POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER GUIDE FOR RECRUITMENT
Hello, I am the 2016 Panhellenic Council President. On behalf of our Executive Board of three NPC sororities at UWA, I would like to welcome you to Panhellenic and Greek Life at the University of West Alabama. We are so proud of our community and the tradition of excellence that we work to continue and uphold on our campus. Being part of a sorority continues to provide women with opportunities for involvement in community service, campus activities, leadership, scholarships, and friendships, while also maintaining high academic standards.

I work with an amazing group of women, each dynamic and inspiring in her own way. Each year, Panhellenic helps to make UWA an even greater campus and strives to achieve our goals. This year, we are so excited about a few upcoming projects: fall recruitment, philanthropic endeavors, as well as even more involvement from our Council and committees!

On our website, you can locate information regarding the chapters we have here on campus, the Panhellenic Executive Council, recruitment, and much more! I encourage you to browse around and see all that Panhellenic has to offer. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Life. We are looking forward to a productive, fun, and exciting year!
Recruitment Week is a five-day process held during the first weekend of school that allows potential new members to become acquainted with the Panhellenic sorority system here at UWA. The week begins with the Ice Cream Social held on Thursday August 18th and culminates with the sororities handing out bids on Monday August 22nd.

The events scheduled during recruitment week are designed so that sorority members and potential new members can get to know each other. During this week you will get to talk one on one with sisters from each sorority and also see presentations that will guide you in choosing the best group for you.

In order to participate in recruitment week, you must be a regularly enrolled female student in good standing with the University.

Those interested in recruitment week must register online. The $40.00 registration fee must also be submitted in the Office of Student Life. If the registration is done after August 1, the fee will be raised to $50.00. This fee includes a t-shirt, meals, and processing costs.
# FALL RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

## Pre-recruitment Dates
- **Get on Board Day**  
  Thursday, August 18, 2016  
  Student Rec Center, 3:00pm - until

- **Panhellenic Ice Cream Social**  
  Thursday, August 18, 2016  
  SUB Tiger’s Den and Back Patio  
  5:00-7:00pm

## Friday, August 19
- **Sorority Information Round**  
  Spieth Hall 118 and classrooms  
  5:00-5:15: Introductions, organize groups, and distribute bags  
  5:15-6:00: Rotation 1  
  6:00-6:15: Break 1  
  6:15-7:00: Rotation 2  
  7:00-7:15: Break 2  
  7:15-8:00: Rotation 3  
  8:00-8:15: Closing Discussion

## Saturday, August 20
- **Panhellenic Luncheon**  
  Young Hall Cafeteria Private Dining Room  
  11:00-11:15: Introductions/Meet and Greet/Gift Distribution  
  11:15-11:30: Self-serve from Buffet  
  11:30-12:30: Presentations and Eating  
  12:30-1:00: Q&A, Activities, Suitcase Displays, Closing Discussion

## Sunday, August 21
- **Preference Card Pick Up**  
  SUB 203-B, 10:00-11:00am

- **Sorority Preference Round**  
  various locations  
  by invitation only

## Monday, August 22
- **Bid Day**  
  Gilbert Hall classrooms  
  4:30: PNM’s arrive  
  5:00: Reveal
WHAT TO WEAR

Panhellenic Ice Cream Social

Recruitment week kicks off with an Ice Cream Social on August 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Potential New Members (PNMs) will meet the sororities and begin getting to know everyone! Dress is casual. A cute top and shorts are appropriate.

During this first official round of recruitment, on Friday August 19, 2016, you will visit with all 3 sororities. Feel free to ask the sisters any questions and begin to get to know them. Remember to have fun and be yourself. Appropriate dress is a sundress and flats or sandals.

On Saturday August 20, 2016, we begin with a luncheon and presentations by the sororities. We will be dining in the large private dining room. Dress for this event is a sundress with flats or wedges.

Saturday afternoon you will continue to get to know each sorority and their philanthropic activities. Appropriate attire is a dress or skirt and top with wedges, heels, or flats.

On Sunday you will attend your preference party and begin to focus on what you want to gain from a sorority. An invitation means a sorority is very interested in you becoming a member. This is the most formal day of rush and a nicer dress and comfortable heels are the most appropriate outfit. Think of something you might wear to an evening wedding.

Recruitment ends on Monday August 21, 2016 with Bid Day! The day begins in Gilbert Hall where PNMs will open their bid card and run to join their new sisters! You should wear your bid day t-shirt with shorts and comfortable shoes.
TERMS TO KNOW

A. POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM): a student participating in recruitment.

B. ALUMNA: an initiated member who has graduated from college.

C. BID: a formal invitation to join a chapter.

D. LEGACY: a person whose mother, sister, or grandmother is a Greek alum or active member.

E. NEW MEMBER: a person who has accepted a bid but has not yet been initiated.

F. RECRUITMENT: membership selection process, also known as rush.
POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER
BILL OF RIGHTS

A. The right to be treated as an individual
B. The right to be fully informed about the recruitment process
C. The right to be treated as a capable and mature person without being patronized
D. The right to ask how and why and receive straight answers
E. The right to have and express opinions to recruitment counselors
F. The right to make informed choices without undue pressure from others
G. The right to have inviolable confidentiality when sharing information with recruitment counselors
H. The right to be fully informed about the NPC Unanimous Agreements implicit in the membership recruitment acceptance binding agreement (MRABA) signing process
I. The right to make one’s own choice and decision and accept full responsibility for the results of that decision
J. The right to have a positive, safe and enriching recruitment and new member experience
K. The right to be treated with respect
L. The right to ask questions and receive true and objective answers from recruitment counselors and members
We, the undergraduate members of women’s fraternities, stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability, our college community.

Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony with its best possibilities, is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.