

Sidewalk Chalk Policy & Notification Form

Chalking sidewalks to advertise events and activities on campus is permissible within the following guidelines:

1. The Student Organization Resource Center must be notified in writing **three working days** prior to the event (or activity) if a student, or student group, wishes to chalk an advertisement on a sidewalk at East Tennessee State University.
2. Advertisements must comply with TBR Policy 3:01:01:00 Organizations and Policy 3:02:00:01 General Regulations on Student Conduct. Displays must not: (a) have illegal aims and goals; (b) propose activities which would violate regulations of the Board or the institution or school, or federal or state laws and regulations, or materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the institution or school; or (c) advocate incitement of imminent lawless action which is likely to produce such action. Furthermore, advertisements which an average person applying contemporary community standards would find, (1) taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest, (2) depicts or describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive way, and (3) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value are prohibited. Such advertisements may be cleaned off, and may result in loss of chalking privileges or possible campus judicial action.
3. Eligible chalking areas are those with no obstruction from trees, overhangs, or rooflines and **must** be able to be washed away by rain. **No chalking is permitted on** walls, seating areas, trees, stairs, or any vertical structures. Chalking in locations considered ceremonial or historic (i.e. the **Carillon (bell tower), the veteran's memorial, memorial fountain in Borchuck Plaza, etc.**) or those mentioned above will be considered **vandalism**. Liquid chalk **may not** be used for the purpose of sidewalk chalking.
4. If a member of the campus community complains about a defaced advertisement the Student Organization Resource Center will investigate. An effort will be made to call the group or individual who requested to chalk the sidewalks. The SORC will also consult with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs before making the decision to remove the chalk advertisement. Any damages resulting from chalking may result in encumbrance with the University until damages are sufficiently repaired.
5. The SORC encourages persons chalking to be considerate and not monopolize high traffic areas allowing others the opportunity to chalk in those areas as well.

Name of Group _____ Today's Date _____

Name of President _____ Phone # _____

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

E# _____ Email: _____

Dates group plans to chalk _____

Locations/Building areas to be chalked: _____

Event/Program/Group referenced in chalk advertisements: _____

For Office Use Only

Date received _____

Registered organization ____yes ____no

Approved: Yes____ No____

Initialed By_____