

DCMA Adopt-A-Cabin Agreement (please add contact info & family member names on the back)

Douglas Camp Meeting Association – 25 South St. Douglas, MA 01516 ratified Aug.2020, Updated June/Aug.2024, Aug.2025

In the beginning years of Douglas Camp Meeting, families erected tents to accommodate their families and removed them at the end of the meeting. Over time, wooden cabins were built to replace the tents and dedicated to family members who held administrative or preaching positions in the past.

More recently an adoption approach to refurbishing these cabins was put into place by families who have interest in seeing a revival of these historic cabins and for their usage to continue in harmony with the original spiritual purposes of Douglas Camp Meeting. These guidelines are to be adhered to:

- * **All painting and repairs to the cabin** (inside and out) **are done by the Adopter.** Other than the \$75/year Maintenance Fee which can be submitted as money or as supplies receipts, most other supplies (flooring, windows, some paint & roofing material) can be provided by the camp, however, private purchases above the \$75 can be donated to the camp and acknowledgement provided to you at tax time (if receipts are provided to the camp Treasurer). If policies change, 2 years advance notice will be given.
 - * Previous cabin colors can be repeated and DCMA has some other pre-approved colors - request for additional color options must be submitted in writing (with paint color charts) for approval by the camp's Executives/Officers. Drop clothes are required for exterior scraping and painting.
 - * No expansion to the cabin exterior foot print is allowed except for the town approved deck design.
 - * Care of the cabin, including opening (April/May) and closing (November) as well as **cleaning inside and around the cabin, is the responsibility of the Adopter.** Available work-day dates, that do not conflict with retreat/event rentals, are available from the DCMA Registrar (or a DCMA Officer).
 - * **The ownership of the cabin always remains with DCMA.** All campers/renters must reserve a desired cabin through the Registrar (under authorization of the Executives/Officers) but the adopting family has preference for scheduling any days that they may choose during the annual ten-day camp-meeting (by registering with the Registrar by July 1st prior of each camp-meeting).
 - * Option **"A"** \$350, and Option **"B"** \$150, initial Adoption Fees are put into the Cabin Maintenance Fund, as is the **annual \$75 Fee** if paid monetarily (Vs. receipted supplies).
 - * Upon an Adopter's discontinuance, **or neglect**, the cabin is then made available to another Adopter through the Executives/Officers. Adopted cabins are not directly transferrable.
 - * As of 2025, the cabin usage fee (payable at time of registration) is \$25 per night for DCMA/CampMtg. **(No cabin rental fee for Option "A" Adopters** during camp-meeting if they pre-register by July 1st). **(1/2 price rental fee for Option "B" Adopters** during camp-meeting if they pre-register by July 1st). There is a \$5. per day/night, fee for air-conditioning or heat electricity usage if you use an A/C or heater.
- The purpose for those who stay at Douglas Camp Meeting grounds is for spiritual growth and outreach as well as to care for the properties/ministry.*
- *Parents must make sure their children are supervised and safe at all times.*
 - *Calm pet(s) may be allowed by permission.*
 - *Worldly activities, music, media, behavior, apparel are not permitted on DCM grounds – including smoking, alcohol/drugs, profanity. Unrelated couples are not permitted to reside together at DCM. Sabbath is honored as a gift from God.*
 - *Individuals who use any authorized bathroom facilities are responsible for custodial care of their usage. Please notify us if supplies are short or repairs needed.*
 - *Those who stay at DCM are responsible to remove their own rubbish from the camp.*
 - *Use of DCM kitchen is not permitted unless a rental agreement is entered into and a copy of their cook's ServSafe certificate is submitted to DCMA.*
 - *Application/contract and Pastoral recommendation are required for any that stay at DCM*, other than during Annual Camp-meeting, as mature Christian character is essential.*
 - *Our Founders stated, "... these grounds are to be held forever for holiness". Not only do we treat DCMA grounds as sacred, but consideration of others seeking-first Christ is appreciated.*

Adopting family agrees to the above (this agreement may be renewed by DCMA after 7 years): CABIN #

Sign _____ Sign _____ / ____/20 ____
Print _____ Print _____ Paid \$ _____ Option " ____ "