INDIAN CREEK RECREATION AREA
Lodge and Event Lawn
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ICRA RESERVATION ELIGIBILITY

• The Indian Creek Recreation Area is only available for non-commercial use by eligible users.
• Eligible users may only reserve the property for their own use and may not make reservations for other persons or groups who are not eligible to make reservations directly.
• Eligible users include Georgia State University chartered student organizations and Georgia State University departments for university business.
• Only for university activities specific to the reserving group’s mission.
  o Chartered student organizations – student groups that are active and in good standing listed on OrgSync.
  o Faculty/staff departments – any officially recognized campus department that is receiving university funding. MUST USE A SPEED CODE FOR PAYMENT.

EVENT LAWN POLICIES
The event lawn is 2/3 acres of green space that is equipped with 10 electrical outlets and lighting. All lawn reservations include set up of up to ten 6ft tables, 60 folding chairs, pop-up tent, and game equipment. A large grill/smoker is available upon request, with an additional fee.

• Any activity must be an approved reserved event.
• Reserving group will be responsible for damages or loss to the lawn or its surroundings. This includes, but is not limited to the grass, fence, gates, lighting, irrigation system, and landscaping.
• Structures, including tents and shade structures, must be approved by Recreational Services at least 3 days prior to the event. Non-staking methods of securing tents are strongly encouraged. Permission to use stakes must be received from Recreational Services staff prior to use.
• Fire pits are prohibited anywhere on the property.
• Any materials used by the organization must have prior approval. Costs incurred to remove unapproved materials will be billed to the user.
• No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or tobacco products may be consumed/used prior to, or while using ICRA.
• Trash must be placed in appropriate containers. Costs incurred for clean-up and/or repairs
beyond that of normal use and wear will be billed to the user.

- Glass containers and breakable plastic cups are prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles, bicycles and skateboards are not allowed on the lawn. Equipment can only be transported onto the Event Lawn by hand truck, dolly, or cart.
- Recreational Services is not responsible for any personal items left unattended and/or unsecured.
- Sporting equipment that damages the lawn is prohibited, ex. cleats and golf clubs.
- Event Lawn reservations do not include access to any of the buildings on site; restrooms will be available at the Outpost.
- Anyone who does not follow the policies will be asked to leave the property and could face further disciplinary actions.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- Inclement weather and wet field conditions may prohibit activities from being performed in a safe manner. Groups are strongly encouraged to make alternate site arrangements in case of poor conditions.
- Recreational Services staff has the authority to cancel use of the lawn due to inclement weather and/or hazardous field conditions.
- Lightning policy: If there are 30 seconds or less between flash and bang (storm is 6 miles or less away), participants must find safe shelter. Activities may resume 30 minutes after the last flash and/or bang.
- A fee will be charged for any damage to the field caused by using it in wet conditions.

**RESERVATION REQUEST TIMELINE/INFO**

- May submit reservation requests up to one year in advance.
- Reservation requests must be submitted no later than 21 days prior to the event.
- Individual room reservations allow non-exclusive access to the Lodge.
- To have exclusive use of the Lodge, the entire facility must be rented.
- Groups will have shared access to the patio, deck and lobby area.
- All reservation requests are just requests until approved by Recreational Services.

**RESERVATION APPLICATION**

[emsweb.gsu.edu/VirtualEMS](https://emsweb.gsu.edu/VirtualEMS)

- Reservation request eligibility status will be confirmed via email within 2 business days.

**HOURS**

- The Lodge is available for rental Monday through Sunday 8:30 am –10:30 pm.
- Indian Creek Recreation Area does not open prior to 8 am.
- Additional time for set-up/decorating/tear down/clean up must be reserved.
- The requestor may be required to be present 30 minutes prior to the event for a prefunction facility review with the event supervisor.
- Your end time is the time that all participants have departed, your organization has cleaned up the rental space, all your items have been removed from the rental space, and you have exited the property. Failure to leave at the reserved end time will result in additional fees.
PAYMENTS

- Accepted payments include: checks, PantherCash, Speed Codes and credit cards (MC, Visa, Discover). No cash will be accepted
- Faculty/Staff departments must use a Speed Code.
- All payments must be made at the Student Recreation Center, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m.
- An itemized invoice, provided by Indian Creek Recreation Area, must be presented at time of payment.

Facility User Fee Deadlines

- All fees must be paid using one invoice.
- 100% of facility usage fees are due 10 days prior to the event. If paying with Speed Code, all facility usage fees will automatically be charged 10 days prior to the event.

CANCELLATIONS

- If the event is cancelled 10 days or more prior to the first day of the event, all facility usage fees and deposits will be returned in full.
- If the event is cancelled between 10 days prior to the first day of the event and 24 hours prior to the first day of the event, half of facility usage fees will be returned to the cancelling group. Deposits will be returned in full.
- If the event is cancelled less than 24 hours prior to the first day of the event, all facility usage fees and deposits will be forfeited along with any fees incurred by Recreational Services for the planning of the event above the facility usage fee.
- Failure to pay facility usage fees in full by 10 days prior to the event will result in a cancelled event.
- Events cancelled at the discretion of Recreational Services employees due to inclement weather or maintenance issues will result in a full refund of all facility usage fees and deposits.

DAMAGE/ADDITIONAL FEE DEPOSIT

- Chartered student organizations without a Speed Code will pay a $100 facility use deposit.
- Damages or violation of policy fines will be taken from the deposit.
- Deposit will be returned post event after an inspection of the facility and a review of policy compliance.
- Rooms, facilities, and outdoor spaces must be left clean and free of damage. The requesting party agrees to assume full financial responsibility for any damages to University facilities, fields, furnishing, fixtures, and equipment occurring as a result of actions by user or its guests, normal wear and tear excluded. Groups will be responsible for appropriate labor and material costs if special clean-up or repairs are required.
- Speed Codes for faculty/staff department and chartered student organizations will be held and charged for damages or violation of policy.
- Deposit does not apply towards facility usage fees.
LATE NIGHT/SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY

• The university has adopted a set of procedural guidelines for organizations to follow when planning events for large groups, late night events or events that might pose a security concern.
• This policy is outlined in the On Campus Student Handbook:
  o http://webdb.gsu.edu/policies/policy_index.cfm?view_policy=4458

FOOD/BEVERAGES

• Kitchen Access
  o Kitchen access is included with full Lodge reservations. Groups reserving individual rooms may add kitchen access to their reservation for an additional $50.
  o Groups may provide their own food, but are responsible for all logistics including, set up, clean up, storage, etc.
  o All personnel, food, beverages, linens, tableware, utensils, and cookware must be provided by the group.
  o Open flames and exposed heating elements are not permitted.
  o Chartered student organizations without a speed code will pay a $100 kitchen access deposit. This deposit will be returned upon completion of a post event kitchen inspection. Any damages, messes, or missing kitchen items will result in a loss of the kitchen deposit.
  o Speed Codes for faculty/staff departments and chartered student organizations will be held and charged for any damages, messes, or missing kitchen items.
• Kitchen Cleaning Standards
  o Groups are responsible for leaving the kitchen in the same condition in which it was found. Groups are expected to:
    • wipe down all kitchen counter tops
    • dispose of trash and other debris in a dumpster immediately following the event
    • clean food and other debris from sinks and ensure that sinks are draining properly
    • return all borrowed items to their pre-event locations
• No Kitchen Access
  o Groups with individual room reservations that decline kitchen access will not have access to the kitchen, which includes the refrigerator, freezer, stove, ice maker, kitchen sink, kitchen utensils, cooler, microwave, and kitchen counter space.
  o Groups are permitted to bring their own coffee makers, crock pots, and microwaves.
  o Open flames and exposed heating elements are not permitted.

ALCOHOL

• The use, possession, consumption, distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages on any property owned or leased by the University is strictly prohibited. Only the President or his designee may make exceptions.
• Requests for alcoholic beverage service at ICRA must be approved through the alcohol review process.
• If approved by Legal Affairs, it must be served by Panther Dining. Coordinate through Panther Dining to execute the alcohol request form and confirm procedures.
Please refer to the Office of Legal Affairs website for university policies.
http://universityattorney.gsu.edu/legal-questions/164-2/

PETS
• Only registered assistance animals are permitted on the property without specific prior approval.

SMOKING
• Smoking and tobacco use of any kind is prohibited on all Georgia State University owned or leased locations, indoors and outdoors, in garages and parking lots, and in all Georgia State University owned or leased vehicles.

PARKING
• 31 spaces are available immediately outside of the Lodge.
• An additional 47 spaces are located down the drive near the pool.

MARKETING
• Any advertising and marketing for an event is the sole responsibility of the Organization.
• Use of the Georgia State University, Recreational Services or Indian Creek Recreation Area visual identity is not permitted without written consent of the Director of Recreational Services

SIGNAGE AND DECORATIONS
• Any deviation from existing décor must be approved by Recreational Services.
• No tape, staples, tacks, nails, pins or hooks may be used to secure materials to walls, windows, ceilings, columns, doors, doorframes, staging, curtains /draperies, or other surfaces.
• No candles or open flame.
• No glitter or confetti.
• No tape, staples, tacks, nails, pins or hooks may be used to secure materials to walls, windows, ceilings, columns, doors, doorframes, staging, curtains /draperies, or other surfaces. Failure to do so will result in items being discarded and the client will be billed for cleaning.

FILMING
• Non-commercial photography and filming must be approved in advance by Recreational Services.
• Commercial photography and filming must be approved through Legal Affairs. The commercial company will be charged an additional fee.

VENDORS
• All vendors must be approved by Recreational Services at least 7 days prior to the event.
• Proof of liability insurance may be required.