



# Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater

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Built as a Work Program Administration (WPA) project in 1938, the amphitheater known as the Bidwell Bowl was one of many ventures in Chico that created work for people during the Great Depression. Located on the Chico State campus behind Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church at 1<sup>st</sup> Street & Esplanade, the Bidwell Bowl had been used for various gatherings. Concerts, speeches and other activities were held in the amphitheater's early history. Today the Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater is an excellent site to reserve for outdoor meetings, presentations and even weddings.

## **Amenities for Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater include:**

- Seating for up to 300 people
- Standard household electrical outlets (15 amps). Located on the north side across Big Chico Creek and on the south side leading into Children's Playground.
- Restrooms are located across the street directly across from Children's Playground at Ringle Park (on West 1<sup>st</sup> Street).

## **Additional Information:**

Please refer to your application & permit to review the conditions of park use. You are responsible for knowing the park rules.

### **12R.08.263** General permit conditions – Bidwell Bowl

All events conducted in that part of Children's Playground known as the Bidwell Bowl pursuant to a permit issued shall comply with the following additional requirements:

A. All events shall be carried out only during the following times:

1. Monday through Thursday during the months of September through and including May:  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2. Monday through Thursday during the months of June through and including August: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
3. Fridays during the months of September through and including May: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
4. Fridays during the months of June through and including August: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
5. Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
6. Sundays: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

B. Amplified sound shall comply with and be subject to the following limitations:

1. Amplified sound shall be permitted during the event if and only if it is played during the event for a cumulative period of time not exceeding more than 20 minutes in length.
2. Events utilizing amplified sound shall be limited to one per weekend and a total of three other times during the week.
3. Monday through Friday, amplified sound shall be permitted only between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
4. Saturday and Sunday, amplified sound shall be permitted only between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
5. All speakers shall be directed in a southerly direction towards the audience.

**Fees:**

- **Application Processing Fee:** \$18.00
- **Park Reservation Fee:** Based on total number of participants and/or spectators.
- **Insurance Fee:** Liability insurance is required for reservations with more than 100 participants, and/or amplified sound is used during the event.
- **Damage Deposit:** A \$100.00 damage deposit is required for events with 100 or more participants and/or spectators, and or amplified sound.
- **Additional Park Use Fees:** Events with 200 or more participants and/or spectators are required to provide additional trash and recycling services during event as well as additional portable restrooms.
- **Vendors:** \$5.50 per vendor



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