Convocation Picnic Guidelines

Winthrop truly appreciates the community support we receive during the Convocation picnic. The following guidelines were established to ensure the success of the event for all participants.

1. Set up for the picnic is at 4 pm. To be fair to all, no early set up is allowed. Student organizations will check in beginning at 4 pm at the tent located near the loop of Tillman. Organizations not checked in by 4:30 p.m. may lose their table to another group on the overflow waiting list.

2. Winthrop student-athletes volunteer their time to help unload your vehicles at the designated drop-off area. However, if you are bringing a large amount of items, please bring a hand truck, which will help us to quickly deliver your items to a table. Car pooling is encouraged!

3. The university provides a table, two chairs and a table cloth for each group that reserves a space at the picnic. If your group will have more than two individuals participating, please bring lawn or folding chairs. Please do not take chairs from other tables.

4. For the safety of all participants, no vehicles are allowed on the picnic lawn.

5. Although promotional give-away items and coupons are encouraged, no selling of merchandise is allowed. We also ask that you not leave your table to hand out items.

6. While drawings for prizes are excellent ways to have students visit your table, raffles in which money is exchanged for tickets are not allowed.

7. Since over ¾ of our students are under the age of 21, there can be no promotion of alcohol during the event.

8. Over 2,000 students attend the picnic so in order to keep the pedestrian traffic flow moving, if you would like to stand in front of your table, please move the table back from the sidewalk an appropriate distance.

9. The university provides musicians for the picnic, so please do not bring additional music.

10. Please keep paper goods at a minimum and when possible, use products made from recycled materials. We encourage you to use the recycling bins that will be located throughout the area.

Any violation of these guidelines will result in a suspension from the Student Organizations’ Festival on Sept. 7 and next year’s Convocation Picnic.