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To Whom It May Concern,

We are preparing for the 2023 camping season at Pere Marquette State Park. The accompanying documents are the Upper Group Camp Brochure and Upper Group Camp Lottery Application.

You may complete the application and remit via United States Postal Service. Additionally you may send us an electronic copy, but please understand that lottery application must have a signature on it, **AND RECEIVED** in the park office prior to January 3rd, 2023.

The first lottery will be conducted on January 3rd, 2023. The first lottery will consist of the groups who wish for overnight stays of 6 or more nights. The remaining over-night stays of any length will be considered immediately following and daily thereafter until the camps are fully booked. Any remaining days open will participate in the Day-Use Lottery on April 1st.

An update and/or facts which I would like to share:

- Only Camp Piasa and Camp Potawatami will be operational
- Camp Piasa will be limited to staff building in and around the dinning hall. The units are barricaded and closed for No Admittance. Tent camping is permissible.
- Camp Ouatoga will be going under construction soon and will not be available
- Deposits made with credit cards are encouraged. Checks written for deposits, when refunded take approximately six to eight weeks.
- The **lottery** is entirely a random process. Applications are numbered one thru the number of the ending application and a drawing is conducted for each camp. Stays with 6 nights or more are in the first lottery.

We hope that you have enjoyed your groups experiences at Pere Marquette State Park and we look forward to seeing you and your group during the during the 2023 camping season.

Respectfully,

Chris Hспен

Site Superintendent