Your complete guide to fraternity recruitment!

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Formal Recruitment
Formal Recruitment begins three weeks into the semester so that you can get used to your classes, learn to navigate the campus, and establish your ties to the BSC community. Recruitment will begin on Friday, September 12 and will culminate with Bid Signing on Monday, September 15. The recruitment activities are held during the evening and will not interfere with any of your classes. Recruitment is absolutely FREE so we encourage you to do so even if you aren’t sure whether or not you want to join a fraternity. Recruitment is a fantastic way to meet people on campus.

To register for recruitment, visit www.bscifc.org by Friday, September 12.

Why Join a Fraternity?
There are numerous benefits of joining a fraternity at BSC. However, we would like to show you a few reasons why joining a fraternity can enhance your overall experience on The Hilltop.

Scholarship
The fraternities at Birmingham-Southern are well known in the Southeast for maintaining some of the highest grade point averages in the region. Our success in this area is reflected by our recent combined grade averages for the spring term, which surpassed the average for all males at BSC as well as the average for all students. To assist new members with their grades, fraternities offer study halls, require minimum grade point averages for the spring term, which surpassed the average for all males at BSC as well as the average for all students. To assist new members with their grades, fraternities offer study halls, require minimum grade point averages, and encourage older brothers to mentor new members. Many fraternity men are members of academic honor societies such as Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa, and Order of Omega.

Brotherhood
Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of joining a fraternity at BSC is the lifelong bond that is formed between you and your fraternity brothers. This bond begins on Bid Day and is enhanced each and every day. These friendships help make Birmingham-Southern your home away from home and enhance your four years of college greatly.

Leadership
Gaining the skills to become an effective leader is an important part of complementing your classroom experiences while in college. The fraternities at BSC offer their members the opportunity to assume leadership roles within their chapter and highly encourage involvement in other clubs and organizations on campus. Fraternity men are leaders in all areas of campus life including BSC Athletics, Student Government Association, Honor Council and Residence Life.

Social
Once you have finished studying for the day, you want to socialize and relax with your friends. Joining a fraternity provides you with another space and group of friends for socializing. Throughout the year, each fraternity hosts a variety of events with each of our national sororities and a plethora of themed parties and formals for their members, as well.

“Since 1878, fraternities have enriched the lives of BSC’s brightest young men. The Interfraternity Council at Birmingham-Southern exemplifies what Greek organizations should be. We seek students who have a commitment to our college and its rigorous academic tradition. No other student organizations are as unique as ours. Joining a fraternity is a lifelong commitment to brotherhood, service, leadership, and scholarship.”

Austin Culver, IFC President acculver@bsc.edu

Recruitment Rules and Policies
Rules play an important role in recruitment. The Interfraternity Council has developed these rules, giving equal consideration to all potential new members and fraternities. You will receive a complete copy of the rules when you arrive on campus, and you can access them online at www.bscifc.org. There are a few things you need to be familiar with during recruitment.

• All recruitment activities are strictly alcohol-free.
• First-year BSC students will not be allowed at the fraternity houses until Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Fraternity Recruitment Schedule 2014
Recruitment events are strictly enforced as alcohol-free, as mandated by Birmingham-Southern College as well as each national fraternity.

Thursday, August 28
(Fraternity Open Houses and Information Sessions)
6:00-8:00 pm Fraternity Row
After your second day of class, we invite you to fraternity row. This is an opportunity for the organizations to introduce themselves. This is also a great time to meet new people.

Friday, September 12
(Round Robin)
3:00-7:00 pm – Fraternity Row
Potential New Members (PNMs) will participate in “Round Robin” which involve visiting each house for 20 minutes. Each fraternity will introduce themselves and inform the Potential New Members of their organizational values, interests, and activities. Suggested dress is collared shirt and khakis.

Saturday, September 13
(Recruitment Open House)
6:30–8:30 pm – Fraternity Row
PNMs are free to visit any house they are interested in. If you missed any during the Round Robin, you are expected to attend those chapters missed. Bids may not be offered on this night. Suggested dress is collared shirt and khakis.

Sunday, September 14
(Preferential Dinner Night)
4:00-5:00 pm – PNM’s pick up invitations in the SGA room.
6:30–9:00 pm – Fraternity Row
PNMs are allowed to choose which houses they visit and for how long based on the invitations they receive. Chapters provide food to invited PNMs and the tone of this evening is casual. Bids may be offered and verbally accepted. Suggested dress is collared shirt and khakis.

Monday, September 15
(Bid Signing Day)
12:00–3:00 pm Norton Campus Center

Service
All six of the nationally recognized fraternities at BSC were founded on the ideal of service to others. Each fraternity supports a national or local philanthropy through fundraisers and service projects. It is also common to see fraternity men participating in Service Learning trips, tutoring at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, or volunteering at the Downtown Men’s Firehouse Shelter.