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Welcome Parents!

PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT ZOOM CALL



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NPC (PANHELLENIC) CHAPTERS:

Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Omicron Pi

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Kappa Delta

Phi Mu

Zeta Tau Alpha



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TERMS

Recruitment- *values based, mutual selection process*

PNM- *Potential New Member*

Rho Gamma- *Recruitment Counselor*

Bid – *an invitation to join a sorority*



IMPORTANT DATES

Recruitment Registration:

June 1 – August 24

Sorority 101:

August 25

Meet the Greeks:

August 27

Fall 2026 Recruitment:

August 30-September 5

Panhellenic Bid Day:

September 6



Recruitment Registration:

- Complete registration form
- Upload final high school transcript or latest transcript for transfer students
- Upload resume
- Pay \$115 fee
- Download PNM Companion App & complete the values bracket
- Wait to hear from Rho Gam!





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What happens after registration?

1. Matched with a Rho Gamma (recruitment counselor).
2. Ask Alum for rec letters IF that is an option.
3. ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER AND DO NOT WORRY ABOUT RECRUITMENT!
4. August 20th-21st- Move to SAMFORD
5. August 21st-23rd- Participate in Connections Weekend & meet lots of new friends.
6. August 24th- FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE!
7. August 25th- Attend Sorority 101 with Rho Gam Group
8. August 27- Attend Meet the Greeks with Rho Gam Group
9. August 28-29- Attend Spiritual Life Retreat
***Take a nap on the 29th & go to bed early!
10. August 30- Go to church, begin recruitment!



*Approximate * Recruitment Schedule:

Philanthropy Round – August 30, 31; September 1

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Monday 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Round – September 2, 4 *Pause September 3rd for Football Game*

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Preference Round – September 5

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Bid Day – September 6

Sunday 2:00 p.m.



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What should PNMs wear???

Philanthropy Round: t-shirt provided by Panhellenic with shorts, skort, skirt, pants or overalls

*very casual, accessorize with bandanas or jewelry

Sisterhood Round: causal dress & sandals

*think church dress, summer picnic/outing

Preference Round: dressy dress & heels

*think wedding attire

Pro Tips: Be you and wear what you are comfortable in!!

Wear slides or sneakers to sorority quad for rounds & change into dressier shoes on the quad (they will have bags to leave shoes in!)



Rec Letters:

- All information can be found at:
<https://www.samford.edu/greeklife/faqs>
- They can be helpful, but it is fine to not have them.
- Chapters that receive rec letters prefer to receive them electronically.
- Phi Mu nationally no longer accepts Rec Letters.
- Chapters weigh rec letters in different ways.
- No more than two per chapter, but one is plenty.



Legacy Status:

- List legacy status on the Recruitment Application. Only the chapter listed will see this status.

*Note- if legacy status is listed on the resume, ALL chapters will see this.

- Mothers, Sisters, Grandmothers & Aunts are all considered for Legacy Status.



PNM Bid Day Schedule

- 1:30** PNMs meet with Rho Gams & migrate to football field.
- 2:00** Rho Gam groups convene on football field.
- 2:15** Bid distribution
- 2:30** Open Bids!!!!
- 2:45** New Members assemble with their chapters.
- 3:00** Run to quad by chapter.
- 4:00** Begin dismissing chapters from quad.

Parent Bid Day Schedule

- 2:00** Assemble on the quad/Ben Brown Plaza.
**Parents are not allowed on or near the field.
- 2:00 – 3:00** Enjoy the vendors on the Ben Brown Plaza.
- 3:00** Celebrate New Members running home from the area on the quad designated for parents.
- 3:30** Find your daughter for a quick hug and celebration!

****REMIND YOUR DAUGHTER TO TEXT YOU WHICH CHAPTER HER BID IS FROM**



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Does my daughter need a recruitment coach?

NO!

If your daughter has been admitted to Samford, she has the skills needed for recruitment.



How much does it cost to be in a sorority?

- Chapter dues vary by chapter.
- New Member Semester: \$764 - \$1,025
- Active Sister Semesters: \$358 - \$670
- Samford Semester Greek Fee: \$100
- These price points do not include t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Each chapter has different financial structures based on the national organization.
- Each woman will receive a more comprehensive financial breakdown chapter by chapter during Primary Recruitment.



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FAQs:

Does everyone get a bid?

What happens if my daughter is released after philanthropy or sisterhood round?

What happens if my daughter isn't receiving a bid?

Important Note: No one goes to the football field for bid day unless they are receiving a bid.



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Parenting Tips for Recruitment Week:

- Be mindful that it is a busy and sometimes stressful week. Don't add to that stress.
- Encourage your daughter to keep an open mind. All 7 chapters at Samford are TRULY wonderful!
- Listen more than you talk if she calls you. If she is upset, usually she just wants to talk it out and doesn't need you to solve anything.
- Refer your daughter to her Rho Gams, the Panhellenic Council and/or Greek Life staff for any questions you can't answer.
- Don't be overly involved in your daughter's decision and remember that it is her decision.
- Be positive and encouraging about the process.
- Sometimes the emotions of the week feel bigger than the situation actually is, so gently help her remember that no matter the outcome, it's going to be ok.
- Remember that each campus is unique, so chapters at Samford will look different than chapters at another school or when you were in college.



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