

Facility Use Agreement Policy

Addendum A

VCCS Guidance on Camping Tent

1. In accordance with VCCS guidance, the construction or occupation of a Camping Tent is prohibited.
 - a. "Camping Tent" means any collapsible tent or structure, typically having as its basic components a flexible material supported by a framework, designed, intended, or used as temporary shelter while camping or on recreational outdoor outings. Camping Tents may include tents known as "pup tents," "dome tents," "cabin tents," "hiker tents," and "backpacking tents."
 - b. A "Camping Tent" does not include a tent with all sides entirely open and where there is an unobstructed view into such tent from the outside at all angles.
 - c. All tents require advance approval through the facility use approval process. Only Event Tents shall be permitted to remain on the property overnight. All other tents of any type must be removed no later than 10:00 PM.
 - d. "Event Tent" is a non-Camping Tent and is not less than 400 square feet or a tent that requires skilled or professional installation and removal.
 - e. Event Tents must comply with all other VPCC Facility Use policy.
 - f. Event Tents may not be occupied or used during the hours of 10:00 PM- 8:00 AM.
2. Camping is prohibited on property owned, leased, or operated by the College, Virginia Community College System, or their foundations.
 - a. "Camping" means the act of using any part of the property or facilities for living accommodation purposes, such as establishment of temporary or permanent living quarters, sleeping outdoors overnight or making preparations for overnight sleeping (including the laying down of bedding), storing personal belongings, using any tent, shelter, or similar structure regardless of size for sleeping; sleeping in, on, or under parked vehicles, or setting up temporary or permanent sleeping areas outdoors or in structures not designated for human occupancy.
 - b. "Camping" does not include the use of college, VCCS, or their foundations' property that has been wholly or partially designated as sleeping or relaxation areas; a tailgating activity in conjunction with a college, VCCS, or foundation event; or the use of temporary hammocks or lounge furniture on college, VCCS, or foundation owned property for recreation or studying activities outdoors during the hours of 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM.
3. These prohibitions shall not apply to the College, the Virginia Community College System Office, or the College or System foundations or to Non-Camping Tents erected for their use.
4. These prohibitions shall not apply to federal, state, or local governments or their agencies or to Non-Camping Tents erected for their use.

5. Individual(s) on property owned, leased, controlled, or operated by the College, Virginia Community College System, or their foundations who are ordered to deconstruct, take down, and/or otherwise remove any tent or other unauthorized temporary structure by the VPCC Department of Police, Safety, and Security and/or any authorized VPPC faculty and staff member must do so immediately. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in dismissal from the property or attendance at the event, issuance of a notice of trespass from college property or the College event, and/or arrest. Failure to comply may also result in immediate cancellation of the event, dismissal from the property or the event and forfeiture of all fees. If the failure to comply involves a student and/or employee, they may face disciplinary action in accordance with appropriate codes of conduct, policies, and procedures.