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Camping like you've never seen it before at Holly KOA  
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Gone are the days when camping meant only tents, campfires and S'mores.

The new Holly KOA FUN! Park, formerly Yogi Bear Jellystone Park, has a new name and a new attitude at its 150-campsite park at 7072 Grange Hall Rd., just east of the I-75 interchange in Holly.

"Today's camping is an 'experience,'" says new Holly KOA owner Greg Taylor, whose family, including wife Wynn and children Kristen, 11, and Alex, 9, also operates a KOA campground in Higgins Lake.

He's not just an experienced campground owner, but also a senior business development consultant for Kampgrounds of America, Inc. in the U.S. and Canada. He knows what "works" with campgrounds, and what doesn't.

"People are looking for more recreational opportunities when camping, especially now that fuel prices have limited some vacation options," said Taylor. "They want to enjoy typical vacation experiences closer to home."

While this campground has been a member of the Holly business community for many years, most local residents aren't aware of the many recreational opportunities that are available here.

"That's about to change," said Taylor, who invites the Holly/Fenton area community to enjoy the KOA pool, skate park, playground equipment, etc. on a day-use basis, as well as for regular camping.

"All you have to do is register, pay a small fee in the office, and wear a wristband identifying you as a KOA guest, and you're able to use our many facilities," added Taylor.

People of all ages will enjoy the pool, while youngsters of a certain age are certain to like the neighborhood skate park, a state-of-the-art facility that is open to the public. "All you have to do is register, pay, and wear a helmet," said Taylor.

Children will also enjoy "Fun Land," miniature golf and playground equipment, while families with kids of all ages will love themed weekends, outdoor movies, dress-up days, karaoke and more.

The biggest initial change that people will notice coming into the park is new KOA signage and a general "sprucing up" of the property. And the long-range plans are much bigger.

With 150 sites for RV and tent camping, plus 20 family cabins, the Holly KOA has plenty of room to grow.

"We plan to add what we call 'cabin suites' to our list of camping options for next year," said Taylor. "These individual units will feature 'hotel-like' amenities such as a bathroom, kitchen, furnishings, etc. and will provide an 'upscale' camping experience at an affordable price."

The 24-hour on-site manager is Gloria Mikula, who has worked with KOA and the Taylor family for a number of years.

For more information or to make a reservation, call toll-free 800-562-3962 or visit [www.KOAFunPark.com](http://www.KOAFunPark.com).