

Getting your photos into *Florida GATOR Magazine*

The Florida Gator Magazine is always looking for great Gator Club® and Affiliate Group event photos for the magazine

Photos may be submitted e-mail to floridagator@ufalumni.ufl.edu. Please include a description of the photo along with the names and graduation degrees/years of those pictured. Not all stories or photos will be published due to space limitations. Here are some tips for taking better photos at your events:

- Photos should be 2 MB or larger for optimal print production and sent to floridagator@ufalumni.ufl.edu. This means many cell phone photos are a no-go. Some e-mail software will automatically reduce the size of images when they are sent. Please check your e-mail options to make sure this action is not selected before you send photos.
- Make sure photos are in focus and light enough to see the subjects. If you are taking a photo in a dark area a flash may or may not work depending on how far away you are from the subject. Use a tripod so the camera doesn't shake or create a blurred image.
- The best photos show people's faces: The clearer and larger the faces are in the photo, the better. Before you take the photo, consider stepping closer to fill the frame.
- Remember composition – sometimes centering isn't always better; step closer to your subjects; change perspective – maybe shooting from the side is a better angle. Questions to ask yourself:
 - Where is the point of interest?
 - What would happen if I zoomed in?
 - Note: Search “Rule of thirds” online for composition pointers.
- Use natural light when you can. Using a flash is okay, just make sure the photo isn't taken against a reflective background (such as a window).
- Consider the background and surrounding objects: Sometimes we can't use an otherwise wonderful photo because of a flagpole coming out of someone's head.
- Show how much fun your group is having. Try to capture emotions.
- Feel free to send lots of pictures, but please evaluate your photos before sending them in. You will know better than we will if a club member would be offended or embarrassed by the photo.