Lakeside Activities on Campus

The Lake Ontario lakeshore is an attractive vista that naturally draws people to the shoreline. However, the Lake Ontario shoreline that borders the College consists of rocky shores and steep inclines. The rocks are dangerously slippery, particularly when wet. Therefore, student groups should hold lakeside activities in the space provided for group activities at the north end of parking lot #1 next to Walker Health Center.

Student groups may reserve the space on-line at:

http://www.oswego.edu/student/services/campus_life/operations/event_form.html

To submit an event reservation form to the Campus Life Event Management Office.

The number of participants for lakeside group activities may not exceed 20. Wood for bonfires should be obtained from retailers and not foraged from the community or the College. Wood for bonfires may be available through Facilities; contact them at 312.3300. Fires are limited to the fire pit provided at the location described above. Charcoal fires are limited to contained charcoal grills. Charcoal lighter fluid is the only accelerant permitted.

Students are expected to clean the area after their activity has concluded.

University Police will periodically check on lakeside activity. Students are reminded that the use of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the grounds of the College.
Section 307
Open Burning & Recreational Fires

307.1 General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

307.2 Authorization. Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are found.

307.3 Prohibited open burning. Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

307.4 Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:
1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

307.4.1 Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbeque pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.4.2 Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.5 Attendance. Opening burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site-fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

"Firecode of New York State"