What are the safety guidelines for sUAS recreational users?

Currently, small-unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) may be operated for hobby and recreational purposes under specific safety guidelines as established by Congress. Small UAS flown for recreational purposes are typically known as model aircraft.

As of Dec. 21, 2015, the Federal Aviation Administration requires all owners of small-unmanned aircraft, or drones, weighing between 0.55 and 55 pounds to register before taking to the skies.

- Fly no higher than 400 feet and remain below any surrounding obstacles when possible.
- Keep your sUAS in eyesight at all times, and use an observer to assist if needed.
- Remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations, and you must see and avoid other aircraft and obstacles at all times.
- Do not intentionally fly over unprotected persons or moving vehicles, and remain at least 25 feet away from individuals and vulnerable property.
- Do not fly in adverse weather conditions such as in high winds or reduced visibility.
- Ensure the operating environment is safe and that the operator is competent and proficient in the operation of the sUAS.
- Do not fly near or over sensitive infrastructure or property such as power stations, water treatment facilities, correctional facilities, heavily traveled roadways, government facilities, etc.
- Check and follow all local laws and ordinances before flying over private property.
- Do not conduct surveillance or photograph persons in areas where there is an expectation of privacy without the individual’s permission.
Drone (sUAS) Request Form

Operator’s Information:
First & Last Name _________________________________________________
Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____  Current Age __________
Email Address ___________________________________ Phone #(____) __________

Date of Event________________________________________
Name of Event__________________________________________
Location of Event________________________________________

FAA Registration# on Drone.________________________
Weight of Drone_____________________________________
Does Your Drone Have a camera? Yes ________ No ________

Heart of America Council, BSA is required to be included on the Carriers insurance form.
A copy must be attached, (Minimum amount $1,000,000)
Insurance Carrier Name_________________________________________________________
Amount of insurance $ __________________

For Office Use Only
Denied by______________________________ Date___________
Reason for Denial_______________________________________________

Approved by (print name) __________________________________________
Date of Event___________________________________________
Name of Event_____________________________________________
Location of Event___________________________________________
Drone can only be flown in ______________________________________
Sign______________________________ Date___________

All pictures taken with drones (sUAS) on HOAC property or at events may not be published in any form without written permission.