Information for women interested in participating in Sorority Spring Structured Informal Recruitment 2020

**Participating Sororities?**
Only sororities under average chapter size are eligible to participate in spring recruitment which will be determined before **January 10, 2020.** This list will be posted on the Greek Life Website no later than **January 13, 2020.**

**Recommendations?**
Recommendation recommendations for potential new members are **highly recommended** for chapters participating. Recommendations/references are a formal contact from an alumna to her sorority at LSU which will give pertinent information about your academics, activities, and character. She need not be a graduate of LSU.

The responsibility for providing letters of recommendation for potential members rests with the chapters (NPC Guidelines). **Although not required, it is highly recommended to secure recommendations/references for the sororities at LSU.** It helps foster the process by seeking out sorority alumnae who can provide the recommendation. You will need to provide each person who writes a recommendation for you with a picture, copy of your transcript and activity sheet or resume. In the interest of time, it is helpful to be proactive in this process. By registering with or notifying your city/alumnae Panhellenic that you are participating in recruitment at LSU, they will assist you in obtaining recommendations. You should provide the following contact information to them:

Sorority Addresses for Recommendations: Baton Rouge, LA

- Alpha Phi  - 4020 W. Lakeshore Dr. 70808
- Kappa Alpha Theta – 1010 LSU Student Union Box 25112 70803
- Alpha Delta Pi – 3990 W. Lakeshore Dr. 70808
- Kappa Delta – 101 LSU Student Union Box 25107 70803
- Chi Omega – 3930 W. Lakeshore Dr 70808
- Kappa Kappa Gamma – 1010 LSU Student Union Box 25104 70803
- Delta Delta Delta – 4070 W. Lakeshore Dr. 70808
- Phi Mu – 4090 W. Lakeshore Dr. 70808
- Delta Gamma – 4080 W. Lakeshore Dr. 70808
- Pi Beta Phi – 4040 W. Lakeshore Dr. 70808
- Delta Zeta – 4060 W. Lakeshore Dr. 70808
- Zeta Tau Alpha—101 LSU Student Union Box 25102 70803
- (You do not need to obtain a letter of recommendation for Sigma Alpha).

**REGISTRATION** - Opens on December 1, 2019. It is free and not required, but will give participating sororities access to your academic information and involvement. To register for Spring Recruitment please register online at: lsu.edu/greeks.

Check out **Greek Tiger** as well as **Girl Talk** on the Greek Life website for more specific information.

**How do I get more information?**

There will be **Informational Sessions for all interested women: November 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm** in the Capital Chambers (Room 329 in the Student Union) and **January 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm** in the Magnolia Room (Room __ in the Student Union).

**Representatives from participating chapters will be present at the January session to meet potential members.**

**SPRING RECRUITMENT DETAILS**


- Each participating chapter will set their own dates, times, and events and will place them on the calendar in Greek Life during **January 13-January 29, 2020 only.** Events are placed on a first come first serve basis.
Chapters will obtain interested potential new members information on Campus Director from Panhellenic after the LSU GPA has been verified. It is the chapters’ responsibility to contact the potential new member to invite her for chapter recruitment events. This is not facilitated by Panhellenic or Greek Life.

Bids may only be distributed through Greek Life to facilitate fairness. Each participating chapter will submit individually addressed bids and a list of women to whom bids are being extended by 12 noon on January 29, 2020. Information should be enclosed directing the new member regarding bid day activities or a contact name.

Women participating in Structured Informal Recruitment should receive a call and/or email from Panhellenic from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm on January 29, 2020 to notify her regarding her status in the recruitment process.

After January 29th, chapters may still recruit new members through the Continuous Open Bidding (COB) process if they have spots to fill.

Event Details:

Chapters may host as many informal recruitment functions as necessary from January 13th through January 29th, adhering to NPC’s Unanimous Agreements having no alcohol or men present at Recruitment functions in addition to the following guidelines through January 29th only:

1. Drinks and light snacks (example: chips, dip, snack mix, cookies, brownies, candy) may be served.
2. Uniform dress is not recommended.
3. Skits, songs and activities as appropriate.
4. On and off campus events are appropriate.
5. As a courtesy to other chapters, functions should not last more than one hour.

Note: Non-chapter wide events may include eating lunch or dinner together, getting coffee or ice cream, etc.

For specific questions, please email the VP of Recruitment lsuphcrecruitment@gmail.com.

Frequently Asked Questions for Spring Structured Informal Recruitment Membership Selection

The process of membership selection occurs similarly to the process that occurs during fall formal recruitment. Sororities still look for women who are a good fit for their chapter. They look at GPA, character, conversation, how a woman presents herself and the benefit that the new member will bring to the organization.

What happens if I do not get a bid day on bid day? If you have not received a bid on bid day, a member of the Panhellenic Council will email you to let you know.

Should I go through spring recruitment if I went through fall recruitment and did not receive any invitations to a next round of events? Sororities typically do not reconsider women for membership that have been previously released in the recruitment process. If it was due to grades, perhaps it is possible that they may reconsider, but there are no guarantees.

Should I go through spring recruitment if I went through fall recruitment and did not receive a bid on bid day? Yes. Not receiving a bid on bid day simply meant that the chapter reached quota prior to reaching that potential new member’s name. There is no guarantee but it’s worth the investment.

Other Questions
What happens on bid day? Do I need to bring anything? Bid day is fun! Each sorority plans its own events for the day. Events might include a barbecue/catered dinner, games, and activities. Dress in comfortable clothing, nothing fancy. An older active member will be your bid day buddy and take you to your place if you desire a change of clothes that night. No alcohol or men are allowed on bid day.

What if my parents want to come to bid day to congratulate me? Bid day is for you. It is not advised that your parents come to bid day. They can congratulate you over the phone and in person later.

How much time does a sorority take? There is a required meeting once a week where you will receive information on chapter events and sorority education. Weekly study sessions, sisterhood activities, community service projects, and social events are also potential time commitments.

How long will it take to be initiated? Six to eight weeks. The new member period is an opportunity to meet other members, learn sorority history, and begin to feel at home. Each sorority establishes its own new member program and initiation dates. All sororities have a zero tolerance for hazing.

Do I have to live in the sorority house? Each sorority has its own policies regarding living in the house. Most require one year. However, there is usually a wait list to live in the house because it is a desired part of being in a sorority at LSU. Therefore, most members living in the sorority houses are sophomores or older.

May I eat my meals in the sorority house once I am a member? Yes. If you are living on campus and have already purchased an LSU meal plan, LSU provides an opportunity to alter your meal plan, should you desire, to accommodate that change. Each new member is responsible for completing the proper paperwork provided by the Tiger Card Office through the Greek Life Office. The opportunity to eat meals together often fosters a closer bond between the sisters. It is important to note that a sorority may not require a new member to eat all meals at the house, unless this expectation is communicated during the recruitment process. Once a new member, please contact the Greek Life office for more information, greeks@lsu.edu.

Does one sorority tend to be more expensive than the others? No. The fees all tend to end up being about $2500-2700 for the first year and then $1300-1500 for future years, both including one chapter meal a week at the house, house usage, activity fees, but not including living in the house. The first year of membership is more expensive because of one time fees such as national fees, your new member pin, and sorority badge. See end of packet for exact costs for each sorority. (See fees)

What to wear? Present yourself well. Avoid jeans, (unless an invitation specifies jeans). Dress moderately and appropriately. If you aren't give specific “what to wear” instructions by the chapter, it's always appropriate to ask!

Thank you for your interest in PHC sorority recruitment!
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