Sewanee Student Organizations

Fire Permit

Students and student organizations are strictly forbidden to have open fires on the Domain without permission from the Sewanee Police Department and Student Activities.

Rules for open fires on the Domain:

1. Absolutely no accelerants are to be used to start the fire nor may any be present at the fire scene.
2. Fires can only be constructed out of natural wood or untreated lumber and started with paper, cardboard, or kindling.
3. Fires must be at least 25 feet from the nearest structure, including cars.
4. Fires (flames) may not be taller than a ceiling — roughly how high an average six-footer can reach above his head or around eight feet.
5. The fire area must be cleared of debris, trash, etc.
6. There must be a designated firemaster who remains sober (not drinking at all) and who is in charge of the fire.
7. No horseplay, chicken fighting, wrestling, fire walking, or fire jumping is permitted.
8. No urinating or defecating in the fire.
9. NO BURNING OF ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE, RUGS, PILLOWS, TIRES, BIKES, ANIMALS, TREATED OR GLUED WOODS, CROSSTIES OR MATERIALS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED IN ITEM 2.
10. A water/garden hose must be present, connected to a sufficient water supply, and capable of reaching the fire.
11. At the end of the bonfire, the fire must be doused and put out.
12. If there is a problem, the fire-master should call the fire department.
13. Fires will not be permitted during dry spells and may be cancelled if other conditions warrant.

A violation of these rules will result in the suspension of that organization for the rest of the year. Violations by any two organizations will result in another ban on fires for all groups. Student leaders must sign a form indicating that they understand and will adhere to the policy.

By signing the form below, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the conditions and consequences listed above as the organization I represent.

Organization/Chapter: ____________________________________________________________
Firemaster (print): ________________________________________________________________
Firemaster (signature): ___________________________ Cell Number: ___________________________
Location of fire: _________________________________________________________________
Date of fire: ___________________________ Time of fire: ___________________________
Approved by: __________________________________________