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# SORORITY RECRUITMENT INFORMATION FOR BID DAY GUESTS

This message is for those who have been invited by a potential member. Bids are distributed on Friday, August 18 at 2:00 pm. Guests with wristbands will be allowed inside the barricades at 2:30 pm.

## Can a potential member change her guests?

No. When a potential member registered, she submitted guest information. She had the ability to log back in and make changes until August 1. It is too late to make any edits to that portion of the registration. The potential member can still log in and see who she invited and the email address she entered for each ticket, but she cannot make changes. If she entered an incorrect email address or if the email address was left blank, those tickets will not be received.

## How can I get my wristband?

On August 18, there will be an early pickup time as well as on site pickup for wristbands. On August 17, tickets will be sent by email. Each ticket will have a unique code. You can print your ticket in hard copy or save it to your phone. Bring it with you. We will scan the ticket and put the wristband on you. If you have a ticket (barcode), cannot come, and would like to forward your ticket to someone else, that is fine. But, each ticket can only be used once. If you lose your ticket, you can still check in by name if you have your ID and you were included as a Bid Day guest on the list August 1. If a potential member is no longer participating in recruitment on the 17th, her guest tickets will not be sent. If she is not participating in Bid Day, her guest tickets will be void.



## When and where can I get my wristband?

In addition to the 4,500 sorority members, we are expecting over 2,500 guests, so there could be a wait for wristbands. This is why **we encourage you to come to the early pickup.**

### Option 1:

From 9:00 am until noon on August 18, we will have a drive-through wristband pickup site in the fields used for RV tailgating on football game weekends. The pickup area is shaded yellow on the map below, and the designated entrance is marked by the pink dot near the corner of Woodfield and Donahue. It is pictured at left. Again, those with tickets can drive through and get their wristbands without leaving their cars and will have their wristbands in plenty of time.

### Option 2:

We will have one tent near the Village (see map #2) for those who weren't able to come to the early pickup. It will open at 1:00 pm on August 18, but there will most likely be a line and

we do not guarantee that you can make it through the line before the barricades are open. New members will receive their bids at 2:00 pm, but guests may not enter the area until 2:30 pm. This means a lot of standing around if you didn't get your band ahead of time.

### Where can I park?

This is a business day, so all administrative offices will be open. Since it is the last business day before school begins, central campus will be very busy. The on-campus students who didn't come August 11 are moving in, Athletics is hosting events, Welcome Week is under way, and many schools and colleges are having welcome events. So, please be respectful of the parking plan. Do not park in the lots adjacent to Beard Eaves Coliseum, Auburn Arena, or other lots adjacent to the Village. Those spaces are reserved for the students living in the buildings, and all residents will have arrived by this time. Additionally, those lots will already be filled with the sorority members who are required to arrive much earlier than you.

Bid Day guest parking is in the West parking lots on West Thach. The lot is shaded below in yellow. The band's practice field is in this area, so some spaces will be clearly set aside for them. Do not park in those spaces. It is about 1,600 feet from the parking lot to the Village. These lots do not have a physical address. But, 910 West Thach is an address that will get you to the entrance.



### What is the timeline?

- \* 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm: Pick up wristbands
- \* 1:50 pm: New Members enter the Arena. Bids will be distributed at 2:00 pm and are released to go to their new chapter rooms.
- \* Only the new members are allowed in the Arena. You may wait in the areas outside of the barricades (marked in pink below), but we expect it to be very hot, so please do not feel the need to arrive early.
- \* 2:30 pm: Guests with wristbands are allowed to enter barricades. From the parking lot to the Village is a five to ten minute walk, so those who picked up their wristbands early can plan to go directly to the entrance at 2:30. Guests needing to claim their wristbands should go to the pickup spot marked in map #2.
- \* 2:00 pm to 3:30/4:00 pm: New member receptions at chapter rooms.
- \* 5:00 pm: New members begin returning to chapter rooms for members-only activities. Parents and guests are free to go to dinner or head home.

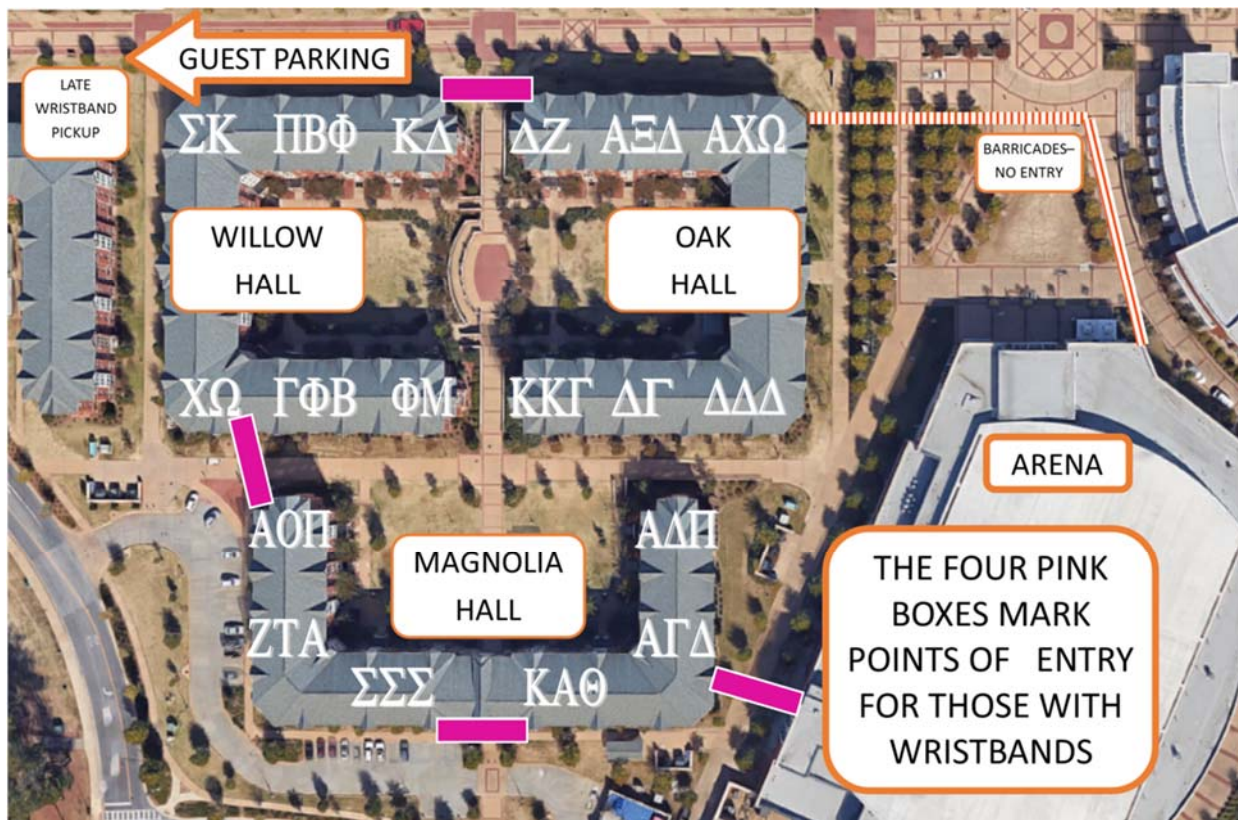


### Where should I wait?

Since guests are not allowed in the Village, they may wait outside one of the guest entrances, marked in pink below. At each entrance, we will be distributing fans with a map of the Village on the back. We will also have staff there to direct you if you have any questions.

### What should I wear?

Bid Day occurs during the hottest month in Auburn, so wear something comfortable that you don't mind sweating in. That being said, people take lots of photos, so be ready to pose. A golf shirt and khaki shorts or pants for men, and a sundress or cute shorts and a top for women are safe bets. New members should arrive in shorts and a casual top since they will be given a t-shirt or jersey to wear once they arrive at their new group.



### What if a potential member does not receive a bid?

Typically, over 90% of the women who participate in recruitment with us join at the end of the week. Those women who have withdrawn know not to come. There are also women released from recruitment at each phase of the process. We know that it would be traumatic for a woman to arrive for the day expecting to be given a list of invitations only to find out, in a public setting, that there are no invitations for her. In those cases, the Pi Chi will contact the potential member to notify her as soon as possible. When a potential member is released, we notify the Pi Chi as early as possible so that she can contact her group member immediately. She will use the method chosen by the group member to make contact and deliver the news privately before anything gets going for the day. So, on this day, the Pi Chi will privately contact those group members who have been released so that they do not come to the Arena at all. In any case, the Pi Chi will follow up with the woman to check on her, help her find other ways to get involved, and just be a friend. So, while it is possible that a woman might attend preference parties but not receive a bid, we are as sensitive as possible where the potential members are concerned.