

Region VII, Alpha Phi Omega

OFFICER RETREAT

Sid Richardson Scout Ranch, Bridgeport, Texas
Friday, August 13 - Sunday, August 15, 2010

What It Is

The Region VII Officer Retreat is a leadership development program created for Region VII chapter officers. The weekend includes both general and position-specific training designed to help each officer succeed both as an individual leader and as part of a team.

Who Should Attend

If you are a chapter officer, you should attend.

Benefits

Officers who participate will:

- establish effective lines of communication internally (as a chapter) and externally (with other chapters, their respective Sections, and Region VII).
- meet and work with officers with similar responsibilities (i.e. Presidents with Presidents, Pledge Trainers with Pledge Trainers, etc.).
- learn about other chapters and how they run their programs.
- share ideas on how to better solve chapter challenges.
- better understand the National Fraternity, including structure, paperwork, and more.

Program Fee

The registration fee is \$35/person. This all-inclusive price includes: lodging, five meals, and all program supplies for the weekend. Registration (paperwork and fees) is due on August 6th.

Check -In/Check -Out

Check-in begins at 6pm on Friday night. (Please eat dinner before you arrive.) Check-out is at 3pm on Sunday afternoon. The retreat begins at 7pm on Friday, August 13 and will last the entire weekend. Please plan accordingly.

Registration

Registration is open now and closes on August 6, 2010.

Questions?

Contact Cole Robertson, Region VII Director, at Region.VII.Director or 806.785.1836.

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OFFICER REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Summer Mailing Address: _____

Cell Number: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____@_____

Officer Title: _____

Officer Duties: _____

Special Needs (physical accommodations, dietary needs, medical, etc.):

I will be coming to the officer retreat from: _____

Please mail completed registration, emergency contact form, and fee to:

Fulori Kirikiti
8801 FM 620N #1024
Austin, Texas 78726

Registration is not complete until your payment is received.
Please make checks payable to Fulori Kirikiti.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

In Case of an Emergency, Please First Contact:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If no answer, please try:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Known Allergies: _____

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PACKING LIST

- ___ yourself
- ___ other officers
- ___ comfortable clothes (for 3 days/2 nights)
- ___ sleeping clothes
- ___ shoes (flip flops are okay, but bring tennis shoes, too)
- ___ any toiletries you'll need
- ___ towel & washcloth
- ___ any APO stuff you have questions about or want to share
- ___ an open mind
- ___ sunscreen
- ___ bug repellent
- ___ medications
- ___ pen/paper/general note-taking tools
- ___ flashlight
- ___ travel alarm clock
- ___ chapter pledge manual/requirements
- ___ chapter bylaws
- ___ current chapter officer contact list (with names, e-mails, and phone numbers)
- ___ chapter calendar
- ___ school calendar
- ___ swimsuit
- ___ camera
- ___ APO t-shirts
- ___ bedding (sheets, blankets, and pillows, plus something to sleep on, like a mattress pad: we'll be sleeping "slumber party" style in a large room with A/C)
- ___ water bottle
- ___ anything else you think you might need
- ___ hat

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What, exactly, is Officer Retreat?

Simply put, Officer Retreat is a Region-wide training for all chapter officers.

Can any chapter officer really attend?

Yes. Regardless of the size of the job, each officer plays an important role in the chapter. (Or that office wouldn't exist, right?) We will be creating officer groups, and while there may not be a specific group for you, we'll match you with a group that is similar to your job description OR contact you to place you in a group that seems to best fit your role (current or future).

\$35 seems like a lot. Why so much?

As just a number, yes, it can seem like quite a bit. But in reality, you are getting lodging (running water, air conditioning, etc.) for two nights, meals for Saturday & Sunday (that's 5 meals plus random snacks), and use of the campsite as well as the programming materials. Unlike other programs, we're not being underwritten by the National Fraternity (we're grassroots, folks), so really, even the \$35 is a great deal.

What exactly will we be doing?

This will be a busy weekend - we expect that you fully participate in our activities, whether they be strategic goal setting, chapter presentations, playing games, or working on officer specific tasks.

Will it be boring?

Yes.

What?!?

Just kidding! The officer retreat is interactive, and while there are some *ahem* classroom type pieces, our goal is to teach you and help you become a better leader, not bore you.

I went to the sectional conference this spring. Do I still need to attend?

Yes. Sectional conference is a great resource (and if you didn't attend, your next conference opportunity is in December...), but the officer retreat is different and specific to officers and not

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, cont.

Okay, but really, why should I go?

The simple answer - because as an officer of your chapter, we expect you to attend.

Some more reasons:

- * to establish good lines of communication with each other, the other chapters, your section, and Region VII before the hectic juggling act of school, work, your personal life, and APO begins
- * to have a fresh start and better understanding of the national fraternity
- * to learn new games (team building, icebreakers, etc.) to take back to your chapter
- * to relax and have fun with different people in a different setting
- * to learn how other chapters run their programs
- * to help make this the best semester for your chapter, section, Region VII, and the National Fraternity

Will we be working the entire time?

No - there will be free time for swimming, s'mores, movies, games, etc., etc.

I live far away...

As registrations come in, we'll make note of where people will be coming from (as much as possible). Carpooling is always a great option, and we'll try to have a ride share option on the website. But if that's just not feasible, you could fly into the area to the airports in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Also, Greyhound and Amtrak both stop in Fort Worth, Texas (the closest "city" to Bridgeport).

Remember, the earlier you register, the better options you'll have (possible carpooling, cheaper flights, etc.) We'll help with logistics - just ask.

It's after August 6th!! Can I still attend?

Maybe. Contact Fulori and talk to her about it. 512.247.8476 or fulori@austin.rr.com

Wait!! I still have more questions!!

Excellent. All you have to do is ask. Contact Cole for answers. 806.785.1836 or Region.VII.Director@apo.org.