

Sorority Recruitment

Go Greek!



Information Guide 2011

**Panhellenic Association
Cornell University**

The Panhellenic Creed

We as undergraduate members of women's fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community.

Cooperation for the furthering of fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity women, stand for service through development of character inspired by close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.



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Eligibility for Recruitment:

You must:

- Be a fulltime enrolled Cornell undergraduate student
- Register and pay fees

Consult the financial breakdown

Recruitment Hotline:



Welcome to Formal Recruitment 2011!

I hope everyone had a restful winter break and that you're all ready for an amazing and unforgettable week! I can guarantee that this week will become one of the most rewarding and life changing experiences you will have. You will have the opportunity to meet many incredible and accomplished women at Cornell and people that will become your lifelong friends. Throughout the week, you will be able to visit all 11 of Cornell's Panhellenic sororities learn about each chapter's traditions, values, and beliefs. You will be guided by the Rho Gamma of your group, who will be there as a friend and mentor throughout the process and willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have. You may find yourself overwhelmed and exhausted at times, but our goal is to offer you the support system to help you find a chapter where you feel most comfortable and can be yourself. Each step of the process is worth it and rewarding because at the end of the week, you can find yourself surrounded by a group of women who you can see as your family at Cornell. On behalf of the Panhellenic community, I'd like to welcome you to Spring Formal Recruitment 2011 and wish you the best of luck!

Maricela Perryman, VP Formal Membership Recruitment, Panhellenic Council

Fraternalities and sororities commonly use Greek letters in their names. This stems from the study of the classics in the late 1700's and the introduction of fraternities and sororities to college campuses.

A l p h a b e t

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|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Alpha (al-fa) | A | Nu (new) | N |
| Beta (ba-tah) | B | Xi (zigh) | Ξ |
| Gamma (gam-ma) | Γ | Omicron (o-me-cron) | O |
| Delta (dell-ta) | Δ | Pi (pie) | Π |
| Epsilon (epp-see-lon) | E | Rho (roe) | P |
| Zeta (zeah-tah) | Z | Sigma (sig-ma) | Σ |
| Eta (ate-ah) | H | Tau (taw) | T |
| Theta (thea-tah) | Θ | Upsilon (upp-see-lon) | Υ |
| Iota (i-o-tah) | I | Phi (figh) | Φ |
| Kappa (cap-pa) | K | Chi (kigh) | X |
| Lambda (lamb-da) | Λ | Psi (sigh) | Ψ |
| Mu (mew) | M | Omega (o-meg-a) | Ω |

Schedule at a Glance:

Orientation

Date: Monday, January 17
Time: arrive at 6:30 PM Statler Auditorium
Attire: Casual
** This is a mandatory event **

Open House I & II

Date: Tuesday, January 18
Wednesday, January 19
Time: meeting at 9:00 AM
Attire: Casual

House Tours

Date: Thursday, January 20
Time: meeting at 8:00 AM
Attire: Business Casual

Skit & Philanthropy

Date: Friday, January 21
Time: meeting at 10:00 AM
Attire: Business Attire

Preference Ceremony

Date: Saturday, January 22
Time: meeting at 11:30 AM
Attire: Semi-formal/Dressy

Bid Day

Date: Sunday, January 23
Time: receive invitation at 5:30PM
7:00 PM events with chapter

Recruitment Counselors

PT

(Rho Gamma)

These are your guides through Recruitment. They are trained by the Panhellenic Council to help you through Recruitment. Their purpose is to make the experience fun and enjoyable for you. They have disaffiliated from their chapters and can provide unbiased answers to all your questions.

Your Group Number: _____

Your Rho Gammas:

1: _____

Contact: _____

2: _____

Contact: _____



Sorority Recruitment Hotline:

Potential New Member

Bill of Rights

- The right to be treated as an individual.
- The right to be fully informed about the recruitment process.
- The right to ask questions and receive true and objective answers from recruitment counselors and members.
- The right to be treated with respect.
- The right to be treated as a capable and mature person without being patronized.
- The right to ask how and why and receive straight answers.
- The right to have and express opinions to recruitment counselors.
- The right to have inviolable confidentiality when sharing information with recruitment counselors.
- The right to make informed choices without undue pressure from others.
- The right to be fully informed about the binding agreements implicit in the acceptance card signing.
- The right to make ones own choice and decision and accept full responsibility for the results of that decision.
- The right to have a positive, safe, and enriching recruitment and new member experience.

Alpha Chi Omega

ΑΧΩ

Nickname: Alpha Chi, A Chi O

National founding: 1885

Cornell Founding: 1984

Colors: Scarlet Red and Olive Green

Symbol: the Lyre

Flower: Red Carnation

Philanthropy: Victims of Domestic Violence



Alpha Epsilon Phi

ΑΕΦ

Nickname: AEPi

National founding: 1909

Cornell Founding: 1920

Colors: Green and White

Symbol: the Giraffe

Flower: Lily of the Valley

Philanthropy: Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Israel



Alpha Xi Delta

ΑΞΔ

Nickname: AXiD

National founding: 1893

Cornell Founding: 1918

Colors: Double (dark, light) blue and gold

Symbol: Teddy Bear “Betsy”

Flower: Pink Rose

Philanthropy: Choose Children



Alpha Phi

ΑΦ

Nickname: Alpha Phi

National founding: 1872

Cornell Founding: 1889

Colors: Silver and Bordeaux

Symbol: Ivy Leaf & Teddy Bear

Flower: Lily of the Valley and Forget-me-nots

Philanthropy: Cardiac Care Research



Delta Delta Delta

ΔΔΔ

Nickname: Tri Delta

National founding: 1888

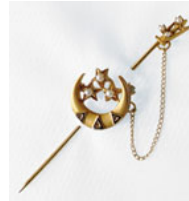
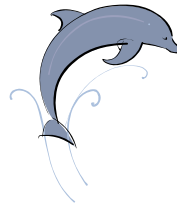
Cornell Founding: 1913

Colors: Silver, Gold and Cerulean Blue

Symbol: the Dolphin

Flower: Pansy

Philanthropy: St. Judes Children's
Research Hospital



Delta Gamma

ΔΓ

Nickname: DG

National founding: 1873

Cornell Founding: 1885

Colors: Bronze, Pink and Blue

Symbol: Anchor

Flower: Cream Colored Rose

Philanthropy: Service for Sight



Kappa Alpha Theta

KAΘ

Nickname: Theta

National Founding: 1870

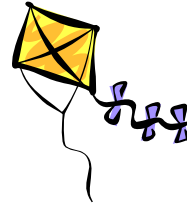
Cornell Founding: 1881

Colors: Black and Gold

Symbols: Kite

Flower: Black and Gold Pansy

Philanthropy: CASA -Court
Appointed Special Advocates



Kappa Delta

KΔ

Nickname: KD

National founding: 1897

Cornell Founding: 1917

Colors: Olive Green and Pearl White

Symbol: Nautilus Shell

Flower: White Rose

Philanthropy: Prevent Child Abuse



Kappa Kappa Gamma

KKΓ

Nickname: Kappa, KKG

National Founding: 1870

Cornell Founding: 1883

Colors: Dark and light blue

Symbol: Key and Owl

Flower: Fleur-de-lis

Philanthropy: General Field of Rehabilitation, The Rose McGill Fund



Pi Beta Phi

ΠΒΦ

Nickname: Pi Phi

National Founding: 1867

Cornell Founding: 1919

Colors: Wine and Silver Blue

Symbol: Arrow and Angel

Flower: Wine Carnation

Philanthropy: Arrowmount School of the Arts, Links to Literacy, Champions Are Readers (CAR)



Sigma Delta Tau

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| ΣΔΤ |  |
| Nickname: SDT | |
| National Founding: 1917 | |
| Cornell Founding: 1917 | |
| Colors: Café au Lait and Old Blue | |
| Symbol: Torch |  |
| Flower: Golden Tea Rose | |
| Philanthropy: National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse | |

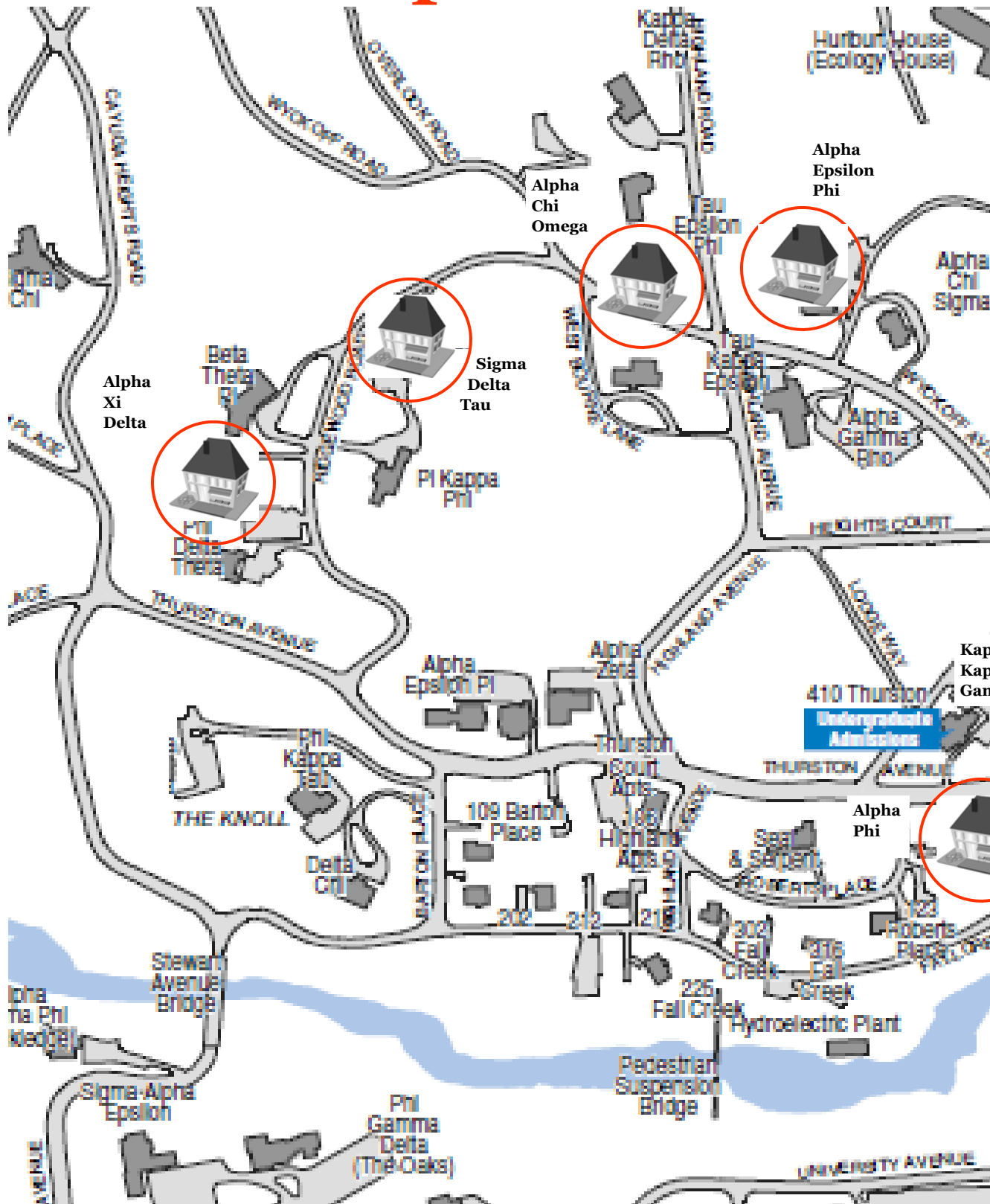
Financial Breakdown

Please note these figures are from the 2010-11 academic year and are

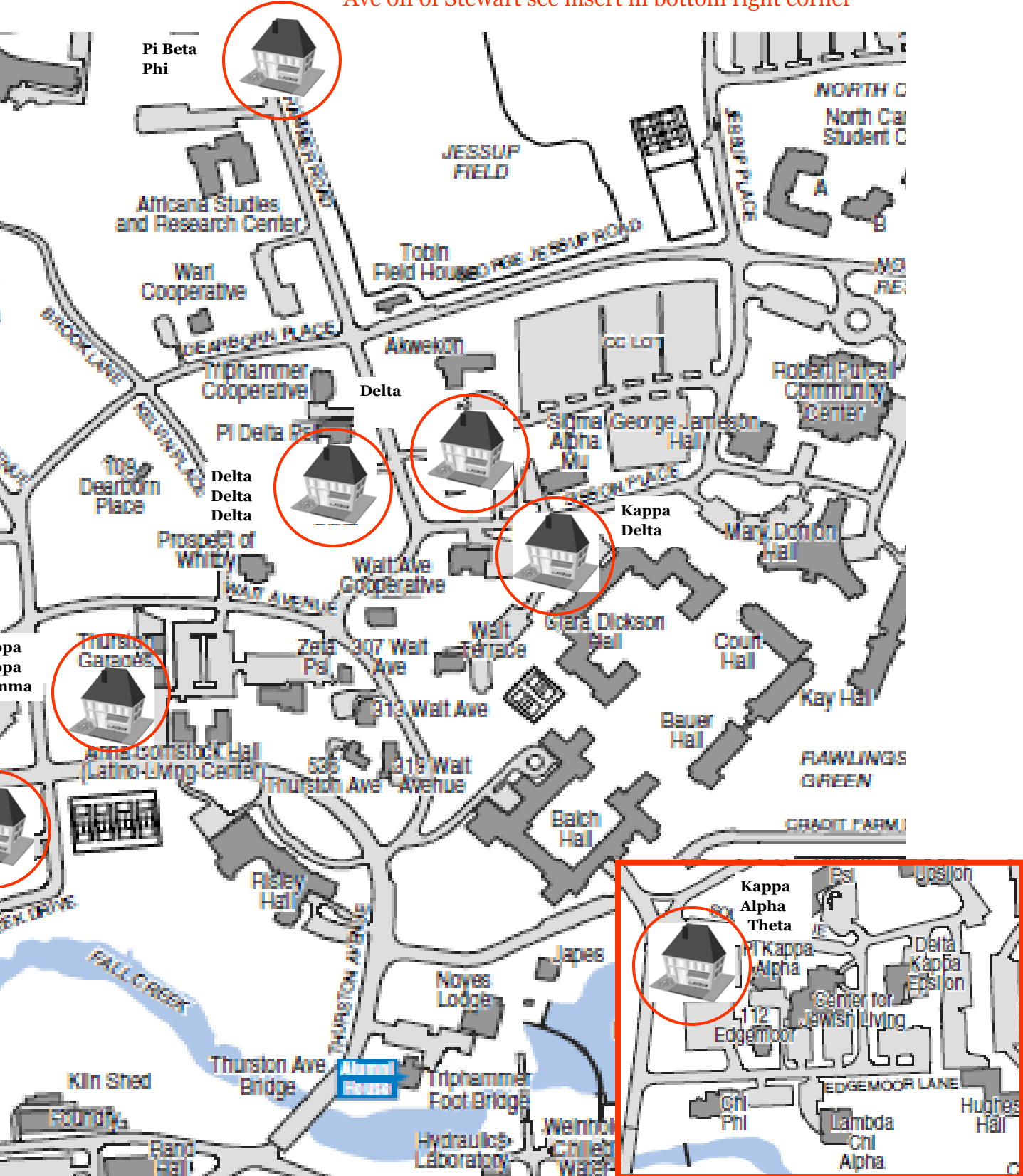
| Chapter | Room/ Semester | Board/Semester | Dues/ Semester | New Member Fees |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| ΑΧΩ | \$2,950 | \$1,750 | \$688 | \$263 |
| ΑΕΦ | \$3,000 | \$1,000 | \$375 | \$546 |
| ΑΦ | \$3,450 | \$905 | \$740 | \$50 |
| ΑΞΔ | \$3,120 | \$2,030 | \$302.50 | \$130 |
| ΔΔΔ | \$2000 | \$2,450 | \$445 | \$323 |
| ΔΓ | \$2,231 | \$1,745 | \$230 | \$250 |
| ΚΑΘ | \$2,551 | \$1,215 | \$219 | \$338 |
| ΚΔ | \$2,420 | \$2,028 | \$240 | \$220 |
| ΚΚΓ | \$2,650 | \$1,950 | \$393 | \$165 |
| ΠΒΦ | \$2,050 | \$1,620 | \$220 | \$120 |
| ΣΔΤ | \$2,655 | \$1,715 | \$400 | \$90 |
| Average | \$2643.36 | \$1673.45 | \$386.59 | \$226.82 |

Keep in mind there may be additional fees for activities throughout the year.

Map



Please note: Kappa Alpha Theta is located on South Ave off of Stewart see insert in bottom right corner



Notes

Hints for taking notes: write down who you met, what you talked about, ideas for more questions to ask the next day, feelings you had, overall comfort level, etc.

Open House I & II:

House Tours:

Skit and Philanthropy:

Preference Ceremony:

Additional Thoughts:

Benefits of Membership



SCHOLARSHIP

Above all else, you are attending college for academics and learning. Each individual chapter has academic requirements for membership and strive to assist their members with their studies through programs and tutoring.

SISTERHOOD

Being in a sorority is about making friendships that will last far beyond your college years. Your sorority sisters are there to challenge and support you. Mentoring is common in chapters assisting members to make the transition to college.

LEADERSHIP

Greek Life abounds with opportunities to get involved in leadership within each chapter, as well as on campus. Officer positions are available in each chapter as well as committee work and council involvement. Chapters also have educational programming which will help you know about opportunities available on campus.

SERVICE

Giving back to the community is an essential part to chapter membership. Most chapters do service in the community as well as sponsor philanthropic events to raise money for charitable causes.

TRADITION

Each chapter member helps to leave a legacy with the campus and chapter as they contribute to the dynamic group. You can help to model the way for the next group of members and college students. You can be part of a tradition at Cornell that is 140 years old.

Please note that **Hazing** is not a part of fraternity and sorority tradition. Should you feel in any way forced to do something please report it.

www.hazing.cornell.edu

It's All Greek to Me...Vocabulary

Greeks have terminology all their own. Below is your guide to this language.

Active: A fully initiated member of a sorority with full chapter privileges and responsibilities.

Alumna: A member who has graduated from college. AKA “alums”

Badge: The pin or badge is worn to designate an active or alumni member of a sorority. New members have a similar badge.

Bid: An official invitation to join a sorority.

Big Sister: An active member assigned to assist and advise a newer member.

Chapter: The local undergraduate group that represents a segment of the national organization.

Initiation: A ceremony during which a new member takes the vows of a chapter to become an active member.

Legacy: A woman who is the daughter, granddaughter, or sister of a sorority member.

New Member: A student who has accepted a bid from a sorority but has not yet been initiated.

New Member Education Period: The time of education about the sorority between accepting a bid and initiation.

Potential New Member (PNM): A participant in recruitment.

Preference: The final round of recruitment event after which PNMs sign an agreement listing the remaining chapters in order of preference.

Recruitment: The time in which sororities meet PNMs and seek out new members.



Tips for Recruitment

- Take notes after each event. Write down the names of women you met, impressions, what you talked about, and anything else that may help you remember that sorority and that event.
- Be courteous and polite; ask questions and show interest. If you are not interested, you should still be positive and thank your hostess.
- Look at each sorority as a whole. Do not judge the chapter by an individual member.
- Be mature in your decision making. Be true to yourself about the chapter with which you feel most comfortable. Listen to your heart and not the opinions of others.
- Keep an open mind! You may be surprised that your opinions have changed or may change during the recruitment process.
- This is a mutual selection process. You are selecting a sorority and a sorority is selecting you. Make sure you make a good impression. Leave each event with the information you will need to make a decision.
- Do not interpret any remark made at an event as an assurance of an invitation to another event or an invitation to join the sorority. An individual member cannot ensure or promise either of these.
- All sorority members have been through recruitment. They will try hard to make you feel comfortable and they are empathetic to your situation. They are nervous and anxious just like you are.
- Discuss your feelings and opinions in the privacy of your room or privately with your Rho Gamma to avoid hurting someone's feelings.



Questions?

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Cornell Sororities:

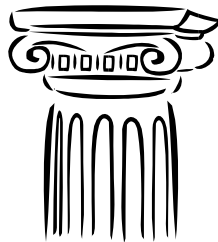
Keep in mind that there are other
sororities at Cornell University.

Go Greek!

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* ΣΛΥ *



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