

Games Area Decoration & Costume Guidelines

The UC Davis Games Area is a welcoming and inclusive environment that has visitors of all beliefs, creeds, and backgrounds. As such, any decorations or costumes used at the Games Area must follow these guidelines:

- Must follow [the Principles of Community](#).
- Must follow all campus guidelines.
- The Games Area reserves the right to reduce or remove any and all decorations, or to ask you to remove your costume.

Additionally, to limit waste and clutter, decorations should follow these guidelines:

- No confetti, glitter, rice, stickers, spray paint, or liquid paint.
 - For pre-approved posting areas, use only blue painter's tape. Scotch/duct tape, staples, nails, or push pins are not allowed.
 - Helium balloons are allowed but must be weighted down.
 - Based on the event type, the area to decorate will be defined by the Games Area Coordinator.
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Resources

The Cross-Cultural Center and Women's Resource Center have also provided helpful resources in determining whether your decorations or costume are appropriate.

- [My Gender Is Not A Costume](#)
- [Is My Event Racist?](#)
- [Tips \(Not Tricks\) To End Appropriation](#)

Additional questions to ask yourself regarding costumes:

- Does this costume rely on stereotypes of certain groups or encourage offensive dress?
- Does it stereotype genders?
- What impact could your costume have on others?
- How does the costume align with the values of your organization?
- What is the message you are sending out about yourself?
- It is centered on 'making fun' of a particular people/culture or campus group?
- Would you be willing to send the photos to your parents, the campus paper, or the rest of the UC Davis community?