

Paternoville Governing Policy
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Introduction

Disclaimer

The Paternoville Coordination Committee and the Pennsylvania State University will not be held liable for personal injury, theft, property damage, and fines/other consequences of parking violations that may result from a violation of the following regulations.

About the Paternoville Coordination Committee

The purpose of the Paternoville Coordination Committee (PCC) is to represent the body of students that camps out for football tickets at Gate A of Beaver Stadium. The organization works with University officials to keep Paternoville a fun and safe place to be, doing so by helping the University formulate and uphold Paternoville regulations.

About the Paternoville Governing Policy

In the spirit of our Penn State pride, unwavering support for Nittany Lion Football and reputation as the best student section in the country, we the citizens of Paternoville establish and support the following governing policies to help insure that we are able to preserve the Paternoville tradition of camping out for the front row seats at home football games. By working collaboratively with Paternoville participants and University officials, our shared purpose is to provide a safe, civil and respectable environment for our camping activity prior to home football games.

The Paternoville Governing Policy is the current, yet temporary, guiding principle of Paternoville. The regulations have been drafted to be used during the Temple and Michigan State football games as a pilot for future policy. Following the conclusion of the season, these policies and their effectiveness will be evaluated by the Paternoville Coordination Committee and University officials in effort to prepare for next year's football season.

The Paternoville Coordination Committee, in conjunction with University officials and campus police, reserves the right to alter the following set of rules governing Paternoville at its discretion.

Paternoville Policy

1. Tent Set-up and Break-down

- A. Camping and/or tenting may not begin until the Thursday prior to game day (anytime after 12:01AM). Tents may be established at any point during the course of that day.
- B. Tents must be broken down by 8:00 AM on game day to allow all students to stand in line for tickets.
- C. Tents must be set back from the stadium to the temporary gates established. No tents may be set up between the stadium gate and the temporary gate.
- D. Tents must not be any closer than 20 feet from the sidewalk.

2. Alcohol Consumption and Drug Use

- A. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted on Paternoville grounds.
- B. Paternoville citizens, those who have a tent established, may not participate in the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of illegal drugs on the grounds of Paternoville.
- C. Visitors of Paternoville, those who do not have a tent established but visit Paternoville, may not participate in the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of illegal drugs on the grounds of Paternoville.
- D. Paternoville citizens may not be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug while at Paternoville.
- E. Visitors of Paternoville may not be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug at Paternoville.

3. Violence

- A. Any acts of violence, assault or harassment will be reported to campus police. Violence will not be tolerated at Paternoville.

4. Open Flames and Grills

A. Open flames, charcoal and propane grills are not permitted at Paternoville.

5. Electricity and Battery Operated Devices

A. Electric appliances that need to be plugged in to operate, such as televisions, are a safety hazard and not permitted at Paternoville.

B. Battery operated appliances, such as flashlights and laptops, are permitted.

6. Traffic Obstruction

A. Campers are advised to refrain from obstructing traffic at the intersection of Porter and Curtain Roads. This includes standing and lying down in the street, throwing items at cars, or participating in any other actions that endangers or distracts drivers, as well as pedestrians and other Paternoville participants.

B. Loitering in the masses on the sidewalks near the street is considered dangerous to drivers and students alike, and is not permitted.

7. Waste Management

A. Paternoville citizens and visitors are encouraged to keep Paternoville clean, and are advised to use the available garbage barrels and recycling bins for their waste throughout camping activity.

B. All trash should be put in the proper receptacles during the breakdown of tents the morning of game day.

8. University Property Damage

A. Damage to the stadium, the gates or the bathrooms is not permitted, and those responsible for damages will be referred to Judicial Affairs and/or University Police.

B. Damage to trees, temporary gates, plaques and other monuments, exterior lighting, grounds and trash receptacles is not permitted, and those responsible for damages will be referred to Judicial Affairs and/or University Police.

9. Theft and Personal Property Damage

A. Please be sure to guard your personal belongings at all times, or choose not to bring them to Paternoville. Theft happens everywhere, and Paternoville is no exception.

B. As stated previously, the Paternoville Coordination Committee and the Pennsylvania State University are not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen personal property.

10. Inclement Weather

A. Temperatures that sink below 32 degrees Fahrenheit pose threats to the health of Paternoville campers. If temperatures fall below the freezing point, campers will have to leave the tent city. Once temperatures return to suitable levels for camping, residents will be allowed to return.

B. Campers DO NOT lose their spots in line when they leave due to inclement weather. Rather, their tents may remain standing in their absence (at their own risk) and their spot in line will not be relinquished.

C. Lightning and other forms of severe weather that pose threats can also call for a temporary suspension of the campout.

D. The temporary suspension and reinstatement of Paternoville campouts will be at the discretion of the collaborative efforts of the Paternoville Coordination Committee, University officials, and campus police.

E. Should the overall campout be suspended on the Friday night before game day, a wristband system will be used to reserve spots in line.

11. Parking

A. Parking on Curtain Road next to the stadium is a potential fire hazard. Please use this space for fast loading and unloading of camping supplies. Do not leave cars here overnight, or unattended for an extended period of time.

B. Parking on Porter Road next to the stadium is also a potential fire hazard. Please use this space for fast loading and unloading of camping supplies. Do not leave cars here overnight, or unattended for an extended period of time.

C. The Paternoville Coordination Committee is not responsible for towed vehicles or parking fines acquired while parking in these locations.

12. Consequences of Policy Violation

A. Any violation of the said policies may result in citation, arrest, and/or referral to Judicial Affairs.

B. Violation of policy may result in loss of spot in line for the camper's whole group. This decision is made by the Paternoville Coordinating Committee and is non-negotiable.

C. Multiple of excessive violations may result in a long-term suspension of a person/group's camping activity.

13. Contact Information

A. Website: www.clubs.psu.edu/up/paternoville

B. On Facebook, search the group name: "Paternoville Coordination Committee"