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(1) USF Riverfront Park located at 6200 E. Fletcher Ave., Tampa, is a satellite facility of Campus Recreation. Riverfront Park boasts a boat livery, 18-hole disc golf course, 3 picnic pavilions, a low and high ropes course, a sand volleyball court, horseshoes, a softball diamond and wilderness areas. The park area is restricted to USF students, faculty, staff and no more than six (6) of their invited guests. The park is also open to outside groups who have made reservations with Campus Recreation and provided appropriate paperwork.

(2) All USF rules, regulations, policies and local laws must be complied with by groups and individuals in the park. USF Riverfront Park is deemed an alcohol-free zone. Alcohol is not permitted in the park.

(3) Riverfront Park is an important ecological niche along the Hillsborough River corridor. As such, every effort should be made to reduce use of chemicals which may wash into the river. In addition, no person shall molest, harm, feed or remove wildlife in the park. Park plants and property shall not be removed or damaged.

(4) No swimming, wading, or bathing by people or their pets is permitted in the Hillsborough River adjacent to the park. No fishing is permitted on park property, including the river bank, the boathouse or the dock.

(5) Riverfront Park has limited parking. Driving and parking of vehicles shall be limited to designated areas as determined by park staff. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas or left after dark may be towed at Campus Recreation's discretion; expenses will be paid at the owner's expense. Vehicles are not allowed on park land outside the parking area unless granted express permission.

(6) The boat ramp may be used for hand-carried boats only, canoes, or other watercraft. Official use by the USF Police or Temple Terrace marine unit is permissible. USF's boat ramp is an emergency access point for water patrol and search and rescue.

(7) Group camping is permitted at Riverfront Park with a reservation. Groups will be responsible for packing out all trash and signing appropriate paperwork. The group campsites are walk-in only sites. Without special permissions, no vehicles will be permitted in the campsite. Small campfires are permitted for campers at designated fire pits. All local burn regulations will be followed. No bonfires or non-camping groups may have fires at Riverfront Park unless written permission from Campus Recreation is obtained. No firearms are permitted in the park.

(8) All animals must be kept on a hand held leash at all times at the park. Animals who are not under control by their owners will be asked to leave and prohibited from returning to the park. No horseback riding is permitted within park boundaries.

(9) Fees will be charged for the rental of boats, use of the ropes course and facility use by non-USF groups (such as pavilions). All reservations and purchases for ropes course and facility usage may be completed at the Campus Recreation Center. Boat passes may be purchased in advance on the internet (<http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/campus-rec/index.aspx>) or on the computer at the boathouse. Two hour passes are available for purchase.

(10) All challenge course equipment and props are to be used only with a trained staff member present. Students caught trespassing on the ropes course will be suspended from Riverfront Park and referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Challenge course programs are available to student groups for a nominal fee. The challenge course includes the 55 foot ropes course as well as various low elements scattered around the park.

(11) Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Regulation may result in the suspension of privileges of using or reserving the Riverfront Park or the Campus Recreation Center facility or programs, as well as other sanctions which may be appropriate.

Authority: Article IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution; Fla. Board of Governors Regulation 1.001.

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Certification: The USF System certifies that it has followed the Florida Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure and has a record of written notices, comments, summaries and responses as required.