

Crystal Lake RV Park

Coronavirus Notice

June 29, 2012

Due to these unprecedented times, we regret to inform you that the lake and go carts will not be opening this summer. This decision was not made lightly. Those who know us, know that our family pours our heart and soul into this business on a year round basis. Some of the obstacles we face are:

- Phase 4 began on Friday 6/26. We received the guidelines on Friday night of 6/26. We could not prepare for the opening of the lake and track without knowing the requirements we would be facing. For example, we did not put the inflatables in the lake mid-June, not knowing what restrictions phase 4 would bring.
- We cannot just “open the gate” after getting the guidelines. We spend weeks getting the lake into “tip top” shape. It takes weeks to get the lake to be that “beautiful lake” that our customers enjoy. The clear, clean water and the near absence of weeds and grass are qualities that we take pride in.
- The water tests have come back acceptable by state testing standards. However, getting the lake to look beautiful does not happen in a day or a week; it takes many weeks of circulation and treatment.
- Due to the swim facilities being closed, there has not been any lifeguard training or recertification classes offered. We cannot operate with only 3 lifeguards and expect them to work all day, every day.
- The lifeguards are there to respond to emergencies and enforce the rules of the lake. Having to enforce 6 feet social distancing while people are in the water, on and/or waiting for the inflatables and slides, coupled with monitoring the water for distressed swimmers, is not in the best interests of our patrons.
- With the timing of the phase 4 requirements, there would be a month left of the season by the time we get open. Local schools are scheduled to start during the week of August 10, so our last day open would be August 9. Due to the short season we are facing, we fear that opening this year will jeopardize being able to open next year. By staying closed this summer, we hope to be in a position to be able to open next year for the full season.

The campground is open and the casino will be open July 1 in compliance with the state’s requirements set forth in phase 4 of Restore Illinois.

Thanks for your patronage and understanding. We look forward to a great season in 2021!