

Lake Gathering – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lake Gathering?

Over the last few years, University of Surrey students have traditionally gone to the lake on the last Friday of term to see out the end of the year. Small numbers of students turn up from about 10pm and are joined by those exiting Rubix at about 4am. The crowds slowly disperse as the morning approaches.

The security arrangements set out below are in place for your personal safety.

Is the event free?

The event is free but you will need to obtain a wristband if you want to attend.

Why do I need a wristband to go to the Lake Gathering?

The wristbands help to provide some kind of entrance control that should not inconvenience you and other students but will help the University to avoid unwanted gatecrashers. Those without a wristband may be asked to leave.

Please note, your wristband acts as proof that your ID had been checked. Your wristband will not be valid if removed.

How do I get my wristband?

If you want to come to the Lake Gathering, you will need to pick up your wristband in the final week of term. Wristbands will be available around campus from the Bookshop, Courts of Residence and Student Union to all Surrey students and Graduate Extra (affinity) card holders.

Lake Gathering wristbands will be made available **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June**. Court receptions and the Bookshop will distribute bands between 9am and 5pm. The Union will distribute bands between 10pm and midnight at the front entrance of Rubix. Where possible please collect your wristband during the day as queues are likely at Rubix in the evenings.

Once you present your valid Student ID, you will only be issued with your wristband. You'll only get one and the wristband will be fixed to your wrist at the same time.

Can I take a spare wristband for my friend?

Sorry, we have to fit the wristband, so please ask your friend to come and collect it themselves.

Can I get a wristband for my boyfriend / girlfriend who isn't a University member?

Sorry - this event is for University of Surrey students only.

Can I wash with the wristband?

Yes you can, the wristband will be fine as it is waterproof.

Will food be available?

A burger van will be situated in Senate car park ready to serve hot food from midnight until 7am on Saturday morning.

Can I bring and / or cook my own food at the Gathering?

You may bring food for personal consumption but cooking is not allowed. Fires, BBQs or portable cookers will not be permitted on site. Hot food will be available from the burger van in Senate Car Park.

Will alcohol be available at the Gathering?

No alcohol will be made available for sale at the event.

Can I bring Alcohol with me?

You may bring a reasonable amount of alcohol for your own personal consumption. The definition of what is a reasonable amount will rest with Security who may remove any quantities of alcohol they consider to be excessive.

Will there be a DJ set?

No organised music will be provided at the event.

Can I bring or make my own music?

Yes you may bring your own music. Music systems should be able to be carried in their entirety by a single individual (i.e. boom boxes are fine, massive sound systems powered by external generators are not). Acoustic instruments are fine but amplifiers will not be permitted.

If your music is deemed excessive in volume or content security will be at liberty to turn it off or remove the equipment.

Will there be toilet facilities?

Yes there will. A toilet block will be provided in Senate House car park.

What if I feel unwell while at the event?

Basic healthcare will be provided by St John's ambulance volunteers who will be stationed at Senate House car park.

What about Security on the night?

As in previous years Security will be patrolling the premises to make sure everyone is OK. Security will be at liberty to remove anyone they believe poses a risk to the event, themselves or to those attending.

When the event cleanup begins at around 6am – 7am, you may be asked to vacate part / all of the lake area by Security staff.

Anything else?

Finally, if you are planning on joining the Lake Gathering after coming back from Town, please be considerate of the local residents on Walnut Tree Close and keep all noise to a minimum. Only students wearing a wristband will be admitted to the Lake Gathering.

Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of all students