UCF-4.030 Campus Water Activities

(1) To ensure a safe and healthy environment for the university community and campus visitors, water activities such as swimming, diving, wading, floating, fishing, and boating are not permitted in campus lakes, retention ponds, streams, wetlands, or water features (including the Reflecting Pond). This regulation applies to individuals and accompanying animals.

(2) The university discourages activities on natural shorelines or in water bodies, as these areas may be inhabited by alligators, snakes, snapping turtles, or other wildlife.

(3) Water bodies and natural shorelines shall not be contaminated with materials such as litter, floating objects, glitter, confetti, or soap.

(4) Exceptions. The following functions or activities are exceptions to the restrictions and prohibitions of this Regulation.

   (a) Emergency response by law enforcement.

   (b) Scheduled or unscheduled aquatic maintenance activities by university staff or contractors.

   (c) Official activities pre-approved by the University through the SAFE form process (see University Regulation UCF-4.0292), such as Homecoming Spirit Splash, fishing tournaments, and academic coursework- or research-related events.

   (d) Pond research conducted by the Biology Department.

   (e) Boating on Lake Claire using non-motorized boat rentals (available on site). Personal non-motorized watercraft will not be permitted. For purposes of this regulation, “non-motorized watercraft” includes but is not limited to canoes, rowboats, kayaks, and paddleboards.

   (f) Graduation or photographs taken at the Reflecting Pond.
(g) Use of the Lake Claire beach area and dock, subject to posted restrictions and the requirements of applicable University regulations and policies.

(5) Any student who violates this regulation is subject to referral to the Office of Student Conduct for possible disciplinary action under the student rules of conduct. Any university employee who violates this regulation is subject to disciplinary action. Those who are not students or employees of the University who are found to be in violation of this regulation may be asked to leave campus and may be subject to arrest for criminal trespassing.

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