camping venue no later than 1:00 a.m. Re-entry will close at 1:00 a.m. and will be strictly enforced.

**Q. Can we bring our own food and coolers into the camping venue?**

A. Yes. You are permitted to bring coolers and food supplies into the camping venue. However, glass bottles of any kind and alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited. Campers are expected to clean their camp site completely upon departure.

**Q. Are camp fires or cooking equipment permitted in the camping venue?**

A. No. Open flames, propane, kerosene stoves and lanterns are strictly prohibited. During the August 7<sup>th</sup> Full Moon Beach Camping event the Borough of Seaside Heights will be hosting a bonfire for all campers to enjoy!

**Q. Will we be able to roast marshmallows over the bonfire on August 7th?**

A. The bonfire is large and is regulated by the NJ Fire Code. For safety precautions, marshmallow roasting will not be permitted.

**Q. What camping supplies do I need to bring?**

A. You must bring your own tent, sleeping bags, pillows, rain tarp, flashlights and radio (for weather updates). We recommend bringing either sand spikes or plastic zip lock bags which can be filled with sand and placed inside your tent to secure the tent. The beach can be very breezy, and tents that are not secured can blow away. Be sure to bring rain gear if the forecast is calling for any chance of rain.

**Q. Is swimming in the ocean allowed?**

A. Swimming is permitted only when lifeguards are present. Lifeguards will not be present during the camping events.

**Q. Will bathroom/shower facilities be available to campers?**

A. Yes. Bathroom facilities will be open overnight, and the privately managed shower concession on Webster Avenue will maintain special hours for the event.

**Q. What will happen in the event of a thunderstorm with lightning?**

A. In the event of lightning we will clear the beach until the storm passes and it is safe to allow access back to the camping venue.

**Q. Are animals allowed on the beach?**

A. No animals will be permitted on the beach. If you intend to bring a bona fide service dog to the event please notify Recreation Department staff in advance of the event or e-mail [vcoppola@seaside-heightsnj.org](mailto:vcoppola@seaside-heightsnj.org).

**Q. Is fishing permitted?**

A. Yes! Feel free to bring your own bait and tackle to fish from the camping venue.

**Q. How can I contact the organizer with any questions that are not covered by this FAQ?**

A. Please e-mail [vcoppola@seaside-heightsnj.org](mailto:vcoppola@seaside-heightsnj.org) with any questions and we will do our best to respond within 48 hours.