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## A BUFF'S GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL RUSH

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### ***Undergraduate Interfraternity Council at the University of Colorado, Inc.***

#### **1. What days are Rush?**

- a. Informal Fraternity Rush is approximately from January 17<sup>th</sup> to January 27<sup>th</sup>
  - i. During this time Fraternities will be holding informal barbeques and other smaller social gatherings to meet Potential New Members before Formal Rush
- b. Formal Spring IFC Rush starts on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January and goes until the 11<sup>th</sup> of February
- c. Open Houses take place Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5pm-10pm and February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm-6pm
  - i. An Open House is an IFC organized event where Chapter Houses will be open for anyone to go and meet with Brothers and learn about the cultures of each Fraternity. A few chapters are currently “non-residential” meaning they do not currently have a central Chapter House. Pre-Formal Rush communications will let you know who and where they will be for Open Houses
  - ii. Expect light refreshments and casual food. The best way to learn about each Fraternity is to visit their Chapter House. Try visiting 3-4 Chapter Houses each day to find the Fraternity you believe you would best fit into
  - iii. Medium Sized Chapter Rush Event is January 30<sup>th</sup>
    - \*This event is an opportunity for the medium and small sized Fraternities to meet with Potential New Members in a more intimate setting and showcase the differences between them and larger Fraternities
    - \*This event is not held at Chapter Houses but instead at The Sink which is located on “The Hill” Residential area close to campus. From 6-9 PM Potential New Members can easily meet with all the smaller Fraternities
- d. Preference Nights are:
  - i. A Preference night is an invitation-only event where a Fraternity expresses interest in you as a possible member. You can expect to wear coat and tie, this may include a dinner and a one-on-one interview with Brothers of the Chapter
  - ii. Preference Nights will take place the second week of Rush, February 5<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup>
- e. Bid day is February 11<sup>th</sup>

- i. You will be notified if you received any bids the morning of February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Bid Day is the transformation from Potential New Member into Pledge. Upon receiving the notification of a bid, you will be invited to attend Bid Day at noon in the Chemistry 140 Room on campus
    - 1. There you will sign the formal affiliation form allowing you to pledge one of the Fraternities in the IFC
    - 2. From there you will be ushered out into the UMC Fountain Courtyard and individually be announced to not only your chosen Fraternity but the entire Fraternal Community
- f. Greek 101 is February 12<sup>th</sup>
- i. Greek 101 is the last step of Rush, and as a new member of your Fraternity you are required to attend the Greek 101 program where you will learn what it means to be a part of the Boulder Fraternity community.
    - 1. This includes such things as learning about Boulder fraternity values, safety issues in your new fraternity, and safe decision making techniques and skills
    - 2. You will be expected to meet at your Chapter House beforehand in coat and tie, and attend the event as a group.

## 2. What should I wear to Open House?

- a. While Open houses are more typically laid back, wearing nicer clothes can and will make you stand out from other Potential New Members (button-up, nicer shorts, nicer shoes)

## 3. What is the best way to receive a bid from my favorite chapter?

- a. While there is no one answer to this question there are a few ways to improve your chances
  - i. Making meaningful connection with Brothers
    - \*While we all seriously enjoy talking about how classes are going so far, try and have a better conversation than that!
  - ii. Attempt to meet as many brothers as possible
    - \*Like mentioned above quality and quantity are both important, try your best!
- b. Ask questions that are important to you:
  - i. Ask about Fraternity activities such as chosen philanthropic events, opportunities to get involved, housing, costs, dues and any other questions you would like to know about the Fraternity. Your parents may have questions you will need to get answered, too.
  - ii. Now is the time to find if you and the Fraternity are a good fit for each other. While one Fraternity may believe you are a good fit for the them, you need to feel the same way. That is why meeting multiple Brothers from multiple Fraternities is so important

## 4. Bring a “Rush Buddy” if you can

- a. What is a Rush Buddy?
  - i. A Rush Buddy is another individual or even a group of fellow Potential New Members that allow the transition from conversation to conversation between brothers to be more seamless
  - ii. The Rush Buddy System works well during the heat of open houses when finding brothers to talk to is more difficult and allows you to wait longer without feeling awkward and leaving the Chapters that tend to be more full

## 5. How many Fraternities are there in the IFC?

- a. There are currently 20 Fraternities in the IFC, 17 will be participating in Spring Rush

## 6. What are the 17 Fraternities participating in IFC Rush this Spring?

a.	Acacia [AKAK]	44 members	1715 Aurora St
b.	Alpha Delta Phi [ΑΔΦ]	33 Members	1002 University Ave
c.	Alpha Gamma Omega [ΑΓΩ]	13 members	Nonresidential
d.	Alpha Kappa Lambda [AKΛ]	22 Members	1200 College Ave
e.	Alpha Phi Delta [ΑΦΔ]	29 members	1205 College Ave
f.	Alpha Sigma Phi [ΑΣΦ]	102 members	1019 14th St
g.	Delta Sigma Phi [ΔΣΦ]	11 members	1120 Lincoln
h.	Phi Kappa Psi [ΦΚΨ]	165 members	1131 University Ave
i.	Phi Kappa Tau [ΦΚΤ]	105 members	1150 College Ave
j.	Pi Kappa Alpha [ΠΚΑ]	102 members	1070 11th St
k.	Pi Kappa Phi [ΠΚΦ]	173 members	1441 Broadway St
l.	Sigma Alpha Epsilon [ΣΑΕ]	148 members	1045 14th St
m.	Sigma Nu [ΣΝ]	131 members	1043 Pleasant St
n.	Sigma Phi Epsilon [ΣΦΕ]	103 members	1005 Broadway St
o.	Tau Kappa Epsilon [ΤΚΕ]	90 members	1104 University Ave
p.	Theta Xi [ΘΞ]	108 members	1146 12th St
q.	Zeta Beta Tau [ZBT]	101 members	911 17th St

## 7. Following the end of Spring Rush, the IFC and the Fraternity Community will be welcoming Phi Gamma Delta [FIJI] Fraternity to its ranks

- a. FIJI over the course of February and March will be looking for Founding Fathers to join their ranks and helping to kick start the new chapter on Campus
- b. If you are interested, please contact Dio Protopapadakis or Daylon Weddle at:
  - i. [dprotopapadakis@phigam.org](mailto:dprotopapadakis@phigam.org) or [dweddle@phigam.org](mailto:dweddle@phigam.org)
  - ii. Dio and Daylon will be the two staff members on the ground to kickstart FIJI's expansion to Boulder