

City of Columbus Park Board

**Subject: Written Request for Overnight Camping at Gerrard Park - Youth Softball Tournament**

Dear Members of the Columbus Park Board,

I am writing to request permission for overnight camping in Gerrard Park for the dates of June 4-7 during the Diamond Classic Softball Tournament. Our Havoc 18U team, is participating in the tournament, and many of our players and their families enjoy having a team camp for our players and families to come back to in between games to cool off, grab some food and hydrate before walking to the field for the next games scheduled. A designated camping area within the park would encourage our families and players for team bonding as we encourage our players to connect with their teammates both on and off of the field.

As approved last year, we understand and respect the city's park regulations and are committed to ensuring a safe and responsible camping experience. We would be happy to adhere to any specific guidelines you may have, including:

- **Designated Area:** We would camp only in a designated area approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Supervision:** All campers would be supervised by responsible adults.
- **Noise Levels:** We would maintain quiet hours to ensure minimal disruption to residents.
- **Cleanliness:** We would be responsible for cleaning up our campsite and properly disposing of all trash.

We believe that allowing overnight camping for this event would not only benefit our team and families but also contribute to the overall success of the youth softball tournament, which brings positive attention and economic activity to our city.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this request further with the City Council or the Parks and Recreation Department. Please let me know if you require any additional information. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Columbus Havoc 18U Softball

Jenny Bos- Head Coach