

You've heard "Just Say No?"  
Well, UCSC students "Just Say  
Gnome!" What does it mean?  
It means they Party Small.

Large off-campus alcohol  
fueled parties can result in  
property being damaged,  
people getting sick, injured  
or assaulted, and neighbors  
calling the police.

This Party Guide contains  
some tips for throwing an  
off-campus party in Party  
Small style—a full-flavored  
party without the bitter  
after-effects.



"Decently mellow,  
doesn't always live  
up to its 'party  
school' reputation."  
— Student describing  
the party scene at  
UCSC

## Resources

Call 911 for help with your own party, to report someone else's party that is out of control, or if someone has a medical emergency.

## Campus Resource Information

SHOP (Student Health Outreach and Promotion) \_\_\_\_\_ 459-3772  
The place to go for conversation, information and self-exploration around your health options. Stop by SHOP for a Party Pack, visit the Condom Co-op or make an appointment for a free, anonymous HIV test.

Counseling and Psychological Services \_\_\_\_\_ 459-2628  
Rape Prevention Education \_\_\_\_\_ 459-2721  
Student Health Center \_\_\_\_\_ 459-2211  
Student Judicial Affairs \_\_\_\_\_ 459-4446

## Taxi Information

Yellow Cab Company \_\_\_\_\_ 423-1234  
Scrip available (*buy taxi vouchers ahead of time*)  
Share-a-ride (*5 passengers for the price of one*)  
Door to door service 24 hours a day



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“A good party is one that is smaller, more intimate and one where people know each other’s boundaries and are respectful of them – where I don’t feel like I am being preyed upon and I don’t feel like I must drink to enjoy myself.” — UCSC Student



There are many ways for students to come together and hang with friends, meet new people, relax and have fun. The truth is, most UCSC students tend to prefer smaller get-togethers where they can “kick back” and talk.

### Before the Party

- Talk to your neighbors. Inform neighbors about your party: what time it will start, end, and how to contact you if problems arise. Have some consideration for working folk and plan smaller gatherings on weeknights.
- Have a guest list and keep it small. Minimize your risk of unwanted guests like party crashers, underage drinkers and the police! Inviting people you know means you’ll be less likely to deal with theft, damage and fights.
- Know what you’re getting into as a host.
  - Santa Cruz has a revised Party Ordinance (*effective 8.1.05*) that includes a fine of \$250 plus the cost of police response for a first time violation. Fines increase to \$500 and \$1000 for second and third violations within a 12 month period.
  - Possessing alcohol when you’re underage or providing alcohol to minors are misdemeanors that carry fines and driver’s license suspension.
  - Increased Police party patrols (focusing on unruly parties and underage drinking) greatly increase the odds of getting cited for these violations.
- The Santa Cruz Police Department has formed partnership agreements with the UCSC Police, so off-campus party violations usually have on-campus consequences (*e.g., University warning, suspension, probation or dismissal*).
- Enlist your friends for party duty. Designate one person to make sure the volume on the stereo doesn’t creep up and another friend to run the door to make sure things don’t

- get out of control. Appoint a bartender (*21 or older*) who will refuse to serve those who have had too much to drink or anyone who is underage.
- Let your guests know that you don’t want anyone driving drunk and encourage the use of designated drivers or alternative transportation (see back panel). Not only is DUI illegal, but the host can be held liable for an accident or injury. A DUI arrest carries significant fines and fees, driver’s license suspension, and can seriously impair someone’s academic career.
- Make sure you have plenty of non-alcoholic beverages available — and food, too. Not everyone chooses to drink and some guests may be under 21 years old. Food will mediate the effects of alcohol for those who do choose to drink.



### During the Party

- Pay attention to your party. Know who’s at your party and what they’re up to. Good music helps a party, but cranking the music is sure to bring the police to your door. The noise curfew is 10 o’clock in Santa Cruz neighborhoods.
- Do everything you can to prevent guests from getting too intoxicated:
  - Offer alternatives to alcoholic beverages
  - Avoid drinking games
  - Serve food
  - Slow down or stop alcohol service before the end of the party to give people a chance to sober up.
- Know how to deal with out-of-control guests. A good technique for dealing with drunk, rude, uninvited or destructive guests who refuse to leave when asked politely is to stop serving alcohol. If this doesn’t work call 911 and let the police know you are having trouble with a guest.
- Know how to identify and handle emergencies like an alcohol overdose. Too much alcohol can be fatal. Remember CUSP, the signs of alcohol poisoning:
  - Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin
  - Unconscious or unable to be roused
  - Slowed or irregular breathing
  - Puking while passed out

If someone has any of the above symptoms DO NOT leave the person alone. Call 911 immediately and monitor the person’s breathing until help arrives. Put the person on their side to help them avoid choking on their vomit.

### After the Party

- Do a neighborhood “clean sweep.” After your party, walk the neighborhood to clean up broken bottles or trash.



