

Homecoming 2026: Tailgate Parking, Policies, and Procedures

Welcome back, Warriors! To ensure everyone has a safe and fun time, please review the tailgating rules below. Questions? Contact alumni@esufoundation.org or (570) 422-3613.

Registration and Parking

- **Tailgating is permitted only in the designated parking lot on Saturday, October 3, 2026.** Each spot costs \$40 and must be assigned by the Office of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving. Unauthorized tailgating in other lots is not permitted.
- **For RV or extra-large vehicle accommodations,** contact the Office of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving before registering.
- **A limited number of spaces are available.** All reservations are first-come, first-served, with no limit on how many spots one person or group may reserve.
- Tailgaters may leave vehicles in the lot during the game if attending. Pre-approval to leave vehicles in the lot is required by Friday, September 25, 2026. Email alumni@esufoundation.org.

Check-In & Entry Procedures

- All guests must enter through the **designated tailgate entrance**. There is only one access point to the tailgate area.
- **Pre-registration is encouraged** to help estimate attendance but **does not gain entry** to the tailgate area without **ID verification**.
- All attendees must show a **valid state-issued ID or passport** at the entrance.
- **Wristbands** will be distributed after ID is verified and **must be worn at all times** while in the tailgate area.
- Guests **21 and older** will be identified for alcohol eligibility. **Minors must be accompanied** by a parent or guardian.
- Alcohol consumption by ESU students is subject to the **ESU Student Alcohol Policy**.

Timing and Setup

- **Arrival and Setup Window: Groups must arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. No vehicles may enter or exit after 9:15 a.m.**
- **Tailgating hours: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- Groups not attending the game must **clean up and leave by 1:30 p.m.**
- **No re-entry** after vehicle drop-off.

Tailgating Guidelines

- Setup is permitted **only within your assigned parking space**. Grass areas are off-limits and reserved for overflow.
- **Post-game tailgating is not permitted.**
- Groups are responsible for their own conduct and for sharing these rules with their guests.

Alcohol Rules

- Alcohol is permitted for those **21+**. **No kegs or trucks with beer tap systems** allowed.
- All **Pennsylvania alcohol laws** must be followed.
- **No glass containers or bottles. All drinks must be in plastic cups.** Coolers may be checked at entry.

Grilling Rules

- **Charcoal and propane grills** are permitted within assigned spaces only.
- **Open fires, fire pits, bonfires, and campfires are not permitted.**
- Charcoal must be **fully extinguished** and **not disposed of near trash bins**.

Trash Disposal

- Trash receptacles and a dumpster will be available.
- **Bag all trash** and dispose of it properly.
- **Do not discard hot coals** in or near trash bins.

Other Reminders

- **No food or beverage sales** by individuals or groups.
- The ESU Office of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving **does not provide** tables, chairs, or tents.

Conduct & Enforcement

- Individuals and groups are responsible for their own conduct and for ensuring all guests follow the rules.
- ESU staff, police, or security may terminate tailgate parties or remove individuals for behavior that is unsafe, disruptive, or in violation of university policy or local laws.
- **The ESU Police take alcohol violations seriously.**
- Violators may be cited under **PA Crimes Code, Section 6308**.
- Supplying alcohol to a minor is a **misdemeanor** and may result in **arrest**.