



## Fraternal Alcohol Policy

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Modern Woodmen allows alcohol in moderation at member events, as long as it's safe, legal, and doesn't lead to impaired judgment or behavior that reflects poorly on the organization.

### **Chapters cannot:**

- Sell or serve alcohol themselves.
- Get their own liquor license or insurance.

### **When Alcohol May Be Permitted**

- **Licensed venues only:** Alcohol can be served at events held in properly licensed facilities. Drinks must be served by staff or vendors with the correct liquor license and insurance.
- **Cash bar:** Members and guests pay for their own drinks. Chapter funds cannot be used.
- **Tours, tastings and bundled costs:** Chapters may pay for admission or tasting fees at wineries, breweries, or distilleries. A "sample" typically means one glass of wine or beer, or one ounce of liquor. Chapters cannot purchase full bottles, growlers, or pints.

If alcohol is included in a bundled food-and-beverage package, chapter funds may cover the food, non-alcoholic drinks, and one alcoholic drink per member or guest. Members and guests must pay for additional alcohol themselves.

### **Member Responsibility**

- Drink responsibly and never compromise safety or break the law.
- Alcohol must never be served to anyone under 21.
- Food should be available at events where alcohol is served.
- The activities coordinator must stay for the entire event and make sure these guidelines are followed.