BELGIAN HERITAGE CENTER

Belgian Heritage Center Visitor Policies

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The Board of Directors of the Belgian Heritage Center (BHC) adopted policies for the safety and enjoyment of our visitors and for the protection of our historic campus and artifacts. Please adhere to these policies when visiting BHC.

Admissions

BHC does not charge an admission fee, but a suggested donation of $5 per person is greatly appreciated. Your entire donation supports BHC's mission to preserve and share Belgian history and culture. BHC docents, tour guides and staff are all volunteers. They donate their time for your enjoyment and to raise funds for BHC. BHC is a member of the Blue Star Museum Program.

Accessibility

BHC is ADA accessible. A lift and dedicated parking is located at the east entrance.

St Mary of the Snows Cemetery

This historic cemetery is the final resting place of many of the first Belgian settlers. Burials are located throughout the green space between the gravestones and the Wisconsin Historical Marker. Please be respectful of this space. Do not park, drive or permit animal waste on the cemetery.

Pet/Animal Policy

Indoors: BHC does not allow animals inside our buildings except service animals as recognized by the ADA. A service animal means a dog that has been trained to perform a specific task. Comfort animals and pets are not service animals. To enter BHC buildings, a service animal must be harnessed/leashed at all times (unless it prevents the animal from providing its service), housebroken and fully vaccinated. BHC will require removal of any service animal that is disruptive or poses a risk of damage to our historic buildings, artifacts, exhibits or any other content in the buildings. BHC reserves the right to ask the owner whether the service animal is required due to a disability and what task it performs.

Outdoors: Service animals, pets and comfort animals are welcome outdoors on BHC's campus provided:

- The animal is at all times on a leash no longer than 8 feet and attended by its owner.
- It does not disrupt or pose a threat to other BHC visitors.
- Owner promptly removes and properly disposes of animal waste.
- Pets and comfort animals must be kept off the cemetery (headstones and the green space bordered by the driveways and parking lot at the Historical Marker). Service animals as recognized by ADA are permitted in the cemetery.

Non-solicitation

BHC does not permit individuals or outside organizations to solicit money, support, product sales, volunteers, votes or any other similar solicitation on BHC premises. This policy does not apply to vendors or presenters invited by BHC to participate in our fundraising and cultural events.

Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination

BHC is an equal opportunity organization and does not discriminate based upon any status prohibited by applicable law.

Audio/Video/Photo Recording

By visiting BHC, guests acknowledge that photographs and video may be taken during public programs, events, tours, and activities. These images may be used by BHC for promotional, educational, historical, archival, print,

website, social media, and marketing purposes without compensation. If you prefer not to be photographed, please notify a volunteer upon arrival.