UW-Platteville Outdoor Recreation Campfire policies

Chapter 18 Conduct on University lands - UWS 18.10(4)  Fire safety.

(a) No person may light, build or use, or cause another to light, build or use, any fires, including but not limited to burning candles, burning incense or gas or charcoal cooking appliances, on university lands or in university facilities except in such places as are established for these purposes and designated by the chief administrative officer.

(b) No person may handle burning material in a highly negligent manner. In this subsection, burning material is handled in a highly negligent manner if it is handled under circumstances in which the person should realize that a substantial and unreasonable risk of serious damage to another's property is created.

Further:
City of Platteville Code 24.04 Open Burning
24.04 (b) . . . . . . Recreational fires shall be defined as a fire in an enclosure specifically designed for ember and flame containment . . . . . No more than one recreational fire may constructed or maintained upon any premises. In addition, such fire shall:

1. Use only clean wood or charcoal as the material to be burned; scrap lumber, wood treated with preservatives, construction or demolition debris, furniture, fencing material or other treated, coated, varnished, painted, glued, resin impregnated, or finished wood is prohibited;
2. be maintained so that flames do not exceed 4 feet [UW-Platteville rule: shall be less than 2 feet] in height or excessive smoke produced;
3. be under supervision of and attended by an adult [UW-Platteville rule: shall be attended by an Outdoor Recreation staff member] at all times until the fire is extinguished. No fire may be left unattended. . . . . . . .

1. Outdoor Recreation staff will provide the burn containment vessel and firewood for all Outdoor Recreation sponsored campus fires.
2. Fires will be built using provided materials; and liquid accelerants will NOT be used
3. Fires will be held only at/near the shelter at Memorial Park, or at a place agreed upon by the Chief of Campus Police or his designee and the Outdoor Recreation Director.
4. Outdoor Recreation staff will provide to any law enforcement officer upon request, a signed “UNIFORM STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, RELEASE, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES”
5. Campus Police will be informed well enough in advance that on duty officers will have time to be informed.
6. Water will be kept nearby, in a container[s] such as a 5 gallon bucket.
7. Fires shall be extinguished and large pieces of charred wood will be returned to the shop area and LEFT OUTSIDE for the rest of the evening. Smaller pieces of charcoal and ash may be dumped into the grass once they are completely extinguished.
8. All Outdoor Recreation campfire events will be paid in full before the fire is started.
9. Campfires will end at midnight.

(UW-Platteville’s Chief Administrative Officer Rob Cramer delegated Campus Police Chief Scott Marquardt as the signatory for these events in an email dated April 5, 2013)