



## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DAILY OPERATION OF CIRCUS

\* The circus has been family owned and operated by the Vidbel family for 26 years. The founder, Joyce Vidbel now manages the winterquarters in Windham, NY and the next generation of the family now own and manage the touring show. Susan Vidbel-Ashton and husband Michael Ashton are on the show grounds at all times performing and transporting the circus.

\* The permanent address and phone number of the headquarters is:

**"Circus Vidbel" – 2201 Bridge St., Englewood, FL 34223**  
**Phone (941)321-3603**

\* **The Circus is transported on two circus owned vehicles:**

\* One flat bed tractor trailer which carries the tent, poles, stakes, side wall, seating, generator and other equipment.

\* A box truck which carries concession supplies and pulls a Wells cargo trailer containing show electrical equipment and miscellaneous equipment.

\* **Non-circus-owned vehicles** traveling with the Circus consist of travel trailers owned and operated by the Circus performers and staff.

\* **The Circus erects the tent which measures 80' x 120'** and is constructed of 240z Naizi vinyl laminated material (red and white stripes). All membranes supporting the vinyl tent fabric are galvanized aircraft cable. The tent was constructed in April of 2000 by Anchor Industries and is treated with a flame resistant material which is good for the life of the tent and cannot be removed by washing or weather. A certificate of flame resistance is sent to each sponsor and is also available for inspection in the circus office at anytime.

\* **The electrical power supply** used by the Circus is an 85 K W diesel power generator which is operated by the circus electrician. The generator is located in the vicinity of the tent but is never located inside the tent.

\* There are **three main exits** in the tent and additional exits can be created in accordance with municipal regulations. Each exit is at least 10 to 15 feet in width and marked with an exit sign that has an auxiliary power supply.

\* **Seating in the tent** consists of steel bleachers which are nine rows high. Seats are a maximum of 40 inches in height. The top 5 rows of seats have foot rests and side rails. The seats hold about 1,000 patrons for each performance.

\* **Daily safety procedures** consist of:

- \* Posting of NO SMOKING signs throughout the tent.
- \* "NO SMOKING" announcements during each performance.
- \* Fire extinguishers placed in strategic location throughout the tent.
- \* Safety lane between the circus tent and vehicles.
- \* No vehicles located in the circus tent during performances.

\* **Set up of the Circus** is normally started at 7:30am and is complete by 12:00 noon. The circus tent is taken down at the conclusion of the last performance of the engagement. A thorough clean up of the show grounds is completed before the circus leaves town.

\* **The Circus does not operate games of chance or mechanical rides.** The Circus does not permit the sale of alcoholic beverages.

\* **Food items are dispensed from a 10'x10' concession tent located outside the big top.** Hot dogs and buns are the only perishable items sold at the circus and are stored under refrigeration. The purchase of these items are made daily at local supermarkets. Other items sold are cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones and Coca Cola.

\* If **safety inspections** of any kind are to be made by authorized personal it is requested that said inspections be made after the set up of the circus has been completed, normally by 12:00 noon. Authorized inspectors should contact the circus management before any inspections.

\* Circus management has strong convictions that **all animals deserve proper and appropriate care**, treatment and maintenance. Support is given to persons and organizations which are truly dedicated to the welfare of animals.

\* The year 2010 marks the twenty second tour of the Vidbel circus family. Our goal has always been to present the **Finest in family entertainment at prices that families can afford.**

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