

Greek Banquet Expectations

The college understands that banquets have been a tradition at Gustavus for quite some time and are important to our Greek chapters. The college also recognizes that banquets can pose a high risk depending upon the activities in which participants choose to engage. To this end, it is important that all attendees fully understand the expectations and consequences associated with particular behavior. It is your responsibility to read and understand the Gustie Guide, as you will be held accountable for any behavior that is in violation of college policy. The College reserves the right to invoke the College Student Conduct System for student behavior occurring off-campus.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Should you feel uncomfortable or unsafe at any point in time during the banquet, please contact any of the following people for support:

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Campus Safety
(507) 933-8888 (24/7)

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Dean of Students On-Call
(507) 933-8888 - (Ask for Dean on Call 24/7)

SIGNS OF ALCOHOL POISONING

Source - College Drinking: Changing the Culture

<http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/otheralcoholinformation/factsaboutalcoholpoisoning.aspx>

Alcohol depresses nerves that control involuntary actions such as breathing and the gag reflex (which prevents choking). A fatal dose of alcohol will eventually stop these functions.

It is common for someone who drank excessive alcohol to vomit since alcohol is an irritant to the stomach. There is then the danger of choking on vomit, which could cause death by asphyxiation in a person who is not conscious because of intoxication.

You should also know that a person's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) can continue to rise even while he or she is passed out. Even after a person stops drinking, alcohol in the stomach and intestine continues to enter the bloodstream and circulate throughout the body. It is dangerous to assume the person will be fine by sleeping it off. Signs of alcohol poisoning include:

- Mental confusion, stupor, coma, or person cannot be roused.
- Vomiting.
- Seizures.
- Slow breathing (fewer than eight breaths per minute).
- Irregular breathing (10 seconds or more between breaths).
- Hypothermia (low body temperature), bluish skin color, paleness.

Even if the victim lives, an alcohol overdose can lead to irreversible brain damage. Binge drinking is especially dangerous because the victim can ingest a fatal dose before becoming unconscious.

Don't be afraid to seek medical help for a friend who has had too much to drink. Don't worry that your friend may become angry or embarrassed-remember, you cared enough to help. Always be safe, not sorry.

POLICIES

While on banquet, whether in Saint Peter or elsewhere, college policy still applies to all students and their guests.

Conduct

Every community has certain regulations and traditions that every member is expected to abide by and uphold. A college campus community, even more than others, depends upon members who are mature and have a sense of responsibility. Only in such a community of responsible citizens can an atmosphere that will contribute to the liberal arts education be established.

Guidelines for the Implementation of College Alcohol and Drug Policies for Student Groups Traveling Off Campus

Gustavus is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy living and learning environment free from alcohol and chemical abuse. This commitment applies both on campus as well as in College programs off campus. Students' behavior directly reflects upon Gustavus and affects the relationships that the College enjoys with communities both near and far.

The College encourages students to develop healthy habits and attitudes toward the use of alcohol. Abstinence is always an appropriate option; moderation is acceptable if it does not violate either College policies or the law. The use of any illegal drug will not be tolerated, nor will the consumption of alcohol by underage students. Participation in off-campus activities is a revocable privilege. Students who do not adhere to host site standards as well as the Gustavus Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action by the College.

Students and their staff/faculty advisers should be aware of College policies and federal, state, and local or foreign laws related to alcohol and other drug use. For students participating in credit-bearing academic courses which occur off-campus, please consult the Center for International and Cultural Education for applicable policies.

The following guidelines apply to "student groups," i.e., recognized student organizations or groups of students who are traveling off-campus in connections with co-curricular programs. Faculty or staff members who accompany student groups traveling off-campus are expected to follow the same guidelines as the group.

- A. Underage drinking and illicit drug use are illegal and will not be tolerated. Anyone who provides alcohol to an underage person or is found in possession of illegal drugs will be subject to disciplinary action as noted in the "Procedures" section below.
- B. Group leaders and coaches are expected to clarify the standards and expectations regarding the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, and the consequences of noncompliance.
- C. The following are minimum standards to be followed by every student group that travels off campus.
 1. No alcohol use in College vans or buses.
 2. Students of legal drinking age are expected to use good judgment if consuming alcohol at private homes, at group meals, or other settings at all times.
 3. If a group spends the night in a hotel, it is incumbent upon each member to behave responsibly as representatives of the College. No abusive, illegal, or irresponsible use of alcohol or drugs will be tolerated. Hotel management will be encouraged to deal with disruptive or illegal activities just as they would with other hotel guests. This may include involvement of local police authorities.
 4. Members should support one another in complying with these standards. Members who have an alcohol or drug abuse problem are encouraged to advise the group leader

College Alcohol and Drug Policy

Gustavus Adolphus College is concerned for the well-being of all members of its academic community and for the quality of their relationships. One area of that concern involves the use of alcohol and other drugs.

The College does not condone the use of alcohol when prohibited by law. On the contrary, it seeks to foster an atmosphere in which abstinence from alcohol is accepted, respected, and supported. The College also expects individuals and groups of legal age to make responsible choices with regard to alcohol use. Careful consideration must be given if alcoholic beverages are to be available at College-sponsored off-campus activities or at events where underage individuals are present. While the alcohol and drug policy makes provisions for the consumption of alcohol in conjunction with some special events, participants of all ages should be able to participate in all planned activities. Activities with alcohol may segregate those not of legal age from those who are, and this could be counterproductive to the development of community.

The College takes the position that chemical abuse is neither socially nor morally acceptable. It also recognizes the reality of chemical dependency and is aware of its presence in the academic community. We are obliged to help those who could be harmed or inconvenienced as a result of the irresponsible behavior of others. As a part of encouraging responsible lifestyles, Gustavus will strive to provide education about alcohol and other drug use, to encourage responsible choices, and to intervene in situations where it has knowledge of misuse and abuse of chemicals. The College will encourage and provide reasonable help for members of the community who seek treatment for chemical dependency.

The College expresses the following objectives with regard to alcohol and other drugs:

1. To support and encourage those who choose to abstain from the use of alcohol and other drugs.
2. To undertake to educate members of the College community regarding the effects of use, misuse, and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.
3. To formulate and maintain guidelines for appropriate response to the misuse and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.
4. To expect individuals who use alcohol to make responsible choices and respect the rights, needs, and lifestyles of other members of the community.
5. To sensitize Collegiate Fellows, Residential Life professional staff, Peer Assistants, faculty, staff, and students to the implications of chemical use, and especially to the needs of those who misuse or abuse alcohol or other drugs.
6. To provide direct assistance and/or referral for those with substance-abuse problems.

Each member of the community is encouraged to support the objectives of this policy. The Dean of Students shall have the primary responsibility for monitoring it for the student body, with primary enforcement provided by Campus Safety and the Residential Life staff. The Dean of Students shall continue to study, develop, and evaluate the program of education for the campus community dealing with the implications of alcohol and drug use.

Statement of Rules

Any violation of the following rules shall be considered an offense subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate authorities. The College reserves the right to request assistance from law enforcement officials where State or local laws are being violated.

1. Minnesota law and College policy prohibit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21. Providing alcohol to a minor, or assisting a minor in any way in obtaining alcohol, is specifically included as inappropriate behavior and is also a violation of State law.
2. Possession, use, sale, or solicitation of illegal substances is prohibited.
3. Possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.
4. State and local laws prohibit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages without a license. College policy prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages on campus.
5. Promotion on campus (including, but not limited to, circulars, posters, and campus publications) of consumption of large amounts of alcohol, or of events where drinking is the primary focus, is prohibited.
6. Alcohol advertisements are prohibited in student media publications and broadcasts.

7. Consuming or possessing alcohol in an open container in any public campus location is not permitted. The Gustavus Alcohol and Drug Policy allows the serving of alcoholic beverages on campus only under the following conditions:
 - a. Designated Areas shall be determined and reviewed by the appropriate Vice President or Dean subject to approval by the President.
 - b. The sponsor(s) must sign a request form detailing the event and indicating receipt of the statement "Responsibilities of a Sponsor of a Social Event at which Alcoholic Beverages Are Served."
 - c. The request for use of a Designated Area must be submitted to the appropriate Vice President or Dean at least seven (7) days prior to the event.
 - d. The event must be confined to the Designated Area.
 - e. The event must be confined to the times listed on the application, and the type and amount of alcoholic beverage limited to what is specified beforehand. Nonalcoholic beverages must be continuously available in a similar manner as the specified alcoholic beverage for underage guests and those wishing to abstain.
 - f. Serving of alcoholic beverages must be in conjunction with a reasonable amount of food.
 - g. Those sponsoring the event are responsible for ensuring that only those of legal age consume alcohol, and that consumption takes place in the Designated Area only.
 - h. The sponsors will be responsible for returning the area to its prior condition.
 - i. For application forms or more information about the Designated Area policy, contact the Dean of Students Office.
8. Driving under the influence is prohibited.
9. Transportation of alcoholic beverages to and from designated areas and/or private rooms must be in closed and opaque containers, not to include parts of clothing.
10. No college funds may be expended for the purchase of alcohol without prior approval.
11. Controlled Substances: Possession, use, sale, distribution, or solicitation of restricted or illegal substances is prohibited. The use, possession, sale, or distribution—or assistance in any way to anyone so involved—of any illegal and/or dangerous drugs, narcotics, or acids is strictly prohibited on the campus and in the residence halls. Prohibited substances will be confiscated and disposed of by College staff members in cooperation with local law enforcement officials and the offender subject to disciplinary action by both the College and civil authorities.

Medical Amnesty Policy

The College is very concerned about both the physical and emotional wellbeing of all students. The College also recognizes that there may be alcohol or other drug-related medical or safety emergencies in which the potential for disciplinary action could act as a deterrent to students who want to seek assistance for themselves or others. The Medical Amnesty Policy is designed to enable dangerously intoxicated or impaired Gustavus students to receive the professional medical treatment they need.

When one or more students aid an intoxicated or impaired Gustavus student by contacting Campus Safety, Residential Life or other appropriate College staff for assistance, neither the impaired individual nor the student(s) reporting the emergency will be subject to formal disciplinary action for the consumption or possession of alcohol or other drugs. The policy is thus invoked by taking action to notify College staff regarding a student in need of assistance. In rare circumstances, such as cases where other, more serious, violations occur, students may be subject to the student conduct process. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, physical abuse, verbal or physical harassment, disorderly conduct or major property damage. The medical amnesty policy does not preclude the college from referring involved students to participate in the college's alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs.