

Camping and Use of Tents on Campus

Policies and Procedures



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I. Purpose

To set forth the Alfred State College policy on camping and the use of tents/canopies on campus.

II. Scope

Alfred State College 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. Alfred State College is authorized to control its buildings and grounds consistent with the SUNY policies for use of facilities, which prohibit the use of university property or buildings for purposes unrelated to the regular programs and activities of the College.

III. Definitions

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 property 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 Alfred State College;
- 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 Student Affairs and/or Facilities' Environmental Health and Safety Officer.

Campus or Campuses is any College- owned, leased, licensed or operated space, facility, property, grounds or building.

Canopy is a structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects, and is open without side walls or drops on 75 percent or more of the perimeter.

Permit is a written document authorized by the President or his designee and issued to Campus Personnel to allow the set up and use of a tent or canopy for a specified amount of time. Permits may be revoked if permit conditions are not followed.

Tailgating – informal gathering from the back of a parked vehicle, typically in the parking lot of a sports stadium or event venue. Tailgating is permitted in the Stadium Lots (18, 19, 20) for select athletic events (see Tailgating Policy).

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

Third Party or Parties is any person, organization, group or entity not affiliated with the College including, but not limited to, the general public, contractors, vendors, guests and visitors to the College, those using College facilities or property under a Revocable Permit, and volunteers not enrolled.

College is Alfred State College.

IV. Policy

- A. Camping is prohibited on College property.
- B. Exceptions
 1. Actions that constitute “camping” as defined above may be allowed with prior, written permission in the following limited circumstances:
 - a. With the advance written approval of the Official of Student Engagement and/or Campus Recreation.
 - b. As approved as part of a revocable permit for Campus use pursuant to SUNY Policy No. 5603 (Use of Facilities by Non-Commercial Organizations).
 - c. Tailgating and tailgate parties are excluded from this policy (see Tailgating 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
 1. The University Police Department is 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.
 2. Students may be referred for discipline for alleged violation of this Policy.
- V. Related Documents / SUNY Policies:
 - 3653 – Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order
 - 5607 – Commercial Use Policy
 - 5603 – Use of Facilities by Non-Commercial Organizations
 - Alfred State Tailgating Policy