

Bylaws of Parks and Recreation Society

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1. If you are leaving from an official Parks and Recreation Society function early for any reason, you **MUST** inform the President before doing so to ensure your safety and wellbeing is looked after.
 - a. You must take your possessions with you or coordinate with an Executive Board (herein “E Board”) member (especially if using rented Parks and Recreation Society equipment)
2. The deadline for full refunds for tent trips is exactly seven (7) days before the first day of the trip. For cabin trips, it is 7 days after the payment deadline.
 - a. Emergency exceptions can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by vote of the E Board.
3. All guest attendees must be hosted by a current Ohio State student attending the same Parks and Recreation Society function. The conduct of your guest is your responsibility, and you may incur charges or disciplinary action on their behalf, at the discretion of the E Board.
4. Any trash or waste must be disposed of day-of. Do not leave your trash out overnight.
 - a. If you continue to leave trash out overnight after previous warning, you may be eligible for membership revocation by vote of the E Board without refund.
5. Possessions left behind at campsites or cabins/houses may be discarded with or without notice.
6. Don't disrespect campsites, nature, or other people's property
 - a. If repeatedly doing so, you may be eligible for membership revocation by vote of the E Board without refund.
 - b. Any charges incurred because of damage/neglect will be directed to the individual member at fault.
 - c. This includes damage to cabins or AirBNBs/VRBOs.
7. If you are renting Parks and Recreation Society equipment, that equipment is your responsibility! You must set it up, tear it down, and return it to the Equipment Manager in the condition it was given to you.
 - a. Any replacements or repairs owing to damages to Parks and Recreation Society equipment will be charged to the individual at fault.
8. Hateful, ignorant, intolerant speech or actions are unacceptable and may be grounds for immediate revocation of membership and dismissal from trip, if applicable.
 - a. If you are feeling threatened or uncomfortable because of the actions or words of another member/participant, please talk to an E Board member.

9. If you agree to be a driver for a Parks and Recreation Society trip, you assume responsibility for the safety and well-being for any and all passengers in your car. Your status as a driver is eligible for revocation upon reports by passengers of unsafe or reckless driving with other Parks and Recreation Society trip attendees.
 - a. If you have to leave a Parks and Recreation Society function early for any reason, you must coordinate alternative rides home for any passengers in your car.

10. Members assume responsibility for their own alcohol, Parks and Recreation Society is not responsible for any poor decisions made while under the influence. Members should be aware of their level of intoxication and not intentionally drink over their limit. Any act committed under the influence of drugs or alcohol while on a Parks and Recreation trip is subject to removal from trip and membership via executive board member vote.

11. Please refer to The Ohio State University's Amnesty policy:

“At the university’s discretion, amnesty may be extended to students who may be hesitant to report a code of student conduct violation to university officials because they fear that they themselves may be accused of minor policy violations, including but not limited to underage drinking, at the time of the incident. If a student is granted amnesty, an educational discussion or other informal resolution may be considered, but no university conduct proceedings under this code will result.”

At the university’s discretion, amnesty may also be extended on a case-by-case basis for minor policy violations when students request assistance for others in need, including the person receiving assistance. If a student is granted amnesty, an educational discussion or other informal resolution may be considered, but no university conduct proceedings under the code of student conduct will result. In cases of academic misconduct, need does not include a student's inability to complete an assignment without assistance.”