



NIU Black Alumni Council Reunion Picnic Special Use Items & Prohibited Activities List*

Approved Special Use Items for use in BAC Vendor Village:

Items not naturally found in a forest preserve are typically considered Special Use Items.

- a) Smokers/Large Grills (5 ft. & wider)
- b) Generator(s)
- c) Inflatable(s)
- d) On-Site Catering
- e) Snack Machines
- f) Food/Bev Truck (dimensions of truck will be required)

- *A DJ will be present for the event, so no additional amplified sound will be permitted.*
- *Vendors will not be permitted to bring live animals.*

If you have any questions about special use items, please contact alumnievents@niu.edu.

Prohibited Activities:

- a) Close Time – FPCC closes at sunset. Individuals in a Preserve after sunset may be ticketed, arrested and/or have their vehicle towed.
- b) Water Based Activities-No water-based activities are allowed on FPCC property. This includes, but is not limited to water balloons, water slides, water guns, kiddie pools and more.
- c) Weapons/Fireworks – No unauthorized person shall at any time bring into any preserve, nor have in his possession, nor discharge or set off anywhere within the FPCC, any toy firearm, air rifle, air gun, water gun, toy cannon, or any water cannon, slingshot or bow and arrow or any gun that discharges projectiles either by air, spirit, explosive substance, or any other force.
- d) Balloon/Animal/Cremains Releases-Balloon, animals, cremains cannot be released on FPCC property under any circumstances.
- e) Open Fires/Bonfires – Open fires are prohibited on FPCC property.
- f) Gambling/Raffles – The sale or use of gambling devices is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to bingo, silent auctions, and any games of chance.

- g) Glass Beverage Containers – Glass containers are not permitted on FPCC property. Please note that the consumption of alcohol upon or within 50 feet of any roadway, parking area or entrance is prohibited.
- h) Native Landscape – Native Landscape (trees, shrubs, plant matter, etc.) shall not be cut, trimmed, removed, or destroyed. Attaching of signs/banners on trees and/or FPCC signage is prohibited.
- i) Cannabis Use: Permit holders, event attendees, and other visitors may not use, consume, distribute, sell, share, or gift cannabis (including edible cannabis products) within the Forest Preserves of Cook County.
- j) Vandalism/Paint – Vandalism of buildings, structures, signs, picnic tables, or other FPCC property is strictly prohibited. No paint shall be used on grounds, trees, rocks or any other FPCC property.
- k) Vending – Vending of any products/services on FPCC property without a event permit & applicable fee paid is prohibited.

*List was compiled based on the Forest Preserves of Cook County Event Permit Application (<https://fpdcc.com/permits/picnics-event-permits/#apply>), under which this event has been approved.