



Definition of Fraternal Organizational Activity

Samford University affirms students' opportunities to engage in the campus and community, and student organizations provide an avenue to this goal, thus enhancing the collegiate experience. Fraternal organizational activities significantly influence individual's experience and the campus community as well. For this reason, the activities of fraternities and sorority members and guests are expected to be congruent with the University's Code of Values and appropriate policies and procedures as have been established. Consistent with practice and expectation, this applies to all organizational activities both on and off campus.

Additionally, activities planned or hosted by an individual member(s) of a fraternity or sorority may be considered organizational activities. Please note: the degree to which an organization is responsible for the activity of its members is not necessarily dependent upon the number of members engaging in the activity. When the act, event, or activity grows out of, or is directly related to, the student organization's activities or an environment created and knowingly permitted by the organization, or when a member of an organization is violating local, state or federal law, the organization may be held responsible and may be subject to disciplinary action.

The following questions guide consideration of whether an event will be considered organizational activity:

- What is the purpose of the activity?
- Who is attending the activity? Why are they attending? Is it mandatory for members?
- What resources or funding are supporting the event?
- How is the event being publicized or communicated?
- Has organizational leadership (e.g. President, Advisor, Chairperson, etc.) helped to coordinate this activity or is leadership participating?
- Would a reasonable person think this activity is associated with your organization?

Samford University is not responsible for any injury, damage, debt or other liability caused by the acts or omissions of student organizations that are in violation of the University's Code of Values, established policies and procedures, or expectations and policies as found in the student handbook.

If your organization needs assistance in determining if an activity is organizational in nature, a member should contact the Office of Greek Life for clarification prior to the activity.