



JOHNSON COUNTY  
PARK & RECREATION  
DISTRICT

**SPECIAL USE PERMITS**

Permits issued for a specified date and time.

**Amplified Sound Permit**

- “Amplified Sound” involves the use of any amplification equipment such as is used by a disc jockey.
- “Acoustic” music (which requires no amplification) is allowed in all District parks.
- “Amplified Live Music” (any musical group requiring amplification) is restricted to The Theatre in the Park, TimberRidge Adventure Center and Mildale Farm. The request for a rental contract must be made directly with those facilities.

**Amusement Permit**

- Any type of amusement equipment such as inflatable’s (i.e. moonwalks, inflatable slides, obstacle courses, etc.), pony rides, egg or balloon toss games, piñatas, etc. *Dunk tanks are not allowed on District property.*

**Catering Permit**

- Any “company” providing food, including ice cream, in District parks.

**Commercial Use Permit**

- Required of any person taking photos or video “for profit” in a District park. There shall be no exchange of money within park boundaries. A permit must be acquired to ensure proper fees have been paid.
- A permit is *not* required for the following:
  - Photographers taking class pictures, family photos, and wedding photos/videos.
  - Photography or video for educational, civic or personal use. This does not include “organizational” training films, etc.

**Model Rocket (GROUPS)**

- Issued to a group such as Boy/Girl Scouts, church groups and schools interested in bringing a group of people into the park to discharge model rockets on a specific date.
- An “Individual” permit is issued through the John Barkley Visitor Center in Shawnee Mission Park.

**Special Event Permit**

- Events such as charity walks/runs or large group activities. An application must be completed and submitted to the Parks and Golf Courses Department.

**Special Use Permit**

- Any activity in a District park other than the “normal” use of park space (such as picnics, swimming, boating, disc golf, tennis, biking, hiking, etc.) which does not include any other type of permit.
- This would include requests to exceed recommended shelter capacity, tethering or launching of hot air balloons, reservations for use of the Memorial Fire Circle, and weddings involving use of park space other than a shelter. Also for unusual plans associated with a wedding request.