

## Mississippi College Chaperone Expectations Agreement

Thank you for agreeing to chaperone an off-campus event for Mississippi College students. Your involvement will help the College provide a safer environment for our students, ensure that the policies in the Mississippi College Student Code of Conduct are followed, and provide additional support in case of emergencies. The following are general expectations that are meant to help you understand your role:

- Have a discussion with the club or tribe president and/or event coordinator about their expectations for the event such as time, length of the event, distance, meals, etc.
- Be present at the event from beginning to end. Arrive 15 minutes early and stay until the student attendees have left the event.
- If security officers are not present, check entrances and exits from time to time to make sure there is no suspicious activity or uninvited guests.
- Assist club/tribe officers with handling any behavioral issues with attendees. Specifically assist the officers or event coordinators with any problems involving alcohol.
- If a student is found blatantly violating the policies in the Mississippi College Student Code of Conduct or the Student Organization Handbook, you should make a written report and turn it in to the Office of Student Development within 24 hours of the next business day.
- In case of an emergency, you are the direct liaison between the students and Mississippi College. Please see the emergency numbers below for contact information.

### Emergency Contact Information:

- Chip Wilson, Associate Director of Student Engagement : 901-634-6192
- Jonathan Nutt, Assistant Dean of Students: 601-927-0443
- Dr. Jonathan Ambrose, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs: 985-981-3939
- MC Public Safety: 601-925-3204

### Liability Statement:

All employees of the school are named "insured's" while they are performing duties for the school and under the scope of the school's supervision. Advisors, sponsors or chaperones who are asked to provide reasonable oversight of students and student organizations, both on and off campus, are performing duties for the school and under the scope of the school's supervision. As such, the university's liability policy will cover them personally should legal action be taken against them as a result of, or due to involvement in, their supervisory capacity.

It should be noted, however, that advisors, sponsors or chaperones acting outside their scope of duty (i.e., involvement in behavior that violates rules and regulations governing student behavior, and/or a willful disregard of said rules and regulations) may not be personally covered within the liability policy.

**Please sign that you have read and understand these expectations. Turn a signed copy into the Office of Student Engagement (Student Life Center- Back Patio BCR) or email [wilson28@mc.edu](mailto:wilson28@mc.edu) and retain a copy for yourself.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Mississippi College Policy on Hazing

The purpose of clubs and tribes at Mississippi College is to create and maintain a positive social environment. Accordingly, all Mississippi College organizations should fully support the Hazing Policy of the University. In keeping with its commitment to maintaining a positive social environment, and in accordance with Mississippi State Law, Clubs and Tribes should unconditionally oppose any hazing.

The Mississippi College Tomahawk defines hazing as an act which threatens the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or causes embarrassment or humiliation, or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization, a student's willingness to participate in such activity notwithstanding (Mississippi College Student Conduct Code).

Mississippi College further defines hazing as any willful act done by one or more individuals belonging to a Tribe or Club, based on a tradition that is used by groups to discipline and to maintain a hierarchy (i.e., a pecking order) whether physical, mental, emotional or psychological, which subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily, to anything that may abuse, mistreat, degrade, humiliate, harass, ridicule, intimidate, or endanger him or her, or which may in any fashion compromise his or her inherent dignity as a person.

The following are some general examples of activities that are considered hazing. (This list is meant to serve only as a resource and DOES NOT list every activity considered hazing):

- The application of food items or any other substances to an individual's body or property
- Coerced\* or forced carrying or wearing of any items that causes embarrassment or humiliation
- Coerced or forced wearing of costumes or particular clothing that causes embarrassment or humiliation
- **Any kind** of physical exercise
- Coerced or forced consumption of food, drink, alcohol, tobacco, and/or illegal drugs
- Coerced or forced transporting of individuals
- The use of blindfolds
- Activities that include humiliation, ridicule, indecent exposure or threaten social exclusion
- Coercing or forcing illegal acts
- Coercing or forcing acts that are immoral and/or unethical\*(see section W)
- Activities that negatively impact an individual's academic, social, physical, or person success
- Personal servitude
- Mental harassment and/or sexual harassment
- Deprivation of sleep
- Extreme mental duress
- Deception causing embarrassment, humiliation or that threatens an individual's physical and/or mental well-being
- Any activity that involves the use of alcohol or controlled substance in accordance with Mississippi College policies
- Any activity that is not in accordance with Mississippi College's established policies

Note that it is the responsibility of **ALL** members of an organization to ensure that hazing is not taking place. Anyone who is aware of hazing should alert Student Life Staff immediately. Should hazing occur in connection with any group or individual activity, disciplinary action will be taken.

\*Section W- Conduct which adversely affects the student's suitability as a member of the University community or reflects negatively on the institution and the principles ascribed

\*Definition of Coerce (according to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary)

1. To restrain or dominate by force
2. To compel to an act or choice
3. To achieve by force or threat

I have received, read and agree to abide by the above hazing policies:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_