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DESTINATION:

ORANGE

PRIORITY SIGN UP to
return to the halls for
2010–2011 begins
November 2, 2009!



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It is time to choose where you are going to live next year. That's right – it is time for Priority Sign Up. If you have questions, be sure to talk to your student staff member. Be sure to check out the website at www.reslife.okstate.edu/orange.

Week One: Renew Your Current Room, Bed Space Monday, November 2 – Thursday, November 5

This is the time that you will go online and let us know that you want to continue to live in your same room or unit. We will email you a time slot. This time slot is just to help us spread everyone out so that our servers don't crash. You will not be able to select your room until that time, but you can select it at any point after that time. Your room is safe during this week, but don't wait until after November 5. Anytime after Nov. 5 your room is fair game. You can also go online and complete all of the steps ahead of time, and when your time comes you can then select your room.

You can also select your roommate(s) ahead of time in the Roommate Manage function. You can either add your known roommate(s) or search for a roommate. Just be sure that you and your chosen roommate(s) are "confirmed" in the system. This is the language that the system uses to ensure that all roommate requests are mutual. You can do all of this ahead of time (which we recommend), and then select your room once your time slot opens.

Week Two: Renew a Bed Space in the Same Hall Monday, Nov. 9 – Thursday, November 12

If you want to live in a room/bed space in the same hall, you can move around this week. We will send you an email with a new time slot. This time slot is based on a series of priority rankings. To receive your highest priority, you should sign up as close to your time slot as possible. However, you can sign up any time after your time slot has opened. If you signed up during the first week, and you want to try for another room during this week, you will need to cancel your first reservation and sign up again. The system will only allow you to have one reservation at a time. Remember, you can complete most of the process ahead of time, including confirming your roommates.

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Priority Process

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If you wish to move to a Living Learning Community, please complete steps 1-3 on the electronic form, then STOP! The next step will be completed at the Housing and Residential Life Office in Iba Hall. One of the helpful employees will assist you in completing your contract. They are open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. More details are available on the right.

Weeks Three & Four: Renew a Bed Space in Any Hall Monday, November 16 – Friday, November 27

These weeks you can sign up for a bed space in any available bed space in any hall. Any rooms that have not been assigned as a result of the first two weeks of the process will be available for renewal. Again, you will be sent a time slot, and it will be based on priority. Just like last week, if you signed up for a space before and you want to try for a new space, you will have to cancel your previous reservation. As with the other steps, you can get a head start by completing the steps ahead of time including confirming your roommates.

Residents wanting to move to a Living Learning Communities should take the same steps as those who signed up last week. Please see the information to the right for full details.

You will not have to pay any deposit to complete your Priority Sign Up Process. If you participated last year, you paid your \$150 deposit, and that deposit will be carried forward until you leave campus housing. For new freshmen, you paid the \$150 deposit when you made your initial contract, and it too will carry forward until you graduate or until you leave campus housing. It could not be easier to sign up to live on campus next year!

We know you have choices for housing, and we thank you for choosing to live on campus!

The 411

The time slots that we are going to be sending to your okstate email accounts are based on a series of priority rankings. These rankings were determined by the following criteria:

1. Number of semesters completed
2. Classification
3. Number of academic hours completed
4. Contract date on original housing contract
5. Cumulative grade point average

Moving to a LLC? Please Read This!

If you are interested in moving to one of the 24 Living Learning Communities that Housing and Residential Life has to offer, please take note that the sign up process is just slightly different.

- If you currently live in a Living Learning Community and you want to return to your same room, you will sign up online during week one as a returning resident.
- However, if you want to move to another room in your current Living Learning Community or if you want to join a Living Learning Community please complete steps 1-3 on the electronic form, and then STOP! You will then go to the Housing and Residential Life office in Iba Hall to complete your process there. The many helpful employees in the office will be able to help you select your room and walk you through the process.
- If you try to complete your process online and find that your room is unavailable, it may be because these rooms are part of Living Learning Communities and the rooms are reserved for participants of these programs. That is why we ask that you come into the Iba Office to complete the process.

Living Learning Communities & Affinity Floors

Athletic Training House: Village E, 3rd Floor
Career Exploration: Village C, 2nd Floor
CASNR Living Community: Village CASNR, 1st & 2nd Floors
Computer Science House: Kerr Hall, 7th Floor
Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship House: Booker, 3rd
Freshmen In Transition Community: Village CASNR, 3rd & 4th
Floors Engineering Houses: Kerr-Drummond & Allen Halls
HES House: Village HES
Health Sciences House: Village C, 4th Floor
History House: Village F, 3rd Floor
HOMES Multicultural Engineering House - Allen Hall
Journalism and Broadcasting House: Village C, 3rd Floor
Kamm Leadership House: Kamm Hall
Ketchum House: Zink Hall, 3rd Floor
Maude's Quad House Women In Engineering: Allen Hall, 3rd
Recovery House: 4 Bedroom Apartment Units
Spanish House: Wentz Hall, 10th Floor
Spears School of Business House: Village E & F, 4th Floors
Stout Honors House: Stout Hall, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Floors
Study Abroad House: Kerr-Drummond, 9th floors
TEACH House: 3rd Floor of Stinchcomb
Theater House: Wentz Hall, 6th Floor
Uhuru House: Jones Hall, 3rd Floor
Wellness House: Stinchcomb Hall, 3rd & 4th Floors

The ABCs of Priority Sign Up

Below are some terms that are associated with the Priority Sign Up Process. Some may be familiar to you, while others may leave you in the dark. This primer should help you navigate the process and make your **DESTINATION: Orange!**

Academic Year – the period of time from the beginning of the fall semester in August to the end of the spring semester in May. Approximately a 9.5 month time period.

ADA Rooms – refers to the Americans with Disabilities Act; these rooms are fully accessible for residents with special needs.

Apartments - halls which feature a fully furnished kitchen, full size washer and dryer, and all private bedrooms. Apartment halls are: Bost, Davis, Kamm, Morsani-Smith, Peterson-Friend, Sitlington, and Young Halls.

Bed space – the measurement of how many people are living in a room/unit. For example: there are two bedspaces in each double occupancy room in Kerr Hall.

Living Learning Community (LLC) – a living situation where students are grouped based on common interests, majors, or cultures. Many LLCs have special requirements to live on the floor(s), and you may have to sign a participation agreement.

Participation Agreement – a document stating what efforts will be agreed upon by a resident if he/she is a member of a Living Learning Community.

Priority Single – a private room in a traditional hall that rents for slightly more than the double room price.

Priority Sign Up – process where current residents select their room, building, and roommate(s) for the following academic year.

Suites - halls which feature a living room inside the unit (deluxe suites: Allen, Bennett, Booker, Jones, Patchin, Stinchcomb or Zink Halls) or a living room that the floor/wing share (Village Suites: Village CASNR, Village HES, Village D, Village E, and Village F). Most units have private bedrooms.

Summer – This is the contractual period from the end of the spring semester to the beginning of the fall semester. Approximately a 2.5 month period.

Traditional Halls - these are the halls which feature double occupancy rooms with bathrooms down the hall. They are: Kerr, Drummond, Wentz, and Stout.

More questions? Please see your student staff member or call the Housing & Residential Life Office at 744-5592.

What's NEW

- Be sure to activate your OSU **Okey account** and check it often as this is the only place we will send information regarding the process time slots.
- If you desire **year-round housing**, please choose Wentz, Village D, Davis, Morsani-Smith, or Young Halls. You will be asked to sign an academic year contract PLUS a summer contract.
- There are four new Living Learning Communities this year from which to choose. The **Study Abroad Floors** are located on the ninth floors of Kerr and Drummond Halls. The **TEACH House** is on the third floor of Stinchcomb Hall and is open to all elementary and secondary education majors. The **Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship (CIE) House** is on the third floor of Booker Hall, and is sponsored by the Spears School of Business. The **Theater House** can be found on the sixth floor of Wentz Hall. You can read more about these and the other Living Learning Communities at www.reslife.okstate.edu.

the fine print

There is always some technical stuff that has to be addressed, so here it is. Please take a minute and read this over, because it just might affect you someday.

Contract Termination Prior to the Beginning of Occupancy

1. Refund of Deposit – Cancellations received by Housing and Residential Life on or before June 1, 2010 will be eligible for a full refund of the \$150 deposit.
2. Loss of Deposit – Cancellations received by Housing and Residential Life after June 1, 2010 will result in an automatic forfeiture of the \$150 deposit.
3. Cancellation Charge – Cancellations received by Housing and Residential Life after August 1, 2010 will be subject to a \$250 late cancellation fee in addition to the forfeiture of the \$150 deposit. This applies to both new and returning residents.
4. Priority Sign Up - Residents who participate in the Priority Sign Up process, complete a contract, and do not return to the halls will be subject to a \$75 cancellation fee, forfeiture of the \$150 deposit, and the \$250 late fee if Housing and Residential Life does not receive the cancellation by August 1, 2010.

TOP 10 reasons to live on campus in 2010

10. DESTINATION: LIFE

You don't have to worry about the maintenance issues – the University is your landlord! There is 24-hour emergency maintenance staff on-call. In addition, you only have one bill to pay each month, not five or six like your off-campus counterparts. You have the rest of your life to live off campus. Relax and let us take care of you.

9. DESTINATION: CONVENIENCE

When you live on campus you can roll out of bed, hop in the shower, and make it to class with time to spare. No worries about traffic, busses, circling for parking spots – you get at least an extra half hour of sleep a day!

8. DESTINATION: KNOWLEDGE

It has been proven time and again that students who live on campus make better grades, are more involved, and graduate earlier than students who live off campus. Not to mention study groups, tutors, academic resource centers: if you are concerned about your academics, this is the place for you!

7. DESTINATION: SAFETY

OSU boasts one of the safest campuses in the Big XII and the residence halls are no exception. You and your safety are our top priority. The card access entry system and fire suppression systems are just two examples of what Housing and Residential Life are doing to make your halls safe. OSU Police is readily available 24/7 and they provide emergency assistance as well as campus escorts.

6. DESTINATION: CONNECTIONS

All of the rooms/units are hard wired for Ethernet connects, and all of the public spaces have wireless Internet connections. In addition, all bedrooms and living rooms have cable TV outlets. You are wired and ready to go!

5. DESTINATION: SUPPORT

Housing and Residential Life student and professional staff are on-site 24 hours a day to provide you with personal and academic support. We are here for you!

4. DESTINATION: FRIENDSHIP

Living on campus you interact and make friends with people from across Oklahoma and around the world. Your new best friend is just a door away!

3. DESTINATION: SATISFACTION

With over 30 dining options on campus you will never go hungry! From convenience stores to all you care to eat cafeterias, from national franchises to sit down restaurants, from sushi to steak, there is something for everyone's taste and appetite. And you don't have to grocery shop!

2. DESTINATION: LEARNING

On-campus housing offers twenty-four Living and Learning Communities which give residents the opportunity to take classes with others who share the same major, interest or culture. They also live together to strengthen those experiences outside of the classroom. The LLCs provide mentoring, study groups, and special programs.

1. DESTINATION: ORANGE!

Living Orange is the total college experience. At no other time in your life will you be able to experience all of the things available to you in the halls such as new cultures, new friendships, academic support and success, community involvement, diversity, and ways of viewing the world. Live on campus, make better grades, make life-long friends, and make your **DESTINATION: ORANGE!**

The Price is Right

Living on campus can be one of the most affordable living options you have. There are three living styles to choose from, 24 different halls, and about that many price points. To the right is just one example of the savings that can be realized when comparing on and off campus housing. Additional money may be saved depending upon the type of housing you choose, if you get a Priority Single, or if you choose to live in apartments versus the traditional halls. That is what is so great about living on campus – you have choices, and you make the decisions.

Stillwater Flats	Housing & Residential Life
2 Bedroom/2 Bathroom Furnished Apartment ✓	2 Bedroom/2 Bathroom Furnished Apartment ✓
Individual Leases ✓	Individual Leases ✓
Full kitchens with Black Appliances ✓	Full kitchens with White Appliances ✓
Washer and Dryer in Every Unit ✓	Washer and Dryer in Every Unit ✓
Individual Locking Bedroom Door ✓	Individual Locking Bedroom Door ✓
All Utilities Paid by Landlord ✓	All Utilities Paid by Landlord ✓
Pool with Sundeck ✓	Colvin Recreation Center ✓
Landscaped Courtyards ✓	Landscaped green spaces and sports courts ✓
Parking Garage with optional reserved parking on your own floor ✓	Parking adjacent to residence halls, and you don't have to move your car to go to class! ✓
Located on two OSU Bus routes ✓	Access to ALL OSU Bus routes ✓
On-Site Management ✓	On-Site Management to serve 24/7 ✓
Convenient Location, walk to class ✓	Extra Convenient Location, walk to class ✓
	Ceiling fans in living room and bedrooms ✓
	Patio or balcony for each unit ✓
	Proximity to other students with shared interests ✓
	One of the safest campuses in the Big XII ✓
\$744-749 per month per bed ✓	\$668-727 per month per bed (save \$22-\$76 per month – that adds up to almost \$700 a year!) ✓