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Dear Potential Member,

Three years ago I could never have imagined what my journey through college at LSU was going to look like. I was hesitant to register for Recruitment, unsure about the recommendation process, nervous about what to wear, and anxious to receive my Girl Talk. Girl Talk is designed to give you an in depth look at Recruitment at LSU as well as confirm your registration for Recruitment 2010.

Looking back now, I have learned a few things that I would like to share with you. The week of Recruitment will fly by, make sure that you take the time to enjoy it and develop lasting friendships. I hope that you will keep an open mind, listen to your heart, and ultimately make the right choice for YOU!

What has being Greek meant to me? Being Greek at LSU means excelling in academics – the overall Greek women's GPA is consistently higher than the overall undergraduate women's GPA. It means being a part of something bigger than yourself – the Panhellenic Council is the largest women's organization on campus. Being Greek means always seeing a familiar face – 19% of the women at LSU are Greek.

Through my experiences as a potential member, an active chapter member, and now a Panhellenic representative, being Greek has stretched and challenged me to shape the woman I am today. I wish you the best in Recruitment and hope that it is a great start to your journey at LSU.

Geaux Tigers, Geaux Greek!

Anna Glynn Vice President of Recruitment

Moving In: Living on Campus?

- You will be able to check-in and move into your residence hall room between 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 14th. Residential Life will not allow anyone to move in before Saturday. If you live out of town and plan on coming up earlier than Saturday, you can get a Baton Rouge hotel reservation at www.1stbatonrougehotels.com.
- You should report to your assigned Residential Hall to receive your key. However, if you will be living in Miller or Herget, you should check in and receive your key at Herget Hall.
- You will be the only one who can receive your room key, not even your parents or your roommate will be able to pick it up for you. Therefore, you will need your LSU student I.D. card.



If you will not be able to pick up your key on Saturday morning, your key will be at the front desk of your assigned Residential Hall for you to pick up any time after 12 p.m. on August 14th. All Residential Halls will be holding a mandatory meeting that night which you must attend. Keep this in mind if you are planning to have dinner with your parents/friends following the mandatory Potential Member Recruitment Convocation and Gamma Chi meetings which start at 4 p.m. August 14th.

What is Panhellenic?

Panhellenic Council is the organization on LSU's campus where the Panhellenic Executive Board and advisor, Angela Guillory, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Greek Life, facilitate recruitment. Among all of their many duties, they process our applications for recruitment, plan recruitment week, train Gamma Chi's, and assist those who have questions. The Panhellenic Executive Board is comprised of sorority members, who hold positions of President, VP of Administration, VP of Accountability, VP of Recruitment Personnel, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Recruitment Counselors, Director of Recruitment Operations, Director of Recruitment Registration, and Director of Recruitment Publications. With Angela's help, the board oversees the Panhellenic Council which is the governing body among all of LSU's sororities having two representatives from each chapter. The main job of the exec board and more specifically, the job of the VP of Recruitment is to execute a successful sorority recruitment in compliance with our sororities and in the minds of our new potential members. If you need anything, you can call Greek Life at 225.578.2171, or email lsurecruitment@hotmail.com.



Recruitment Tips from Panhellenic Council

Kathryn Nick

President

"Keep your opinions of each chapter to yourself; you never know which chapters your fellow group members might have remaining!"

Alexandra Stiles

VP of Administration

"Wear comfy clothes to Bid Day. Athletic shorts and tennis shoes are ideal!"

Emmy Gill

VP of Accountability

"You have the rest of your college life to party, so commit to recruitment only so you can look and feel your best."

Kathryn Baker

VP of Recruitment Personnel

"Smile as you enter every house, a smile improves your appearance by 73% and releases endorphins which make you happy!"

Colleen Flavin

Treasurer

"Don't forget flip flops and an umbrella!"

Lauren Stump

Secretary

"Remember less is more! All that makeup won't look so cute after a hot day in the sun."

Stephanie Stanley

Director of Recruitment Counselors

"You'll be out on sorority row for long periods of time, and it's usually hot in August in Baton Rouge, so don't forget to eat!"

Alicia Zeringue

Director of Recruitment Operations

"Keep an open mind. Don't have your heart set on one chapter; you never know what the week will bring!"

Katherine Newcomb

Director of Recruitment Registration

"Use your Gamma Chi, and don't be afraid to ask them anything!"

Lauren DeRoche

Director of Recruitment Publications

"Leave those expensive purses and designer bags at home!"

Recruitment Tips

Advice for a Successful Recruitment

Remember that sorority membership is for life and to make your own decision. It's your choice. Don't listen to your friends, your parents, your boyfriend, or other potential members who have stereotyped the sororities. It is an honor to be a part of LSU and each sorority requires high membership qualifications. Keep an open mind and be thankful for each invitation you receive. There are girls who are just like you in every sorority.

Eat breakfast and get a good night sleep. It's embarrassing and a major bummer to faint during a party or on the row. Every year there is usually one girl that faints and has to miss a party to recover. There will be snacks on the row to eat if you feel woozy or just hungry. Please take advantage of this.

Comments should be kept to yourself. If you don't like a particular sorority, make sure that you're not basing your view on one girl you met in the sorority or on someone else's negative opinions. If you're still unsure that a particular sorority is not for you, do not share your opinion with others. It should be a private decision. You never know when your least favorite choice could be your friend's favorite choice or last option.

Relieve yourself. Don't be afraid to use the bathroom during a party. You will be offered beverages (non-alcoholic) at each party. Girls know that you will have to use the bathroom. They will not hold it against you or assume that you're not mingling with them. When you gotta go, you gotta go!

Unacceptable behavior includes going out during recruitment week. Sorority girls do have fun, but they don't respect the idea of partying during one of the most important weeks for both you and the sorority members lives.

Ognore the boys because boys will be boys. Fraternity recruitment begins the week of sorority recruitment. If you happen to get acknowledged by a fraternity man on the row, don't be alarmed, embarrassed, or uncomfortable. Simply smile and go about your business.

Comperatures are HOT! Don't under estimate the heat when planning your outfits. Your makeup is going to melt off, so put it on conservatively and bring a powder case. Don't wear too much body lotion; it will only make you perspire more. Coffee filters work wonders! They absorb without leaving pieces on you like tissues do. They'll be provided on the row for you to use.

Makeup & Attire should not be overdone. Keep your makeup simple and pretty. Recruitment also is not meant for your "night out" clothes. Keep your jewelry simple and your clothes flattering for your body type. Do not wear clothes that show cleavage, midriff, too much leg, or simply if it is not your accurate size.

Escape any dangerous situations by using the buddy system on campus. Don't walk alone, especially at night. Sorority row has additional security officers at night, but don't under estimate danger.

Normally it is hard to find a parking place on campus. Plan accordingly. On the Thursday during recruitment week, every college student who is not participating in recruitment will move on campus. Be extra early that day!

Cimeliness is important. Be on time, 10 minutes early if possible. It is so crucial to attend parties and events on time. If you miss an event without a legitimate excuse, you will be dismissed from recruitment. Even with an excuse, you are missing out on opportunities to meet sorority women and other girls who are in recruitment. It is up to the sorority to give a potential member a courtesy invitation when they have missed the chance to get to know them better at an excused missed party. Traffic, parking trouble, and illness without a doctor's note are not legitimate excuses. If you have to attend orientation during recruitment week, it will be excused by Panhellenic, but email lsurecruitment@hotmail.com as soon as you know.

Round Two

Dee Water

2 days, visit all 10 sororities, 30 minute parties

Conversations: will be very casual, small talk. Some sororities will have 3-4 girls meet you, others will only have you talk to one member. Be prepared to talk about where you live, where you are from, what activities interest you, what your major is going to be, where you went to high school, etc.

The Goal: is to introduce yourself, find out who they are and let them know who you are, see each house, and get used to the "bouncing and clapping" and walking up and down the row. You will be with your Gamma Chi and all members of your group for extra comfort this round only and will be given a prescribed schedule.

What Follows: after this round of parties you will have the opportunity to prioritize which chapters you would prefer to return to. Each PM will receive invitations from the sororities that can vary from 7, which is the maximum, to 1 or 2. Remember sororities are choosing you and you are choosing them. While disappointing to some, it is important to focus on the sororities that have invited you back. It is an honor to receive any invitation. They are interested in you. Be interested in them and move forward. (Hence, why you keep your thoughts and decisions to yourself.)

What to Wear: A casual sundress or a nice skirt and top with flats or sandals and conservative jewelry.

Do's: A comfortable outfit head to toe (walking for two long days).

Don'ts: Heels or anything revealing.

Philanthropy

2 days, visit up to 7 sororities, 45 minute parties

Conversations: will be more relaxed. You will get more of a chance to get to know the girls you meet during the party. Some sororities will have 1-2 girls greet you during the party, others will have 3-4 just like in round one. Be prepared to talk about the chapter's philanthropy, why you chose LSU, whom you both know, what you both like to do in your spare time, etc.

The Goal: to try to find a common interest with whomever you are talking to, better understand their philanthropy, and their sorority activities.

What Follows: after this round of parties you will have the opportunity to prioritize which chapters you would prefer to return to. You may only prioritize the ones you visited. Each PM will receive invitations from sororities that can vary from 5 to 1 or 2. The same philosophy applies as in round one. Be optimistic and excited about the sororities that invited you back.

What to Wear: The Panhellenic Recruitment T-shirt (provided). Shorts, a skirt, or capris are appropriate.

Do's: Comfortable flats, sandals, or cute tennis shoes and simple jewelry.

Don'ts: Very short shorts or skirts, cutoffs, athletic shorts, or athletic shoes.





Round Three

Round Four

Skit

1 day, visit up to 5 sororities, 1 hour parties

Conversations: will be fun and educational. Most sororities will give a tour of their house, along with the skit, and will have one girl greet you. Be prepared to learn about living in their house, their social and sisterhood events, and what their sorority stands for.

The Goal: to enjoy their skit, learn about the personalities of members in the house, their special characteristics, why the girls have fun together, and getting the best view of the sorority.

What Follows: after this round of parties you will have the opportunity to prioritize which chapters you would prefer to return to. You may only prioritize the ones you visited. Each PM will receive invitations from sororities that can vary from 3 to 1 or 2. The same philosophy applies.

What to Wear: Skit round is more formal than Icewater. PNMs should wear a nice dress or a dressy skirt and top. Comfortable heels or other appropriate shoes should be worn.

Do's: Dressier than Icewater but not as dressy as Preference.

Don'ts: Casual sundresses or anything revealing.



Preference

1 night, visit up to 3 sororities, 45 minute parties

Conversations: will be more serious. Most sororities will have 1-2 girls greet you. Be prepared to listen more than speak. Be prepared to get emotional and to see sorority members cry because of the heart-felt poems, readings, and songs they sing.

The Goal: to learn why each member's sorority means so much to them and get a sense of whether you feel comfortable seeing yourself as a part of their sorority for life.

What Follows: after this round of parties you will rank in order, the sororities you attended the preference round with (up to 3). It is important to remember that these sororities have already chosen you to participate in their preference, if you list all that you attended in the order of preference, there is a high probability that you will receive a bid (invitation to join/pledge their sorority). Once receiving a bid, whether or not you accept that invitation to join, you are committed to them for one year and may not go through spring recruitment. So, if you cannot see yourself in that sorority, do not indicate it by listing that sorority (do not rank the sorority at all) in your selection. Furthermore, if you do not have the intentions to pledge and/or initiate with that sorority, do not list them because you could be limiting another PM who does have hopes of receiving a bid from that sorority.

What to Wear: Preference is the most formal round of Recruitment. Cocktail length, semiformal attire should be worn.

Do's: Heels (and flips flops to wear between parties).

Don'ts: Casual sundresses, a skirt and top, anything revealing, sequins, long formal or prom-like dresses.



The Reality of Sorority Recruitment

It is hard to imagine what being a sorority member is all about. In fact, most members will admit that after becoming one, they found sorority membership to be an even more significant, serious part of their life, and an honor held to an even higher standard than they first imagined. Our sororities believe strongly in many of the same standards. To help you better understand what it is like to actually be a member, our chapter presidents have provided their own "words of wisdom" on what to expect once you join any sorority at LSU.

Panhellenic Unity

Greek life affords sorority members the chance to unite with amazing women from every chapter in an effort to support the Panhellenic community. Through philanthropy events and community service, each woman is encouraged to reach outside the walls of her chapter to achieve a goal for a bigger cause. The Panhellenic community affords opportunities to better the world around us while forming valuable friendships. With Panhellenic unity the goals we can achieve are limitless.

Ashley Hemphill, Delta Delta President



Standards and Values

Standards and Values make it possible for sororities to hold their members to a higher degree, creating an atmosphere of respect, loyalty and pride within their chapter. When you pledge a sorority, you pledge to uphold the chapter standards and to take an active interest in the betterment of the organization. These standards reflect who we are and what we represent both on and off campus; this is the responsibility of a sorority woman.

Cace Billeaud, Kappa Kappa Gamma President



Active Member Participation and Leadership

Just like anything in life, your sorority experience will be what you make of it. Prepare to make wonderful memories, find life-long friends and have a great time while developing as a leader. Give it your all, and being an active member in your sorority will be one of the most rewarding experiences in your lifetime.

Victoria Prothro, Phi Mu President





Hazing

In the past several years, fraternities, and now sororities have gained national attention because of the dangers and harm that hazing has caused to collegians all over the nation. The Panhellenic system at LSU is such a strong organization made up of amazing women and sororities that offers not just a collegian membership, but a lifelong commitment. Part of that commitment is our zero tolerance hazing policy since hazing is not tolerated by our national organizations or by LSU.

Ashley Dutel, Pi Beta Phi President



Financial Commitment

Sororities at LSU provide opportunities for women to experience college to its highest potential. Greek woman have the opportunity for Academic, Leadership, and Financial Scholarships throughout their journey through LSU. Each member should uphold their financial commitment to their organization to fully engage Greek life. With this financial commitment, Greek women participate in philanthropic activities, exciting events, and make memories that last a lifetime.

Callie Gray, Delta Zeta President



Belonging to a National Organization

When you become an initiated member of a sorority, you also become a part of that sorority's National Organization. Sorority membership is for a lifetime and provides the opportunity of social and business connections across the country. By becoming active in an alumnae chapter you can also continue to help out your sorority's collegiate chapters after college graduation.

Courtney Lanaux, Delta Gamma President



Academic Commitment

While being a member of a sorority provides an opportunity for developing lifelong friendships, one of a sorority's topmost priorities is also the academic success of its members. Every sorority at LSU sets high standards for its members' academic achievement and provides resources as well as a steady support system to lead you to academic success.

Meghan Dauzat, Kappa Alpha Theta President

Philanthropic Commitment

Sorority life offers many opportunities, one of the best being the chance to serve others. By working together, we are able to hold successful fundraisers that annually raise thousands of dollars for our chosen philanthropies. Service is an important part of each of our organizations and helps to remind us of one of the reasons we became Greek- to make a difference.

Jenny Wyrick, Zeta Tau Alpha President



Risk Management

Policies and rules regarding social events are put in place for LSU's Greek community to protect each fraternity and sorority, locally and nationally, and also to protect the welfare of each of our members. We work very hard to educate each member on her social responsibilities, as she holds liability for herself, her sisters and her chapter. By respecting the established rules on risk management, we're showing that we care for each and every member in our community.

Samantha Navarra, Kappa Delta President

Involvement and Leadership on the LSU Campus

One thing that sets Greek women apart is our involvement on LSU's campus and in the Baton Rouge Community. Your experience at LSU will be greatly enriched the more involved you are. Whether it is being a part of campus organizations or volunteering in the community, you will not only be broadening your own horizons, but you will also be contributing to the LSU community.

Lauren Gilder, Chi Omega President





Recruitment Rules

Panhellenic strives for fairness, which is why we have rules. The bottom-line: Sororities, comprised of more than 150 members during recruitment, make decisions on who to invite for membership as a group. Because you may be connected or are friends with one or two of the members does not guarantee you a bid, i.e. membership. Basically, one or two, or even five women cannot make a decision for 150 members. Do not be misled by perhaps, false promises.

Rules for Potential Members (You)

- 1. A PM must be a regularly matriculated (pursing a degree), full-time LSU student to be eligible to participate in recruitment. Visiting or conditionally admitted students cannot be pledged by any of the NPC sororities.
- 2. A PM shall not be, or ever have been, an initiated member of a National Panhellenic Conference group. If in doubt please contact Panhellenic.
- 3. A PM shall not have been a new member of an NPC group, within one calendar year, at the same school where she is a PM.
- 4. From August 1, 2010 through the accepting of bids, no PM shall visit a sorority house except for events approved.
- 5. All PMs must attend convocation, all meetings with Recruitment Counselors, all events, and the maximum number of invitations throughout recruitment week. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the PM from further recruitment activities. In the event of illness, emergency, or university scheduled events like band, cheerleading, Golden Girls, or athletic teams the PM shall notify Panhellenic and/or her Recruitment Counselor, who will notify the chapters involved. If you are aware of conflicts before recruitment week, they must be submitted in writing to the Panhellenic Council via email: lsurecruitment@hotmail.com. If conflicts arise during the week, you will notify your Gamma Chi who will have you fill out a conflict form.
- 6. In order to participate in formal recruitment a student must plan to attend Louisiana State University, register with the LSU Panhellenic Council, and pay a registration fee of \$125 -living off campus OR \$250 -living on campus, must be received by July 20, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Between July 21 and 30, 2010 an additional \$100 late fee will be assessed. NO applications will be accepted after July 30, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Formal recruitment shall begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 14, 2010 through 8:00 a.m., Sunday August, 22, 2010.

- 7. Refund Policy:
- Full refund of \$250 or \$125: If a PM withdraws before July 30, 2009 - late fee will NOT be refunded.
- Partial refund of 50% of original registration payment: If PM withdraws on July 30, 2010, through August 5, 2010.
- NO REFUND for withdraws after August 5, 2010 (unless authorized by the VP of Recruitment).
- Registration refund of \$125: If PM has a death in the family, or other extenuating circumstances reviewed by VP of Recruitment AT ANY TIME. (ends on Saturday morning, August 21, 2010)
- 8. PMs are expected to be on time for all meetings and events.
- 9. PMs must provide their own transportation to and from all events. (All chapters are within walking distance from campus)
- 10. PMs must not walk behind sorority houses during events.
- 11. PMs must not park at the Lod Cook Alumni Conference Center or Hotel, the Systems building, or behind the sorority houses.
- 12. Each round, PMs are advised to maximize their options by excepting invitations for the maximum amount for the next round. PMs may also choose to Regret with Interest, to be explained in detail by Recruitment Counselors.
- 13. The PM and sororities must honor all invitations to recruitment functions. In case of illness or other emergency, Panhellenic will notify the chapter with an official excuse.
- 14. PMs must wear their Panhellenic nametag during events. It is \$5 for each additional replacement Panhellenic nametags.
- 15. PMs must complete their preferential selections immediately after the last event she attends. There shall be strict silence between PMs, their mothers/sisters, and with active sorority members, in observance from the time she leaves the last house until she receives her bid. PMs may consult a Recruitment Counselor at this time. Once the preferences are made, no changes may be made. By submitting:
 - a) PM is willing to accept an invitation to membership from any women's fraternity the PM lists on the agreement.
- b) PM may limit choices to one or list the maximum amount of choices in which PM has attended a preference event and is willing to accept membership.
- c) PM cannot change the order of her preferences or add/delete a preference once this agreement has been submitted to the College Panhellenic Association.
- d) Once PM confirms this agreement, PM is bound by the National Panhellenic Council Conference calendar year rule. This rule states that if a PM receives an invitation to membership from and group PM has listed and PM chooses not to accept it, she is ineligible to be pledged

to any other inter/national fraternity on this campus for one calendar year.

- e) If PM does not receive an invitation to membership from a group that PM has listed, she is eligible for continuous open bidding among chapters that are eligible to participate.
- 16. A PM must consult her Recruitment Counselor before withdrawing from recruitment. In the event that the PM feels she must withdraw, she must go to the Panhellenic office and complete the official withdrawal form or contact her Recruitment Counselor.
- 17. PMs may have no contact with actives beginning seven days prior to formal recruitment through Bid Day. (August 8, 2010 - August 22, 2010)

For Active Sorority Members

- 1. Active members cannot invite PMs to chaptersponsored events where alcohol is present (ex: grubs, formals, crawfish boils, etc.)
- 2. During summer and the recruitment week, inappropriate contact between actives and PMs shall be prohibited. Inappropriate contact shall be defined as, but not limited to:
 - Transportation to and from bars
 - Providing and/or purchasing alcohol
 - Contacting PMs whom they do not have a prior relationship with, (for instance, if you do not know each other well enough to have their phone number in your cell phone)
- 3. No flowers or gifts may be sent to PMs, from collegiate members, alumnae, collegiate members from other chapters, and mothers of collegiate member and new members.
- 4. Only Panhellenic publications and/or invitations can be mailed to a PM, about your event schedule.
- 5. Silence will go into effect Sunday August 8, 2010, until the distribution of bids. All social contact, including telephone calls, email or any electronic communication, letters, text messaging, between PMs and active members of sororities must cease (mothers/sisters/boyfriends are also not allowed to be in contact with actives).
- 6. There shall never be more than 2 sorority women recruiting a PM during a party at the same time. There shall never be one on one contact between a PM and an active behind closed doors. Chapter members are not allowed to use any language that might give insight into a further invitation. For instance, they cannot say "We/I hope to see you tomorrow" and/or "You will definitely get a bid from us."
- 7. No sorority may refer to any other sorority negatively during any party or question you, the PM, about your event schedule.
- 8. Sororities are not allowed to keep a PM in their house beyond the allotted time of the party.

9. PMs, are not allowed to bring any item received in the house with you when leaving the party (including napkins, drinks, flowers, notes, etc.)

For Gamma Chi's

- 1. Gamma Chi's are not allowed to promote any sorority over the other. In addition, they are not allowed to reveal their own sorority to any PM.
- 2. Gamma Chi's are not allowed to facilitate or allow any games or debates by PMs about what sorority PMs believe them to be a member of.
- 3. A Gamma Chi must follow the Gamma Chi Code of Ethics and do the best job possible to aid the PMs in experiencing a positive recruitment process.

Violation of Rules

If for any reason, you feel that you have witnessed or become part of a recruitment rule violation, it is highly encouraged and respected if you file a violation against the circumstance with Panhellenic. By doing this, you are helping Panhellenic and the Greek community at LSU by promoting fair, ethical behavior. Recruitment violations unfortunately happen, it is up to YOU to help prevent them.

If you need to file a violation, here is what you do:

- 1) Be a good detective. Do your best to get specific details, names, exact wording, and setting.
- 2) Do not spill the beans to everyone. Tell only someone that can help solve the problem or prevent further similar circumstances. Tell your Gamma Chi, the Panhellenic office, any Panhellenic Executive officer, or email lsurecruitment@hotmail.com (the VP of Recruitment).
- 3) Do not think that you will be considered a tattletale. Be confident that you are doing the right thing. You have helped prevent future unethical behavior.

If you do not feel comfortable filing a violation, please at least take advantage of and call the Recruitment Infraction Hotline: 225.578.5850

The Alternative Result: to not receive a bid even though you listed sororities on your preference card, due to:

1. not being matched to a sorority, 2. withdrawing from recruitment before signing a preference card. You still have the opportunity to participate in spring recruitment if the sororities decide to participate (due to being under average chapter size, therefore up to 5) and have not released you in any recruitment process. Spring recruitment is an informal process in which you attend open (not structured) parties by participating sororities. They will invite you to their parties once you have registered with Panhellenic when spring recruitment begins, typically February through April.

We highly encourage that you continue to seek involvement in other areas of LSU. Contact Campus Life for more information on the 350 LSU student organizations at: www.lsu.edu/campuslife.

Panhellenic Council

Greek Life Louisiana State University 472 Student Union Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Recruitment Essentials

- 1. **Umbrella/Anorak** every year it rains. Also, it is nice to have to shade from the sun. Try not to wear white clothing whether you bring an umbrella or not.
- 2. **Flip Flops** bring a comfortable pair of flip flops to change into before and after your parties. There will be lots of walking and no one will see them, except you.
- 3. **Bag/Tote** you will want something to carry all of your items- hair brush, mirror, light makeup. You will be able to leave the bag outside of the houses during parties [not expensive].
- 4. **Deodorant** it will be hot and this will help!
- 5. **Handheld Fan** will also help with the Louisiana heat.
- 6. **Water Bottle** water will be provided on the row, but just in case you do not have time to stop and grab a drink bring your own, too.

Recruitment Lingo

Gamma Chi: Your Recruitment Counselor

Legacy: A female relative, varies from sorority to sorority, of a potential member.

Lod Cook: We refer to Lod Cook Alumni Center and Hotel as the location you pick up party invitations and where PHC Exec and Gamma Chi's live during recruitment.

On the Row: West Lakeshore Drive is where all the sorority houses and a few fraternity houses are located. You will have some of your Gamma Chi meetings there.

PHC: Panhellenic Council

PHC Recruitment Exec: The 11 Panhellenic officers who run recruitment.



What is a Gamma Chi?

To help with your decisions, conflicts, recruitment schedule, and anything you might need during the week, your recruitment counselor, also known as a Gamma Chi, is an active sorority member at LSU who has disaffiliated from her chapter, (yep, that means she can't say which sorority she's in... just to help make sure that you make your own decision and are not persuaded one way or another) in order to be a mentor for the week. You and a group of other PMs will attend meetings together with your Gamma Chi and get to know each other in a more relaxed setting. PMs who go through recruitment still claim that some of their best friends were made in this group of women, regardless of result.