

# Triangle Recreation Camp



## Chris Ellis' Appeal of Board Sanction

May 2016

To TRC Board of Directors  
May, 2016  
Appeal of Board sanction of 4-18-16  
Chris Ellis

I apologize to the Board and accept full responsibility for violating the rule posted on Facebook March 8, 2016. Not knowing a new rule existed is not an excuse; however, I am appealing the sanction of the Board and offer the following explanation:

My time to have my RV in storage was expiring at the end of March, so anticipating taking the vehicle to camp; I emailed both Dale and Dana asking for the current combination to the gate. I understand now that at least Dana responded. I don't know about Dale because unbeknownst to me, my ForestGrump email was no longer connected to a server. I don't know what that means, but the last incoming message to that email was July, 2015. I'm sure Dana responded to me and explained that the camp was closed, but I did not receive that message. Neither did it ever occur to me to check TRC's Facebook page before moving the RV.

In fact, since I didn't hear back, and I didn't know the combination to the gate; I decided to take my RV and park it next door at Lee's cabin. I arranged to have Lee take my car to his place. But as I was driving past camp I noted that the TRC gate was open and I could see a car or truck in the parking lot. I drove in and noticed a guy working in the very back by the wetland. At that time, I thought why leave the RV at Lee's? I might as well put it away. So I did. I then walked next door, got my car and drove home. Had I known the camp was off limits, it would have been no effort to park at Lee's as I had originally planned.

A day or two later I happened to talk to Norm. This was the first time I heard there was a new rule, that it was posted on Facebook and, essentially the camp was closed without prior permission. I went to Facebook and got updated. At the end of the week the weather was going to be hot, so I sent a new email to Dana asking permission to go up to my camp for the day to do chores. He asked me not to until April 16th. I complied. I would never intentionally break a TRC rule.

I accept the responsibility for not being up to date with rule changes. That is my fault and I accept the Board's sanction. I will always check Facebook in the future before going to TRC just in case. (Although important information might be easier to notice if placed in a more significant spot, like the NEWS 2016 page.) I also apologize for not contacting Dana or Don after I realized I'd already broken the rule. I am sorry for causing this discussion and concern.

My appeal is to plead ignorance until after the fact, but mostly I wanted to dispel any thoughts that I would deliberately ignore and actually defy a Board decision. That perception is more hurtful than a sanction.

With sincerest respect,  
Chris Ellis

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P.S. On April 29, I received over 100 emails to forestgrump dated back to July 2015. The notice about the server is gone.