

PATRIOT PLAZA

EVENT SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

Policies and Procedures

Please note these are only scheduling guidelines as each venue may have additional policies and procedures for its area.

Who Schedules Events on the Patriot Plaza?

Scheduling & Conference Services is responsible for scheduling the Patriot Plaza.

Who can Request an Event on the Patriot Plaza?

UT Tyler faculty and staff and registered student organizations may request this location. Community organizations are also permitted to request the Patriot Plaza without the necessity of a joint sponsored use agreement.

How and When to Submit an Event Request?

Please note the lead times below. However, **larger events will need more time.** PLAN EARLY! Requests can be made a year in advance.

- 10-day lead time for faculty and staff – requested through [Astra](#)
- 14-day lead time for registered student organizations – requested through [Patriots Engage](#)
- 14-day lead time for community members – requested through the [online request forms](#)

Upon receipt of a request, Scheduling & Conference Services will send an email with acknowledgment that the event request has been received. This acknowledgment is not confirmation.

- If the request is denied, an email notification stating the reason will be sent to the event contact.
- The majority of the time, faculty and staff events will be held in a *pending* status. The event contact will receive an email stating this along with a **link to the Event Management Coordination (EMC) form that needs to be completed.** This will provide Event Management with additional information about the event. **The event will not be approved and scheduled until the form has been completed and approved by Facilities, Environmental Health & Safety, and the UT Tyler Police Department.**
- If the request is scheduled, a confirmation email is sent to the event contact. This confirmation can be used to double-check event information and resources and document the approved use of the room. **Room requests are not approved until the confirmation is issued.** Inquiries should be sent to eventmgmt@uttyler.edu.

Emergency Closure

If the University experiences an emergency closing due to weather, utility failure, or other unforeseen disaster, the event is considered canceled. Events will not be scheduled on official University holidays.

Equipment for Plaza Events

For internal groups, 5' round tables, 6' rectangle tables, chairs, and a stage can be requested using the Astra Event Request form. Scheduling & Conference Services will work directly with the event contact to ensure UT Tyler's Facilities Department has the correct set-up information.

Event Sponsor/Contact Responsibility

The sponsoring registered student organization, university department/school/college, or community organization is responsible for the information provided. When making a reservation, a designated contact person responsible for the proper conduct of the event is required.

The type of activity(ies) at the event may not be changed from that requested without prior written approval from the Scheduling & Conference Services.

A reservation does not provide event support services such as catering or security. These items are examples of extra services that may be arranged on a fee-for-service basis. The event sponsor/contact is responsible for the planning and coordination of all event-related arrangements. Under no circumstances is furniture or other property to be removed from the room or removed from other rooms. The sponsor is responsible for any extra cleanup fees or damages to the facility incurred during the course of the event or during the event set-up and take-down. Any items brought in for the event should be removed promptly and the room returned to its original arrangement.

Failure to adhere to these policies may subject the event sponsor to pay for damages and/or restriction of space usage privileges.

Decorations

Unless prior approval is received, prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: confetti, glitter, silly string, and rice. The use of these items may result in an additional cleaning fee.

Venue Information

The Department of Facilities is responsible for setting up the event. [Click for a blank layout of the Patriot Plaza.](#) Submit the diagram of the event setup no later than two (2) weeks prior to the event date to eventmgmt@uttyler.edu.

For facility questions or additional information, email eventmgmt@uttyler.edu.

Unless an enclosed tent is used, inclement weather locations need to be reserved for the event. There may also be the need to create an Emergency Management Plan or Operations Plan. Please contact vbond@uttyler.edu.

Blocked Parking

For the first two (2) weeks of each fall and spring semesters, NO blocked parking requests will be approved by Parking and Transportation. Parking spaces on Tuesdays and Thursdays are extremely limited and may not be approved depending upon the number of spaces requested. Please consider Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

Blocked parking can be requested Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Requests after 2:00 p.m. and weekends will not be approved.

Food Service/Catering

If food service is included as part of the event, a porter will be assigned to support with cleanup and maintenance during the event.

- Sodexo is UT Tyler's on-campus food service provider. Click to view [Sodexo's Catering Website](#).

- If more than one (1) vendor will be serving food at the event, an additional permit from NET Health may be required.
- If food trucks are onsite, a NET Health tag must be located on each truck. Parking for the food truck needs to be scheduled through [Astra](#).

Alcohol

If alcohol is being served at the event, it is mandatory vbond@uttyler.edu be contacted. Permission via the Event Management Coordination (EMC) form must be received in order for alcohol to be served at the event, and UT Tyler Police Department (UTPD) is required to be onsite (additional charge to client). All other requirements found in Section 10 of the [Event Procedure Manual](#) must be followed.

Smoking

As of August 2016, the University of Texas at Tyler will be a smoke- and tobacco-free campus. All students, staff, faculty, and visitors are prohibited from smoking and using, selling, free distributing, and advertising tobacco products and electronic cigarettes in all facilities and on all University properties. For more information, please refer to [UT Tyler - Tobacco-Free Campus](#).

Campus Carry Policy

For UT Tyler's Concealed Handgun Policy, Effective August 1, 2016, click [Campus Carry Policy](#).

Custodial and Setup/Teardown Fees

The Facilities Department provides the setup and teardown of UT Tyler tables and chairs. However, it is highly recommended for larger events to rent from an external vendor.

Porter Service and Excessive Cleaning

At no additional cost, the Facilities department will provide a porter service for all internal events serving food or for large events. Extraordinary cleanup, or any damage incurred from event usage, will be billed to the department.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Registered Student Organization Reservations

Only registered student organizations are allowed to request space on campus. Please refer to the [Student Organization Guidelines](#) for additional details. **There is a 14-day lead time for requests through [Patriots Engage](#).**

Porter Service and Excessive Cleaning

Extraordinary cleanup or any damage incurred from event usage will be billed directly to the student organization responsible. Additionally, the organization may be referred to Student Engagement for potential disciplinary review. Scheduling and Student Engagement reserve the right to deny future use of this venue based on these circumstances.

Publicity, Signs and Flyers

All signs, posters, and fliers must be approved by Student Engagement unless they are posted on a bulletin board or other designated location that is occupied and controlled by an academic or administrative unit per chapter 6, section 6-506. Please refer to [UT Tyler's Student Organization Handbook](#) for bulletin board posting locations.

[Posting Guidelines](#) will help determine if a registered student organization's sign/flyer/poster or banner is ready for approval.

Insurance

Questions regarding student organization insurance should be addressed to Student Success (903) 566-7018.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Community Member Reservations

As outlined in the UT Tyler Handbook of Operations, the Patriot Plaza is designated as "Special Use Facilities" by the President. They may be available for public use only when there is a clear connection to the mission of the university. For requests submitted by community organizations, there is a minimum notice of 10 days required, with a maximum booking window of up to 90 days in advance.

Community members requesting space are required to:

1. Request space using our the [online request forms](#).
2. Sign a Facilities Use Agreement
3. Pay usage fee and additional support services fee
4. Provide the Risk Manager with a certificate of insurance evidencing insurance coverage as indicated in the Facilities Use Agreement.

Upon receipt of a request, Scheduling & Conference Services will send an email with acknowledgment that the event request has been received. This acknowledgment is not confirmation. An event record will be created in our scheduling software and placed in a "pending" status to remove the room from inventory.

A Facilities Use Agreement will be created and sent to the event contact for review. As soon as the agreement has been executed by both parties, the event status will be changed to "scheduled." An email confirmation will be sent to the event contact. Inquiries should be sent to eventmgmt@uttyler.edu.

What Amenities/Services do UT Tyler Provide

UT Tyler can provide, at an additional cost, the following amenities/services

- Porter services
- Extra trashcans
- Onsite police presence
- UT System Tenant User Liability Insurance Policy

Audiovisual Needs

Any audiovisual will need to be outsourced to a vendor at the cost of the event.

Rentals

Stage, tents, tables, chairs, etc. need to be rented for an outside vendor.

Facility Usage Fee

The [UT Tyler Use Fee Schedule 2025-2026](#) provides pricing information. Contact eventmgmt@uttyler.edu for a quote.