

Gators Set the standard

The University of Florida, University of Florida Alumni Association, University Athletic Association and the City of Gainesville all have been working together in preparation for the upcoming football season. The mission of our partnership is to promote an exciting, yet safe game day environment for both Gator and opposition fans alike.

As a community we can be very proud that the vast majority of our fans and guests act responsibly in supporting our teams. We must remind ourselves that uncivil fan behavior and alcohol abuse have no place in context of the true meaning and values of intercollegiate athletics.

Our fans have set an example for having a terrific time celebrating both the greatness of Gator Nation and the "inferiority" of our opponents, while definitively knowing where to draw the line between spirited opposition and true disrespect for the dignity and safety of our guests.

Our tradition must proudly continue!

We need your help on football Saturdays to ensure that everyone enjoys the game. Alcohol laws, including open container laws, are in effect on game days. These laws were created to promote public safety and, if followed, can assist us in keeping our community safe for everyone to enjoy the game.

Give our guests a "heads up" if needed. Please help Gainesville and UF maintain our reputation for class behavior at collegiate sporting events. Remember, Gators set the standard on and off the field.

*Warren Nielsen,
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