

Policy Title: Camping and Use of Tents on Campus

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Category: Facility Use and Management

Responsible Office: Facilities

This policy applies to: Employees, Students, Affiliated Entities, Visitors, Vendors, and

anyone on property owned or leased by the College

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Summary:

The purpose of this policy is to regulate camping and the use of tents on campus in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals as well as property and the environment.

Policy:

SUNY Adirondack is committed to maintaining a clean, aesthetically pleasing, healthy, hygienic and safe work, educational, and living environment in order to effectively carry out its educational mission. The College controls its buildings and grounds consistent with the SUNY policies for use of facilities, which prohibit the use of college property or buildings for purposes unrelated to the regular programs and activities of the College.

- A. Camping is prohibited on SUNY Adirondack Campuses.
- B. Exceptions:
 - 1. Actions that constitute "camping" as defined below may be allowed with prior, written permission in the following limited circumstances:
 - a. With the advance written approval of the appropriate College official following the appropriate campus procedures as outlined in the Facilities Use policy # 3603.
 - b. As approved as part of a contract for Campus use pursuant to the Facilities Use policy #3603.



- c. Tailgating and tailgate parties are excluded from this policy.
- d. In extraordinary circumstances, such as times of natural disaster, when approved in writing in advance by the President or their designee.

C. Enforcement and Compliance

- SUNY Adirondack Office of Student Affairs and/or Public Safety employees are responsible for addressing non-compliance with this policy by all persons and may address violations of this policy that constitute criminal trespass or any other violation of law.
- Students or employees may be referred for discipline for alleged violation of this policy.

Definitions

<u>Affiliated Entities.</u> Per the Board of Trustees Policy Manual Section 9.1 - 9.3, the purpose, relationship, responsibility and agreements between the SUNY Adirondack Foundation, Faculty-Student Association and the Adirondack Housing Association, are outlined.

Camping.

- In indoor or outdoor locations, the establishment of, evidence of an attempt to establish, or maintenance of temporary or permanent living quarters at any location on College controlled other than living quarters in residence halls and living quarters in apartments, or other College-managed housing—this includes the establishment of any indoor and/or outdoor encampment erected in connection with any lawful assembly of individuals pursuant to SUNY Adirondack policies;
- Sleeping overnight in or under any parked vehicle; or
- Establishing or maintaining indoors or outdoors, or in or under, any structure not designated for human occupancy, at any time during the day or night, a temporary or permanent place for cooking, storing of personal belongings, or sleeping by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, mattress, tent, hammock or other sleeping equipment, or by setting up any cooking equipment that has not been approved by the Office of Facilities.

<u>College.</u> Use of this term explicitly refers to Adirondack Community College and/or the College's legal acceptable short name, SUNY Adirondack.

<u>Tailgating.</u> informal gathering from the back of a parked vehicle, typically in the parking lot of a sports stadium or event venue. Tailgating is permitted at approved events, in designated areas such as parking lots.

<u>Tent</u>. Any and all structures, enclosure or shelter constructed of any material, including but not limited to fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner.

Other Related Information

Fire Code of New York State, 2015 https://up.codes/viewer/new_york/ifc-2015

Facility Use Policy # 3603

N:/Policies, Processes, and Procedures/Facilities Use and Management/3603 Facility Use.pdf



Processes and Procedures

None.

Forms

N/A

Authority

Authority to Approve: Vice President for Administrative Services and Treasurer Responsible for Oversight: Director of Facilities

History

This is the College's first Camping and Use of Tents on Campus policy. This policy was approved by the President on 8/29/24.

Review

Annually in August.

Appendices

None.