

Things to Know Before you Arrive

- Facilities include a bathhouse with hot showers and flush toilets, a compost toilet, and two large yurts which house a kitchen, dining facilities, a library, and a large meeting room. Housing is in two four-room dormitories that accommodate five people per room in bunk beds.
- We do not allow smoking in any of our buildings
- All buildings have electricity and are within a short walking distance of each other. Lighted paths connect the buildings, but you should bring a good flashlight as well.
- Each dormitory room contains two bunk beds and one single bed. You may wish to bring earplugs if you are not accustomed to sharing a room with other sleepers. Camping space is available and you are also welcome to bring your own tent.
- We have found that the smaller species of wildlife (especially mice) will stay outside as long as food is not stored in the dorm. If you have snacks or other special food with you, please leave them in your car. We can also provide critter-proof storage in the dining area of the main yurt.
- SKMC is not just a rental facility – it is a community. Nearly all of our staff lives on site. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can but we ask that you be respectful of this reality.
- **There is no cell phone service.** You are welcome to use our landline (304)567-2632).
- We have wireless internet and ethernet ports available in the main yurts.
- Mail is picked up and dropped off at our mail box at our front entrance.
- The nearest gas station is in Circleville, 12 miles away. If you are coming from points north (traveling south on Route 28) this is the last gas station you will pass. If traveling from the south, your last gas station will be in Bartow on Route 28, approximately 45 minutes from the SKMC.
- The nearest hospitals are Grant Memorial in Petersburg and Davis Memorial in Elkins, 1 and 1.5 hours away, respectively.
- The last few miles of the road up to the SKMC are narrow and Depending on the weather and the road maintenance schedule, it may contain potholes or rough sections. You do not need 4-wheel drive, but we recommend driving cautiously.
- Our cooks would greatly appreciate your help in washing your own personal dishes after meals.
- **Pets are not allowed on the campus grounds.** Animal lovers are very likely to see deer, upland birds (including ruffed grouse and wild turkey), and salamanders. Those with keen eyes will see abundant signs of fox, bobcat, coyote, and an occasional bear.
- Campfires are permitted only in designated fire rings.
- Please leave glass containers at home. Due to sub-optimal waste disposal opportunities in this area, we are unable to recycle glass. **If you must bring food and beverages in glass containers, please bring the empty containers home with you.** In a further effort to minimize waste, all of our paper and cardboard waste is re-used as heating fuel. To learn more about our refuse-derived fuel program, please ask one of our staff members.