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CHAPTER ONE: Introduction

About the Handbook
Students will find in this handbook the policies, procedures, and forms they need to lead strong student organizations. Planning an event? Want to print a banner for Coates or Mabee? The Student Organization Handbook is your go-to guide! The Student Organization Handbook is reviewed annually for policy modifications or updates, resource clarification, and grammatical modifications by a committee made up of Student Involvement staff, faculty or staff members outside of Student Involvement, and Trinity University students. Questions not addressed in this handbook can be directed to Student Involvement (SI) at getinvolved@trinity.edu or (210) 999-7547.

Student Involvement
The mission of Student Involvement is to contribute to a vibrant campus life by developing student leaders, facilitating programs, and providing resources to support and engage students. Additionally, Student Involvement serves student organizations through leadership development and supporting organization events and programs through consultation and program approval.

Student Involvement Office Staff:

Coates Student Center - Suite 112

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CHAPTER TWO: Student Organizations

General Overview

Purpose of Student Organizations
The purposes and activities of student organizations at Trinity University are to reflect and complement the institution’s academic mission, and to provide opportunities for students’ personal development and achievement. Student organizations help create a challenging and supportive environment in which students can realize the full potential of their abilities and come to understand their responsibility to the larger community. Organizations may not be in violation of state laws or federal laws, commit or be committed to acts of violence, endanger the University’s tax exempt status, engage in activities hazardous to themselves or others, or be in violation of any of the regulations stated in this handbook or the Student Handbook. Student organization activities should not disrupt the orderly functioning of the University. Policies of student organizations with outside affiliations must not be in conflict with Trinity University policies.

Institutional mission and sponsorship of student organizations
The President of the University and the Board of Trustees hold the authority and responsibility for defining the institutional purposes and mission. The University has the responsibility to decide what student organizations are related to its official mission and purposes and the type and breadth of support it will give to these organizations. Student organizations do not represent the official voice of the University.

According to the guidelines established in the statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities: “As members of the University community, students bring a variety of interests to the campus and have the right of free association to join with other students with similar interests to form organizations according to the guidelines published by Student Life. These organizations, while not legally a part of and not necessarily endorsed by Trinity University, are understood to be valuable components of the educational process. Students should be free, individually and collectively, to express their views and concerns on issues of institutional policy and on matters of general interest to the student body. In order to facilitate this, the presence of a recognized student representative organization is encouraged and expected.”

Principles affecting student organizations
Religious, political, and special interest student organizations facilitate learning about faiths, viewpoints, and beliefs. The expression, discussion, and debate created by these student organizations must comply with University policies and cannot disrupt the orderly functioning of the University or threaten the safety and security of its citizens.

In the interest of fruitful collaboration and continuous learning, Student Involvement encourages student organizations to collaborate with other student organizations, departments, and community partners with ideologies and beliefs different from their own core mission. Student organizations engaging in meaningful, respectful conversations help create a dynamic and inclusive community. Should student organizations need assistance in facilitating these conversations, contact a Student Involvement staff member.

Student Involvement expects student organizations and student organization members to act as ethical and responsible agents of Trinity University, and in furtherance of University values, both on and off campus.
Types of Student Organizations

Trinity University supports the right of students to freely associate in recognized groups by offering logistical, personnel, and facility resources provided primarily through the Student Involvement department.

Registered Student Organizations
Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), inclusive of fraternity and sorority organizations, are established by students for the purposes of the students who join these organizations. These groups with common special interests must recruit and secure faculty or staff volunteer advisors. Advisor service need not be part of the advisor's job description. Individual student groups may collect dues and raise additional operating funds in compliance with the University's fundraising policy. They do not share the University's tax-exempt status. Individual student groups may request student activity fee support for one-time events and initiatives.

Fraternity & Sorority Organizations
Fraternities and sororities refer to the social, Greek-lettered organizations on campus. These organizations are defined as single sex, selective, and fulfill the Greek pillars of leadership, scholarship, camaraderie, and service. Membership cannot be held in more than one organization at the collegiate level. Full membership is extended on Bid Day when potential new members sign and submit a Bid Card to accept membership into a fraternity or sorority. Members who become inactive from a Greek-lettered organization, even during the new member orientation process, may not re-enter the recruitment process any year thereafter. Fraternities and sororities are required to have two alumni advisors (one with five years or greater of alumni standing and one with under five years of alumni standing) and may choose to have a faculty or staff advisor.

University Sponsored Organizations
University Sponsored Organizations (USOs) at Trinity University are specifically recognized by the University to advance goals aligned with the University's mission and values or with purposes set forth in the University's statement on the Rights and Responsibilities of Students. Additionally, USOs have broad missions that address the needs of large groups of students. Because USOs support the University's mission, the University hires full-time professional staff members to advise the groups and assure their sustainability over time. USO operations are funded with annual student activity fee allocations, and USOs receive tax-exempt status and legal protections based on their close relationship with the University.

Recognition and Adjudication of Organizations
Student organizations are granted privileges (including organization promotion, social events, and facility-use privileges) by the University. As the University grants these privileges to groups, it can withdraw them for cause. While the organization judicial process is generally used to determine cause, the institution, at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Life or a designee, may bypass the judicial process given the facts and circumstances and make a decision based upon the best interest of the University. Interim suspension, or interim action, may be employed as an administrative order by the Director of Student Involvement or the Vice President for Student Life. All organizations are to comply with University policies, including those in this handbook and the online Student Handbook, as amended from time to time.
Judicial Processes for Organizations

Overview
The organization judicial process ensures that student organizations are afforded a fair process when allegations of misconduct are raised. The following procedures apply to organizations (as opposed to the individual member(s) of a student organization) when a violation of University policy may have occurred (outlined in Chapter 3):

1. Any member of the University, San Antonio, or broader community may refer allegations of student organization misconduct to Student Involvement.
2. The Director of Student Involvement or his/her designee may conduct an informal investigation to determine if a formal investigation is necessary, or is warranted. This may include meeting with individuals, community members, and University officials to learn additional information about the allegation and/or to make an informal resolution.
3. If the allegations are unsubstantiated, the matter will be closed. If the allegations are based on reasonably reliable information and may involve a violation of University policies, the director will inform the accused organization(s) and schedule a formal investigation.
4. All allegations, policies in question, and investigation details will be sent electronically to the appropriate student leader(s) of the relevant organization(s) and advisers (if applicable).
5. Organization leaders may submit a written response to the allegations and policies in question. If a response is submitted, it should include the names of individuals/witnesses and all details (what, where, when, why) of the event/program/incident being investigated. The Director of Student Involvement must receive the organization's response within five calendar days of receiving notice of a formal investigation.
6. The Director of Student Involvement will use information gathered in step two (above) and submitted by the organization to determine if additional information is needed. The investigation may include additional interviews with members of the accused organization or other involved parties, as well as a review of all pertinent documentation connected to the organization. During interviews, individuals will be provided the opportunity to present their account of the incident or occurrence.
7. The Director of Student Involvement may seek the assistance and counsel of the Student Conduct Panel, Student Government Association, Greek Council, other student organizations, University faculty and staff, Trinity University alumni, and University general counsel in conducting the investigation or in determining appropriate sanctions.
8. The Director of Student Involvement will make a judgment as to the responsibility of the organization and determine sanctions (if applicable). The Director of Student Involvement may consider an organization’s judicial history when determining sanctions.
9. An appeal may be addressed, in writing, within seven calendar days of the decision to the Vice President for Student Life or designee. An appeal must demonstrate one or more of the following:
   a. A procedural or substantive error occurred that significantly impacted the outcome of the hearing (e.g. substantiated bias, material deviation from established procedures, etc.);
   b. New evidence, unavailable during the original hearing or investigation that could substantially impact the original finding or sanction. A summary of this new evidence and its potential impact must be included;
   c. The sanctions imposed are substantially disproportionate to the severity of the violation.
10. The written appeal should be authored and submitted by the organization’s student leaders and specifically address one or more of the conditions required to submit an appeal.

Sharing of information and details regarding outcomes of a judicial process and investigation is at the discretion of the Director of Student Involvement. The Director of Student Involvement will attempt to seek a balance between transparency to the community and respect for individual and organizational privacy in making this decision.

Note: Greek Council reserves the right to adjudicate its member organizations (recognized fraternities and sororities) according to separate processes (as outlined in the Greek Council Constitution and
Bylaws) for allegations related to specific, internal fraternity and sorority policies (except in instances of hazing or sexual misconduct). If Greek Council is unable to convene and conduct an investigation, Greek Council may forward a case to Student Involvement for consideration.

**Potential organizational sanctions**
The following sanctions may be imposed upon an organization found responsible for a violation of University policy.

1. **Probation** – This sanction places the organization on probationary status during which further violations may result in suspension or expulsion.

2. **Suspension** – A sanction of suspension must be approved by the Vice President for Student Life or designee. A sanction of suspension terminates an organization's status as an active and Recognized Student Organization for either a specific or indefinite period of time. A suspended student organization is restricted from use of University facilities and loses all rights and privileges granted to student organizations. Organizations may be granted the privilege to assume active status upon clearance from appropriate administration.

3. **Expulsion** – A sanction of expulsion must be approved by the Vice President for Student Life or designee. A sanction of expulsion permanently terminates an organization's status as a recognized student organization.

The following conditions may be imposed, along with sanctions, for an organization found responsible for a violation of University policy:

1. Financial restitution for labor, damage, or other loss;
2. Attending or developing educational/social/service programs;
3. Restriction from specific University buildings, areas, or facilities;
4. Loss of specific, or all, University privileges (including organization promotion, social events, and facility-use privileges); or
5. Restriction of off-campus activities (social in nature or other), including those stated in the Off-Campus Alcohol Guidelines.

An organization’s failure to complete a sanction within the allotted time will result in additional sanctions and/or consideration for further probation, suspension, or expulsion.

**Student Organization Procedures**

**New Student Organization Petition Process**
A group of students may petition to start a new organization during a designated time frame in either the fall or spring semester. Refer to the Student Involvement website for specific dates. Below are the steps to petition to become a registered (non-fraternity or sorority) student organization. Please note that the registration process lasts for the entirety of the semester.

1. Complete the online New Student Organization Application. All student groups will be expected to create a constitution and submit it to Student Involvement as a component of the new organization process. Additionally, student groups will have to submit the names of at least ten Trinity students who will be members of the organization, once approved. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

2. Interview with a Student Involvement representative. Interviews are contingent on completed application materials and will be offered by the Coordinator for Student Programs.

**Note:** Based on the completed application materials and interviews, Student Involvement will determine which organizations will become a Registered Student Organization. These new organizations will be required to then complete the Annual Registration Process (outlined below). Student Involvement will respond to petitioning organizations with approval or denial within 30 days of completion of all required steps. Petitioning organizations may appeal to the Vice President for Student Life or designee.
**Maintaining Active Status (Annual Registration)**

By December of each calendar year, student organizations wishing to remain active for the next calendar year are required to complete the following steps:

1. President must submit an Annual Registration Form on the Presence Software (this form includes a mandatory Anti-Hazing Agreement, constitution submission, faculty or staff adviser selection, and verification that the President has subscribed to the student leader email listserv, TULEadertalk);
2. President must complete a student organization roster on the Presence Software. Student Organizations are required to have at least ten members to maintain active status; and
3. Designated officers must view the Risk Management videos and complete the subsequent quizzes, obtaining a score of 70% or higher. Designated officers include President, Vice President, Risk Manager, Social Chair, and Orientation Chair.

All student organizations are required to operate on a calendar year (January-December) and must comply with the procedure as stated in the constitution template. Elections must be completed by November of each calendar year.

**Inactive Status**

If an organization does not complete the annual registration process by the December deadline the student organization will be deemed inactive. Inactive student organizations have until the end of the following spring semester to submit the Annual Registration Form in order to regain active status. Organizations that do not complete the Annual Registration Form in the spring semester, are required to complete the new student organization process in the fall semester as outlined above.

If an organization is being investigated for a violation of any policies at the time of annual registration, the organization will not be permitted to register and will be deemed to be inactive until the conclusion of the investigation.

**Current Governing Documents Are Required**

Organizations that amend their constitution or adopt new practices should submit the revised document to the Coordinator for Student Programs for review and record-keeping purposes.

All organizations are required to submit the most current version of their constitution during the Annual Registration Process in December of each year.

**National Organizations on Trinity University’s Campus**

Organizations that are affiliated with a national organization are required to provide a letter of support to Student Involvement. The letter of support is a mutual understanding and support for the student organization that is being sponsored by a national organization. The letter of support should include language that both parties (Trinity and the national organization) support the local chapter at the University before moving forward with any process. The letter of support will be documented and saved internally for Student Involvement.
CHAPTER THREE: Managing Your Organizations

Frequently-Used Forms

In order to ensure the success of an organization, it is imperative the student organization submit paperwork to relevant Student Involvement staff prior to the deadline. Below are the descriptions of important forms and their respective deadlines.

**Event Information Form**
1. **Submission Deadline:**
   - 1-2 months prior to event date, for elevated risk events (see Event Review Guidelines from the Trinity University Events Review Committee to determine if the event is elevated risk)
   - 1-2 weeks prior to event date for low risk events (see Event Review Guidelines from the Trinity University Events Review Committee to ensure the event does not include an elevated risk component)
2. **Description:** The event organizer fills out Event Information Form in order to inform Student Involvement of specific event details regarding their upcoming event. This form is to be filled out for all events with the exception of general body meetings. This form is to be submitted online.
3. **Purpose:** To empower student organizations to plan ahead and ensure that student organizations have safe and successful events.

**T-Space Reservations**
1. **Submission Deadline:** 1-2 months prior to non-routine event* date; ten class days prior to general body meeting, low-risk event
2. **Description:** In order for student organizations to reserve space on campus for programs and events, the T-Space Coordinator is to complete a T-Space reservation which is carefully reviewed by Student Involvement representatives and relevant campus schedulers prior to approval. T-Space reservations are to be made online.
3. **Purpose:** To allow student organizations to reserve spaces that best fit their event’s needs, goals, and audience.

**Authorized Driver Request Forms**
1. **Submission Deadline:** Five class days prior to travel
2. **Description:** An Authorized Driver Request Form should be completed along with a copy of the student’s driver’s license and auto liability insurance. This form is to be submitted and signed by a Student Involvement representative, which will be sent to Risk Management for approval. Please note that becoming an Authorized Driver does not mean members are subsequently van certified. Please see instructions to become van certified [here](#).
3. **Purpose:** To ensure that student drivers are trained and registered with the University.

**Student Participant Release Agreements**
1. **Submission Deadline:** 24 hours prior to event
2. **Description:** Student Participant Release Agreements are to be signed by all event participants and delivered to Student Involvement whenever a student organization is hosting an event of elevated risk (i.e. recreational activities, off-campus travel, and dance/exercise classes). All agreements will be submitted to Risk Management. Forms can only be signed by students of legal age. For students not of legal age, a parent/guardian must also sign the form. This form can either be submitted online or can be handwritten.
3. **Purpose:** To ensure safety of all event participants.
Annual Registration Form
1. Submission Deadline: Every December (specific deadline depends on year)
2. Description: The annual registration form collects officer information, indicates selection of faculty/staff advisor, and provides an opportunity for student leaders to sign the Anti-Hazing Agreement.
3. Purpose: To collect pertinent organizational information and ensure student organizations are active for the following calendar year.

Student Organization Account Request Form
1. Submission Deadline: Varies; recommended January of each year
2. Description: Student organizations are to complete the Student Organization Account Request Form in order to gain access to their on-campus bank account. Student organizations are allowed up to four members to sign the form, appointing them as “authorized users” of their account. Authorized users are able to submit Check Request or Fund Transfer Forms and withdraw cash from Northrup 108.
3. Purpose: To easily access student organization funds within on-campus bank accounts and transfer funds to various departments on campus.

Student Organization Check Request or Fund Transfer Form
1. Submission Deadline: Varies
2. Description: The Check Request or Fund Transfer Form is used to create University checks for external vendors and member reimbursements and to transfer student organization funds from their on-campus bank account to various departments on campus (Aramark, TUPD, etc.)
3. Purpose: To ease the process of paying vendors, reimbursing members and transferring funds to University departments.

Potentially Relevant Policies and Procedures

- Alcohol Policy
- Anti-Hazing Agreement
- Approved Bus Companies
- Banner Request Form
- POS Machine Request Form
- Posting and Promotions Policy
- Safer Parties Initiative
- Sample Student Organization Budget Template
- Sample Student Organization Constitution
- Tips for Promotion Your Organization
- Van Authorization

Procedures for Event Planning, including Hosting External Speakers

Prior to hosting an event, student organizations should consider their responsibility to the University community and event alignment with Trinity University institutional values and alignment with Trinity University's Value-based policies.

Organizations must follow these steps.
1. Submit a T-SPACE reservation as detailed in this handbook.
2. Complete the Event Information Form through Presence software (trinity.presence.io) (elevated risk events require submission 1-2 months in advance of event date; low risk events required submission 1-2 weeks in advance of event date).
3. Meet with the Coordinator for Student Programs, or other Student Involvement representatives as relevant, to begin the event planning process and discuss the completed Event Information Form previously submitted. The Coordinator will advise the hosting organization regarding facility and
other resource needs, check for scheduling conflicts, and review expectations of the hosting organization.

4. The Coordinator for Student Programs will forward non-routine, elevated-risk events to the University Event Review Committee. In order to lower the risk level, maximize safety, and reduce risk conditions, the Event Review Committee may make recommendations for additional event planning steps (including, but not limited to: requirement for a contract, liability insurance, security personnel, etc.).

   Note: When TUPD presence is required, the hosting organization will bear the cost of the services.

5. Event promotions and the event itself may proceed only upon notification from Student Involvement (the Director, Assistant Directors, or Coordinator for Student Programs) that the logistical items stated in the aforementioned steps meet University requirements for the specific event.

6. Student Involvement is the Approving Authority for student organization events and will determine if an event is approved and when campus space can be formally reserved and confirmed.

**Event Planning Expectations**

In order to maintain the safety and security of the campus community and student organization events, student organizations must adhere to the following event planning expectations:

1. External groups affiliated with or connected to student organizations for the purposes of affiliated with or coordinating with umbrella groups and/or involved in sponsoring or financially supporting an event in any way must comply with University and student organization policies and procedures.

2. Once the event is approved, existing logistical plans and arrangements may not be changed within five days of the event.

3. Event promotion may not proceed until the event is approved. Event promotion must comply with both the Commercial Enterprise Policy and the Solicitation and Promotion Policy. Please see the Student Handbook for details.

4. Failure to comply with reasonable and timely requests and/or stated deadlines may result in the cancellation or rescheduling of an event.

5. All decisions of the University are final.

**Programs on Observed Religious Holidays**

Whenever possible, Student Involvement will discourage the scheduling of events and programs during observed religious holidays. Student Involvement acknowledges conflicts will arise and commits itself to recognizing when the date for a particular event or program inconveniences or excludes members of the Trinity community.

**Student Organization Resources**

In the Student Involvement Office, you can find:

- **Paper and paint for banners:** Student organizations will need to request banner paper from Student Involvement.
- **Digital banner machine:** The banner printer is available to advertise one-time events/programs **FOR FREE.** Submit online request forms at least five class days before banners are needed. Solid color backgrounds are not permitted. Graphics must be no larger than half of the document. Two-banner limit per event. Only PDF documents are accepted.
- Collaborative, informal meeting space for small groups.
**TULeaderTalk Listserv**
Advertise programs, pose questions to fellow leaders about programming problems, and discuss ideas. Subscribe by sending a completely blank e-mail (no subject, no text, and no signature) to: subscribetuleadertalk@lyris.its.trinity.edu. Student organization leaders are required to subscribe to this listserv; anyone can join. Tell your friends!

**Facilities Reservations**

**General**
General view details for the permitted uses of Trinity University facilities [here](#).

**Facilities Reservations**
Reservations for University facilities are made through **T-SPACE** (Trinity Scheduling, Planning and Calendaring Events), a web-based reservation system for University facilities (indoor and outdoor).

T-SPACE training is required in order for student organizations to reserve campus space. T-SPACE training will be disseminated via email by the Coordinator for Student Programs to designated T-Space Coordinators in December of each calendar year. T-SPACE Coordinators are required to watch the T-SPACE videos and complete the subsequent quizzes, obtaining a score of 100% in order to have access to a student organization T-SPACE account.

Only one representative of each organization may receive reservation privileges. After successfully passing the quizzes, the T-SPACE Coordinator is issued a password that provides access to their organization’s T-SPACE account. The outgoing T-SPACE Coordinator should continue to make reservations until new officers receive an updated login and password. If the training is not completed by December, the T-SPACE account will be suspended until training is complete.

**Using T-SPACE**
**Note:** Some University events and departments may have priority for facilities and equipment.

1. Submit your T-SPACE reservation ten class days prior to the event
2. **A detailed description of the event is REQUIRED for all events. Keep this clear and concise in 2-3 sentences.**
3. Under “Event Location”, you will be able to see which spaces are currently available, if you want a specific location. You may select more than one location. You can also view the location details (room features, layouts, capacity, and picture) by hovering over the location name.
4. If you need any resources for your room (tables, chair, trash cans, electrical needs, special set-up, etc.), please select them from “Event Resources”. You do not need to request anything that is already in the room (you can see existing resources/features by hovering over the room name).
5. Do not count on successfully reserving Athletics spaces. These spaces are very difficult to reserve due to the high demand for these spaces by teams, courses and instructors, intramurals, etc. The dance studios and racquetball courts are your best option if you are considering reserving an Athletics facility.

**Special Reservation Procedures**

- **Information Technology Services** requires organizations to designate one officer to be trained by Information Technology Services staff for equipment use, required for T-SPACE Coordinators. Organizations must pick up equipment for event purposes from the first floor of the Coates Library (101A) and be trained by Information Technology Services staff at pick up. Student organizations are held responsible for any fees associated with damages or loss of equipment.
• **Laurie Auditorium**: Please contact Kevin Hawkins, Director of Laurie Auditorium, at khawkins@trinity.edu or 210-999-8110 PRIOR to making a reservation on T-SPACE. Laurie Auditorium requires technical staff so there may be additional expenses associated with the use of the Auditorium.

• **TUPD Presence**: Organizations are required to consult with and pay for TUPD officers/security for events with large attendance or with alcohol present. Charges per officer is $50 per hour for a minimum of two hours. Final security needs will be determined by Sargent Clint Ratliff (cratlifft@trinity.edu) and TUPD.

• **The Holt Center and the Chapman Great Hall** require a faculty or staff member to be present during events in these facilities. Please note: The Gold Room in Chapman Great Hall is not reservable by student organizations.

• **Skyline/Underwood Rooms** require catering for use of these spaces. To change the default layout, a fee of $100 will be charged by facilities to return the room to the default set up.

• **Classrooms** may only be reserved after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays.

• **Non-Academic Space Reservations**: reserving non-academic spaces is permitted up to a year in advance.

• **Academic Space Reservations**: reserving academic spaces is limited to one semester in advance (after the class schedule has been set).

• **Upper Campus**: The Coates Student Center Esplanade, the Coates Student Center Plaza, Storch Courtyard, Miller Fountain, and Parker Chapel Courtyard can be reserved. Events that may disrupt, or have the potential to disrupt, classes or other scheduled University events or the orderly functioning of the University (including office operations) cannot be approved. All other outdoor areas of the upper campus are considered public use areas and are not available for reservation.

• **Lower Campus**: Reservable spaces include the Meadows Pavilion, outdoor courts, and playing fields. These spaces have special requirements (for more information view T-SPACE).

• **Miller Fountain**: Occasionally, Miller Fountain may be reserved for major University Sponsored events. Request for the fountain area must be submitted via T-SPACE a minimum of 15 business days prior to the proposed event. Final approval resides with the University President.

### Reading Days Policy
Student organizations are strongly discouraged from scheduling any events, meetings, or parties during Reading Days. This is in accordance with the policy outlined in Trinity’s Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook which states:

The two days immediately preceding the final examination period, ending at 6:00 p.m. on the second day, are designated as Reading Days. Since Reading Days are for the purpose of providing students with study time prior to final examinations, no classes are held, no graded assignments or projects are due, and no examinations are given on those days. Exceptions to this policy must be granted by the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs: Curriculum and Faculty Development. During this time, departments, student organizations, and individual faculty members are encouraged to schedule no lectures, projects, parties, or other activities involving students.

### Equipment
(Review facility attributes for the venue you have selected prior to submitting your T-SPACE request)

a. **Arrange for special set-up arrangements** (audio/visual equipment from Academic Technology, staging, electricity, water hoses, special cleaning) in the “internal notes” section when you reserve a venue via T-SPACE.

b. **TigerBucks devices**: see “Sources of Funding & Fundraising Opportunities” section below
Commercial Enterprise Policy

This policy ensures commercial enterprises operating on the Trinity campus contribute to the quality of student life and advance the mission of the University. The University is committed to experiential learning, and this policy distinguishes commercial enterprises run by students learning through experience from non-student commercial enterprises.

Except as otherwise permitted by this Policy, commercial enterprises are not permitted to conduct any business activities, including but not limited to solicitation and promotion, at Trinity without advanced written approval from the Vice President for Finance and Administration or designee. Please see Student Handbook for policy details.

Solicitation and Promotion Policy

Trinity University is a living and learning home for students. Faculty and staff best support the University’s mission when working without distraction. By nature, solicitations and promotions on campus may invade privacy, alter the community environment, undermine University operations or branding, or dilute the Trinity experience. However, it is recognized that some solicitation and promotion activities may complement one or more of the University’s core values of discovery, excellence, impact, individual, and community. In addition, solicitation and promotions efforts not coordinated with Alumni Relations and Development could conflict with or duplicate the University’s own efforts to solicit support. Please see Student Handbook for policy details.

Managing Organization Finances

On-Campus Bank Accounts
All student organizations can have a campus account. On-campus accounts allow organizations to deposit money, withdraw cash, and request checks for paying bills or vendors without any fees. Cash withdrawals are limited to $50 per day. To establish an account complete the Application for Student Organization Account.

Tips for check requests and fund transfers
- Student organizations must complete the Check Request or Fund Transfer Form for check payments to vendors or reimbursements to students/organization members.
- Pick up requested checks in the Student Financial Services office (Northrup 108), the check request process can take up to 2-3 weeks.
- When organizations intend for the University to mail a check to a vendor address, assuming all relevant documents have been submitted (W-9 Forms, original receipts, etc.), the process may take up to five to ten business days.
- If the Check Request or Fund Transfer Form is properly completed and authorized, requests submitted by 1:00 PM on Monday will be available for pickup (or mailing) late Wednesday afternoon.
- If the Check Request or Fund Transfer Form is properly completed and authorized, requests submitted by 1:00 PM on Wednesday will be available for pickup (or mailing) late Friday afternoon.
- The Business Office does not overnight checks. That is the responsibility of the student organization.

Note: If a Check Request or Fund Transfer Form exceeds $5,000, it will need the approval of the Vice President for Student Life. Student Involvement will facilitate this additional step.
Tips for deposits:
Student Organizations can deposit money in the Student Financial Services Office. A deposit slip will be required for depositing cash or check along with your student account number.

- Deposits can be made during the following times:
  - Monday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Donation checks should be payable to your student organization.
- Endorse all checks with the name of your student organization.
- Coins should be rolled and counted prior to deposit (wrappers available at the Student Financial Services Office).

Tips for general accounting
- Regularly reconcile accounts by reviewing your monthly budget report after the 10th of the month. Contact the Coordinator for Student Programs for your organization’s monthly budget report.
- Officers that request a check are also responsible for picking up and distributing the check (or the check can be mailed if requested).

Tax-Exempt Status

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RSOs, including fraternities and sororities, do not share the University’s tax-exempt status.

When considering tax-exempt status, there are two organizational designations that are applicable:

- All student organizations (both USO’s and RSO’s) can host a one-day, tax-free sales event each month (one day equals 24 consecutive hours). Raising funds for the organization must be the purpose of the sale. Any taxable item can be sold tax-free as long as the price of the item does not exceed $5,000. However, a taxable item can be sold tax-free for more than $5,000 if the item is manufactured by the organization or donated to the organization and not sold back to the donor.
- If two or more groups join together to hold a one-day tax-free sale, it counts as one tax-free sale for each organization that participates.
- If an item is sold for more than $5,000 at a tax-free event, the organization must obtain a sales tax permit, collect sales tax, and remit money directly to the State of Texas. If an organization uses off-campus banking, the organization is responsible for remitting and reporting the tax to the State on its own. For USO organizations that utilize an on-campus account, the University will remit the sales tax to the State on behalf of the organization.

University Sponsored Organizations (USOs) may use Trinity’s tax-exempt status when making purchases. This allows these organizations to purchase taxable item(s) that is/are to be used for the purpose of the USO’s mission.
Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), including fraternities and sororities, cannot use Trinity’s State tax-exempt status when making purchases.

Tax-Exempt Status and Guidelines for Political Activities

The American Council of Education (ACE) Memorandum: “Political campaign-related activities of and at colleges and universities” provides specific guidance for political activities. These guidelines address federal tax requirements for Trinity as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt institution, as well as other federal and state laws that prohibit educational institutions from participating or intervening in any political campaign or partisan activity.

Sources of Funding and Fundraising Activities

Student Government Association (SGA)
Each semester, students pay a student activity fee administered by SGA. Student organizations may inquire about the funding process by contacting sga@trinity.edu or visiting the SGA website.

Other Opportunities for Fundraising
All fundraising activities for your organization must be indicated in T-SPACE reservation requests. Be sure to include details of the fundraiser including the student organization account number.

All organizations must get approval from the Office of Annual Giving before fundraising and collecting money. You may contact the Director of Annual Giving for more information. Contact the Coordinator for Student Programs or your organization advisor to begin this process. Once approval is obtained the organization should make clear it is fundraising for the organization and not for Trinity University.

Suggestions for Fundraising:
- Collect dues from organization members
- Sell merchandise. (Organizations and members may not serve as agents for commercial enterprises, such as selling phone cards, cell phones, or credit cards.)
- Sponsor an event at a local restaurant (“Rugby Night at Taco Cabana”) to receive proceeds from diners
- Sell tickets to an event (see below for permitted process)
- Solicit cash donations for club purposes from the campus community, alumni, or parents.
- Solicitations of persons or firms not affiliated with the University are prohibited because of the University’s tax-exempt status

Student Organization Purchasing Card (P-Card) Policy
Student Involvement permits organizations to use the Student Organization Purchasing Card. Student organizations wanting to make an online purchase with the Student Organization Purchasing Card must contact the Coordinator for Student Programs in order to retain Purchasing Card privileges.

Note: With permission from the Coordinator for Student Programs, student organizations may check out the Student Organization Purchasing Card only if the purchase is being made from a local vendor. The student organization must check out the Student Organization Purchasing Card with the Coordinator for Student Programs and return the card along with an itemized receipt within 24 hours. Failure to do so will result in Purchasing Card privileges being revoked.
Ticket Sales and Admission Fees
Student organizations may ONLY charge admission fees for philanthropic activities (as reviewed and approved by Student Involvement). Ticket sales for events in Laurie Auditorium are not permitted unless sold through the Ticketmaster system. Organizations must account for the total income received from the sales of ticket sale/admission fees and show that the total income was appropriately managed and deposited. Guidelines for ticket sales and admission fees:

- Tickets must be pre-printed and numbered
- All unsold tickets must be maintained
- Prepare a close-out ticket report to disclose how many tickets were sold at each price, how many free tickets were granted (if applicable), and the names of individuals who were given free tickets
- Deposit cash received from ticket sales within 24 hours (see the Cash Handling Policy in Appendix A).

Lotteries, Raffles, Gambling, Giveaways
State law and University policy may limit your options when planning events that involve the following:

Lotteries/Raffles: If you sell a ticket for a chance to win a prize then it is a lottery or raffle.

- Organizations should not host lotteries or raffles as most of the time they are illegal in the state of Texas.

Giveaways: Giveaways or drawings are similar to a lottery or raffle, but legal. Giveaway events must be free and open to the public.

- You may suggest donations but be sure everyone who enters the event has an equal chance to win all giveaways.

Gambling: Gambling includes games of chance (not skill) where there is consideration to play (pay to play) and a prize is won. To make a poker game legal:

- DO NOT use chips/winnings to purchase or bid on auction items if there is a charge for gaming pieces
- DO ensure everyone has an equal chance to win prizes (do not connect the prize to the play)
- DO rent “for entertainment purposes only” casino machines.

Tigerbucks Devices and Credit Card Terminals
Student organizations can utilize Tigerbucks devices and/or Credit Card Terminals to swipe Tiger Cards and/or debit/credit cards at student approved events. Reservations for these devices must be made a minimum of ten business days in advance prior to the first day it is to be used. All events requiring these devices must be requested and confirmed on T-SPACE prior to the time that an equipment reservation is made at the Tiger Card Office. Device Loan Agreements are available in the Tiger Card Office. Organizations have two options for requesting these devices: It is required that each group keep a log of their transactions to assure accuracy. Please contact the Tiger Card Office for a log template.

1. Reserve a mobile Credit Card terminal from the Tiger Card Office. The Tiger Card office now offers an iPad with an associated reader which only accepts credit card transactions. You must reserve the credit card terminal the same way that you would a Tigerbucks device. (See #2 for reservation details). Individuals checking out equipment are responsible for returning the equipment undamaged and in working order. Replacement units cost $1200. The student organization checking out the credit card terminal will be responsible for all repairs, replacement, and shipping costs incurred.

2. Reserve a mobile Tigerbucks device at the Tiger Card Office. Please contact the Tiger Card office staff via email to get the necessary paperwork that needs to be filled out and approved by Student Involvement in order to reserve the dates requested. The Tiger Card Office staff will configure the Tigerbucks card swipe to accept donations for a specific purpose outlined by the requesting organization. Organizations may obtain funds by encouraging donors to come to the Tiger Card Office to make a donation from Tigerbucks. The funds will be taken from the donor’s
account immediately at the time of the transaction. Reservations of the device in the Tiger Card Office cannot exceed one week.

This device records donations at remote locations in an on & offline mode; offline transactions are downloaded from the Tiger Card System once you turn the device back into their office. *(Note: There is no way to know if an offline transaction is valid until the download takes place. Insufficient funds, lost, invalid or stolen Tiger Cards will be detected at the time of download and will not be processed).* Individuals checking out equipment are responsible for returning the equipment undamaged and in working order. *(Replacement units cost $800. The individual checking out the unit will be responsible for all repairs, replacement, and shipping costs incurred)*. The Tigerbucks device may be reserved for the time specified and approved on T-SPACE.

**Food**

**Food Service Options**
All food in Skyline, Coates Student Center (including the Esplanade), and Mabee (including food at information meetings, events, and programs) must be provided by Aramark (the food services contractor at Trinity University). Organizations have three options when ordering from Aramark:

1. **Pick-up Events:** The organization arranges for someone to pick up the food from Mabee Dining Hall on the day of the event at the time specified on the form. *(This is the most common procedure.)* A student ID must be provided in order to pick up the order. The name on the ID should match the name on the order.

2. **Delivery Events:** Food can be delivered and set up at the location of your event *(additional $25 fee applies)*.

3. **Catered Events:** Formal meals *(with linens, place settings, and a wait staff)* require a service fee *(non-negotiable $15/server/hour)*. The number of servers depends on the quantity of food and number of people at the event. There is no delivery charge for this type of event. Events in the Skyline or Underwood rooms **MUST** be catered *(extra charges such as additional servers, extra quantity of food, and service fee will automatically be added to your invoice)*.

**How to Order Food**
Menus are available [online](#). Catering arrangements can be made by contacting Darlene Rodriguez, Catering Coordinator, at 999-8416. Food orders must be completed by visiting the Catering Department office on the 2nd floor of Mabee Dining Hall. Be prepared to provide your name, ID number, date and time for pick up, number of people to be served, contact phone number, and organization name. **Note:** Orders will not be taken unless they are placed BEFORE 2:00 PM three business days before the event.

**Ordering Timeline:**

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How to Pay for Food
After orders are placed, Darlene Rodriguez will email a summary of the order to you. Reply to the email and confirm the order as is or request changes to the order. An invoice (what you owe) is provided to you after the event is complete through campus mail. Payment options include:

- **On-Campus Account Check Request**: Organizations with on-campus bank accounts can request a check by completing a [Check Request or Fund Transfer Form](#) and attaching an invoice. The form is required to be signed by an authorized student who has access to the student account and a representative from Student Involvement. The form is submitted to the Business Office.
- **Purchasing Credit Card (P-Card)**: Only University Sponsored Organizations may use their purchasing credit card to make payments to Aramark.
- **Cash**: If paying with cash, ARAMARK will need the payment in full prior to the event.
- **Credit Card**: If paying with a credit card, please provide the card information at the time the catering order is submitted.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Do I have to use Aramark?**
   Yes, food for student organizations must be ordered through Aramark for all events on campus. Aramark does have a “first right of refusal” policy. Student organizations must ask Aramark if they can provide the food for an event FIRST. Aramark has the option of saying yes (depending on location) or allowing you to find another food service provider if they are unable to meet your needs.

2. **How do I make special requests (ethnic foods, complicated recipes)?**
   Aramark wants to serve you! If you want to combine platters or request something that is not on the preset menu, just ask.
   **Note**: Special orders and requests for ethnic foods must be placed two weeks in advance of the event. Provide Aramark with a recipe and ask for taste tests. If Aramark cannot provide a food that you have requested, you may select another vendor.

3. **Where is food service allowed on campus?**
   Campus locations include: outdoors, the Esplanade, Fiesta Room, Storch Lobby, Witt Center, Bell Center, Skyline Room, Underwood Room, Tiger’s Den, Lightner Tea Room, and Prassel Game Room. You may also have food service in any room in upstairs Coates Student Center.

Food Handling Procedures
Events involving food/beverage that are NOT open or advertised to the public DO NOT require a license or permit (for example, a bake sale fundraiser on the Esplanade for the Trinity community only). For permit purposes, the on-campus contact is the Aramark chef.

All events involving food/beverage that are open to the public must follow food handling procedures as determined by the Metropolitan Health District: [http://www.sanantonio.gov/health](http://www.sanantonio.gov/health) and view the “food licensing and permits” option. Individuals must review the [food safety procedures](#) prior to their event.

**Note**: Deviation and exceptions from the food handling procedure may occur. Please contact and meet with the Coordinator for Student Programs in Student Involvement.
CHAPTER FOUR: Risk Management

Overview of Risk Management

Risk management is the process of minimizing the adverse effects of accidental losses. Risk Management Training is sent out via email by the Coordinator for Student Programs annually and is required for all student organizations (Texas Education Code 51.9361 and House Bill 2639/Senate Bill 1138). Officers that are required to complete Risk Management Training on an annual basis include President or Director (including all co-Presidents), Risk Management Officer, Social Chair, and New Member Educator/Orientation Chairs. Risk Management Training highlights six components: 1) Traveling outside of San Antonio; 2) Events with Alcohol and the Alcohol Policy; 3) Safer Parties Initiative (SPIn); 4) Hazing; 5) Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault; 6) Drugs, Weapons, and Fire Safety. Each required officer must complete and pass the subsequent quizzes with a score of 70% or higher. All Presidents of student organizations must share the risk management information with the organization’s full membership at the beginning of each calendar year.

Travel

General
Student organization travel is considered an elevated risk activity. Student organizations that sponsor trips assume a duty of care for members and guests. Student organizations must take reasonable precautions for the safety and well-being of all participants.

Travel Outside City Limits
1. Trips (excursions, meetings, conferences, retreats, etc.) outside of San Antonio city limits sponsored by a student organization require the organization representative to complete the Event Information Form a minimum of four weeks before the scheduled event. The Event Information Form will indicate travel details including date, time, location, authorized drivers, emergency contacts for all members, flight information, if applicable, etc.
2. All participants must complete the Student-Participant Release Agreement. This form can be completed online for convenience. A paper/print version may be accessed on the Student Organization Resources page if needed. Signed forms should be obtained from all participants and submitted to Student Involvement at least 24 hours prior to the trip in order to be retained long-term.

Approved Bus Carriers
Trinity University departments and recognized organizations may have a need to utilize charter bus services for university-sponsored local trips, out of town trips, or extended multi-day trips. To meet this need, agreements with Trinity approved carriers have been developed with carriers that have satisfactory ratings with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The list of approved carriers can be found online.

Authorized Drivers
Events for which travel is required, paid for with University funds, or students are representing the University, require all drivers to be authorized drivers by the University. An Authorized Driver Form (along with copies of a valid driver’s license and vehicle insurance) must be submitted to Student Involvement and Risk Management at least five class days prior the trip. Please ensure that a Student Involvement staff member has signed as the Supervisor prior to submitting the form to Risk
Management. The information contained in the form will be used to request a Motor Vehicle Record (MVR). If the MVR reflects three or more moving violations, regardless of fault, the request will be denied. The request will also be denied if the MVR reflects a DWI or a DUI. Approval as an authorized driver means that the University approves an individual to drive in this capacity. The vehicle owner's personal accident and liability insurance is in effect during the period of travel. If you are not sure if you are an authorized driver, review the list of authorized drivers. To become an authorized van-driver, refer to Van Driver Check-Ride information by clicking here.

Hazing

The potential for hazing to occur is present in any group or team situation, whether you are a student organization, athletic team, or fraternity or sorority. The University Hazing Policy can be found here. Organizations are also encouraged to be familiar with state laws. The Anti-Hazing Agreement are required from all organization annually and are embedded within the annual registration form. In addition, all organizations that implement a new member orientation/education program are required to submit a calendar of events to Student Involvement at least 30 days prior to beginning the program. Calendars will be reviewed and approved by a Student Involvement staff member.

Student Involvement staff members are available to listen to your concerns or to assist your organization in planning events that are free from hazing. Reports of hazing (anonymous or otherwise) can be directed to getinvolved@trinity.edu or (210) 999-7547 or to the Dean of Students Office at (210) 999-8843.

Alcohol Use

General
The University Alcohol Policy can be found here. Off-campus events with alcohol should adhere to the Safer Parties Initiative guidelines.

Standards for Events
Organizations sponsoring events with alcohol have a responsibility to care about the health and safety of their guests and to create an environment that is well-controlled and monitored. To reflect this care, the following practices must be followed (including the following sections: Applicable State of Texas Laws, Risk Reduction & Responsible Hosts, Off-Campus Event Recommendations, and On-Campus Events with Alcohol). Any organization that fails to appropriately follow these guidelines and recommendations may be subject to, within the discretion of Student Involvement and/or all relevant governing bodies, the organization judicial process found in chapter one of this handbook.

Applicable State of Texas Laws
- The sale of alcoholic beverages by the organization directly is prohibited.
- Organization members, collectively or individually, shall not purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any person under the legal drinking age.

Risk Reduction & Responsible Hosts
- The possession, sale, use or consumption of illegal drugs or controlled substances at any student organization sponsored event is prohibited.
- Host organization(s) must provide food and alternative beverages.
- Organizations may not purchase alcoholic beverages with organization funds, nor may they organize the collection of funds for the purchase of alcohol. Organizations may not co-sponsor or co-finance an event in which alcohol is purchased by any of the host organizations. Exceptions to
this policy include organizational events in Skyline and limited quantities of alcohol used for celebratory purposes (including religious holidays and special occasions).

- No student organization may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, or tavern where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present. This is different than hosting an event at an establishment that sells alcohol.
- No alcohol shall be present at any new member education program or event.
- All official recruitment activities will be dry (no alcoholic beverages).

On-Campus Events with Alcohol
If a student organization wants to host an event with alcohol on campus, the organization must follow these five steps:

1. **Submit a T-Space reservation request.**
2. **Complete and submit the Event Information Form.**
3. **Set up a consultation meeting with a Student Involvement representative.**
4. **Contact Aramark for bartenders and alcohol permit.**
   a. All events with alcohol on campus must go through Aramark for bartender staffing. Aramark bartenders are Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) certified. Please note, though, there is a required minimum fee to utilize Aramark bartenders. It is the responsibility of the student organization to pay for Aramark services.
   b. The only space on campus that has a permit to sell alcohol is the Skyline Room. This permit allows student organizations to host an event where alcohol is sold or served. For all other locations on campus, a cash bar is not permitted. If a student organization wishes to have a cash bar and sell alcohol at an event, the organization is required to purchase a TABC permit for that campus location. Student organizations must contact Aramark to initiate this process. Please note: It may take 30 days or more to obtain approval for a TABC permit.
5. **Contact TUPD to provide security coverage.**
   a. TUPD presence is required for all on-campus events with alcohol. Student organizations are responsible for the costs associated for security. TUPD will determine how many officers are required for presence based on the estimated attendance of the event. IDs will be checked by either a TUPD officer, Aramark staff member, or a licensed TABC bartender.

Off-campus events with alcohol
Students who hosts off-campus events where alcohol is likely to be present have the responsibility to encourage safe and responsible behavior among peers and guests. Trinity University acknowledges that students will drink alcohol, cares deeply about student health and safety, and enforces policies as prescribed by law.

Since students in privately owned or rented off-campus residences sometimes host formal or informal private or public gatherings, Trinity University offers guidance for students to act as responsible hosts, peers, and neighbors. Trinity University’s “Safer Parties Initiative,” or SPIn, provides guidelines to help you have safer off-campus events.

Further questions about Trinity’s Safer Parties Initiative, should be addressed with a Student Involvement representative.
Contracts

You must be at least 18 years of age to enter into a contract. Before a student organization enters into a contract, that student organization is required to complete the Event Information Form on Presence and schedule an event consultation with a Student Involvement representative at least four weeks prior to the scheduled event. All student organization events that require a contract and/or insurance will be determined by Student Involvement and/or the Event Review Committee.

Contract templates are available on the Risk Management Contract Policy and Procedures web page. All third party contracts should be reviewed by Student Involvement in the event consultation process prior to submission to Risk Management.

In all circumstances, the Office of Risk Management is required to review all contracts, whether internal or third party, and sign on behalf of the University/organization. As this process can take several weeks to complete, organizations are required to meet with a Student Involvement representative at least four weeks prior to the scheduled event date. Contracts commonly include insurance requirements to cover liability and property loss exposures of the parties. Dependent on the risk associated with an event, external parties/vendors will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance with Trinity University listed as an additional insured for elevated risk events. In the case that an external party/vendor cannot provide a Certificate of Insurance, the student organization will need to purchase the insurance on the external parties/vendor’s behalf or it may possibly be funded by the Office of Risk Management, funds permitting.

Note: Organizations may NOT enter into any contract that identifies Trinity University or any office/department that is a part of Trinity University without prior written approval from the Director of Student Involvement, the Director of Risk Management, or the Associate Director of Risk Management.

Off-Campus Visitors/Tournaments

General

Note: All student organizations that wish to host off-campus visitors/tournaments are required to complete the Event Information Form on Presence and schedule an event consultation with a Student Involvement representative at least four weeks prior to the scheduled event. All student organization events that require a contract and/or insurance will be determined by Student Involvement and/or the Event Review Committee.

Off-campus users of campus facilities must provide insurance that names Trinity University as an additional insured on the policy. The policy must provide general liability insurance (including coverage for personal injury and property damage) with a limit of liability not less than $1,000,000 for each occurrence. Off-campus users who are unable to provide the required insurance may purchase a short-term policy through a third party vendor, such as Francis L. Dean. The Office of Risk Management can assist the student organization or third party with this process. Risk Management requires 7 to 10 business days for processing applications for short-term insurance. This insurance covers Trinity University and the user of Trinity University facilities.

Note: Recreational events may require additional insurance limits. It is strongly recommended that organizations wishing to host events with off-campus visitors meet with Student Involvement staff during the planning process.
Events with Minors

**Note:** All student organizations that wish to host an event with minors are required to complete the Event Information Form on Presence and schedule an event consultation with a Student Involvement representative at least four weeks prior to the scheduled event. All student organization events that require a contract and/or insurance will be determined by Student Involvement and/or the Event Review Committee.

Per Senate Bill 1414 and per guidelines set forth by the Texas Department of Health, the following must be completed for all students working with guests under 18 years of age on or off-campus ("off-campus" EXCLUDES serving or working at third party agencies who may already have their own child protection processes (i.e. schools, afterschool programs, etc.)):

1. **Complete a criminal background check.** Post-event consultation, a Student Involvement representative will get the organization in contact with Human Resources to begin background checks.
2. **Complete child protection training.** Post-event consultation, a Student Involvement representative will get the organization in contact with Caitlin Thomas Ehman (Risk Management Assistant) who will assign the child protection training to your organization.
3. **Acquire Student Participant Release Agreements for all minor participants.** Organizations working with minors for special events on- or off-campus (for example, overnight hosting with Admissions) must ask legal guardians of all participants to sign and submit a **Student Participant Release Agreement.** Please submit these signed documents to Student Involvement no later than 12:00 p.m. the day after the event (or by 12:00 p.m. on Monday in the case of weekend events).

Use of Fire and Fire Pits

Indicate the use of fire in the “internal notes” section when making a reservation on T-SPACE. Student organizations must complete the Event Information Form at least four weeks prior to the scheduled event and submit to Student Involvement for review. The Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) must approve all events with fire.

- If an EXTREME FIRE DANGER (e.g. fireworks) may exist, the San Antonio Fire Marshal will be required to approve the event. Notify EHS in advance so they may contact the Fire Marshal.
- The pit must be placed on concrete; not on grass.
- A dry chemical fire extinguisher needs to be near the pit in case the pit is tipped over. To check out a fire extinguisher, refer to the Fire Extinguisher Loan Agreement by clicking [here](#), or contact EHS at ehs@trinity.edu.
- If a fire extinguisher has been used maliciously, it is considered a felony charge of criminal mischief.
- A water hose should be requested through Facilities Services and kept onsite during event. Note: availability is limited to location of event.
- Fuel for the pit must be fireplace logs (not real wood or coal).
- One member should be designated to be on “fire watch” (responsibilities include looking for flying embers and remaining cognizant of dry leaves and nearby grass/plants).
- Utensils used for cooking or roasting may not be flammable or painted.
- Develop a plan for keeping food utensils clean and hygienic. Have hand sanitizer and gloves available for on-site use.
- At the conclusion of the event, all embers must be thoroughly soaked and cold to the touch. Ashes should not be emptied into a trash receptacle. Contact Facilities Services (210-999-8413) if a hot ash receptacle will be required prior to the event.

**Note:** student organizations are required to provide their own firewood.
Copyright Law and Infringement

Films and Movies On-Campus

The federal Copyright Act of 1976 (17 USC) along with subsequent amendments specifies that copyrighted materials like movies can be used publicly only if properly licensed. However, neither the rental nor purchase of a movie automatically carries the right to exhibit it outside of one’s home. Therefore, if a student organization wants to show a movie in a public setting, that student organization must obtain the licensing to show that movie. Violating copyright law through unauthorized public screening of a movie can result in possible lawsuits and in some cases even criminal charges, as well as prevent those who worked hard on a film from receiving their just compensation. For more information on copyright law, visit Swank Motion Pictures copyright page.

1. You or your organization must purchase the licensing to show the media. For movies, this can be done through companies such as Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. or Criterion Pictures. Purchase prices can range from $100-$900 depending on the movie, its popularity, and the year in which it was made. If your organization would like to go this route, we recommend going through the Student Activity Fee allocation process through the Student Government Association.

2. Trinity University has yet to find a company that sells licensing for television shows. Television episodes on Netflix, Amazon, DVD, etc. are NOT permitted without express consent from the appropriate television network. Live television broadcasts are permissible for public viewing with the following requirements:
   a. Admission cannot be charged
   b. The public space (excluding office space) has to be less than 3,750’ sq.
   c. Monitors are limited to no more than four (4) and do not exceed 55”
   d. The displayed content has to be over-the-air, broadcast TV; NO cable or satellite content

3. If you find another way to purchase movie licensing or find a way to purchase television episode licensing, please provide Student Involvement with the written agreement between you/your organization and the film distribution company, a third party licensor, etc.

4. Show a movie from Coates Library. The organization may show a film or television episodes from the Coates Library, for which the university already has a license to do so. Not all movies owned by the library are covered by a license that includes these “public performance rights”. You can ascertain whether or not public performance rights are included on any particular library film by looking at the “Terms of Use” field in the item’s catalog record. Here is an example of such a film. Coates Library also offers Films on Demand, a streaming film database with thousands of titles featuring public performance right. The university also has access to Kanopy Streaming, streaming over 26,000 movie titles covering various educational topics and feature films. All videos work on PCs with Flash, iPads, iPhones, and mobile devices. The films can be watched from anywhere by all students, faculty, and staff. The films have full public performance rights (as long as groups do not charge admission for showing the film) and have unlimited simultaneous use, so they may be linked through T-Learn or E-Reserves and shown in class via the web. Users can also create playlists and make clips.
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Judicial Processes
New Student Organization Petitioning Process
Purchasing Card Policy
Registered Student Organizations
Safer Parties Initiative (SPIn)
Student Handbook
Student Involvement Office
Student Rights and Responsibilities
Student Organization Account Request Form
Student Organization Check Request or Fund Transfer Form
Student Participant Release Agreement
Ticket Sales
Tigerbucks Devices
T-Space Reservations
University Sponsored Organizations
Van Authorization
## Appendix B: Calendar of Events

### August
- **21**: Fall Student Involvement Fair
- **17-25**: Attend Welcome Week Events and recruit new members
- Host a retreat
- Complete Earn Your Stripes

### September
- **4**: New Student Organization Petitioning Application opens
- **6**: Milk & Cookies & Conversation
- **13**: Attend Event Planning Training
- **27**: Social Justice Ally Training
- Set short-term & long-term goals
- Complete Earn Your Stripes

### October
- **1**: New Student Organization Petitioning Application Closes
- **2**: Attend First-Year Student Leadership Information Session
- **8-12**: New Student Organization Interviews
- **11**: Milk & Cookies & Conversation
- Complete Earn Your Stripes

### November
- **1**: Milk & Cookies & Conversation
- **1-23**: Hold Officer Elections
- **27-28, 30**: Presence Software Training
- **30**: Annual Registration opens
- Complete Earn Your Stripes

### December
- **14**: Annual Registration closes
- **17**: T-SPACE Training & Risk Management Training opens
- Conduct officer transitions
- Register for Spring Student Involvement Fair
- Register for Leadershipalooza
- **27-28, 30**: Presence Software Training
- **30**: Annual Registration closes
- **17**: T-SPACE Training & Risk Management Training closes
- **16**: Spring Student Involvement Fair
- **25**: Leadershipalooza & President’s Reception
- Submit award nominations for Student Leadership and Service Awards

### January
- **7**: TS PACE Training & Risk Management Training closes
- **16**: Spring Student Involvement Fair
- **25**: Leadershipalooza & President’s Reception
- Submit award nominations for Student Leadership and Service Awards

### February
- **1**: TU 150th Kick-off Celebration
- **4**: New Student Organization Application opens
- **15**: Register for SPB Chocolate Fest
- Set spring semester S.M.A.R.T Goals
- Complete Earn Your Stripes

### March
- **4**: New Student Organization Application opens
- **18-21**: New Student Organization Interviews
- Student Leader Recognition Month
- Submit award nominations for LeeRoys Excellence Awards

### April
- **5**: LeeRoys Excellence Awards nomination deadline
- **12**: Earn Your Stripes submission deadline
- **24**: LeeRoys Excellence Awards

### May
- Develop summer communications plans
- Study for finals

### June
- Schedule summer Event Consultations
- Make campus reservations for the following year

### July
- Schedule summer Event Consultations
- Register for Fall Student Involvement Fair