Welcome to Furman University’s Inter-fraternity Council Rush Guide. We are excited about your interest in the Greek community. I encourage you to take a look at all of the chapters that Furman has to offer.

Fraternities give students an opportunity to develop friendships and build networking connections that will last a lifetime. While each fraternity is different, we are all united in one common belief in our Greek community. It is something that has deeply impacted my life and has made my experience at Furman University even more enjoyable. If you have any questions about Greek Life or our system, please feel free to email me at justin.thomason@furman.edu. I will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Once again, thank you for visiting our site and we look forward to having you be a part of our Greek Community.

**Justin Thomason**

IFC President
Welcome to Furman! College can be anything that you make it, and I feel certain you will make lifelong friends, have many good times, and hopefully learn a little while you’re here. Getting involved in Greek life at Furman is a great way to accentuate the college experience on a number of levels. Membership in a fraternity will challenge you to be better academically, physically, socially, and spiritually—all while introducing you to lifelong friends. Fraternities offer a number of outlets for men to excel, including leadership, social planning, intramurals, and more. Day to day fraternity life will help motivate you to lead a more active life while promoting within you a sense of personal responsibility and organization.

Fraternity men are some of the most involved students on campus, holding leadership positions in the Student Government Association (SGA), the Furman University Student Activities Board (FUSAB), College Republicans and Democrats, and Bell Tower Boys (Singers). These are just a few examples demonstrating the value that membership in a fraternity can bring to your college experience.

In addition, fraternities consistently have higher combined GPAs than the overall male average.

Fraternities encourage leadership in academics and in life while also providing a supportive, stable atmosphere to make your college experience at Furman more rewarding. I encourage you to get to know all the fraternities our campus has to offer, and I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Andy Wallin,
Inter-Fraternity Council Vice President for Recruitment

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The Four Pillars of Furman's Inter-Fraternity Council

1. Scholarship—We seek excellence in every field and academic pursuit.
2. Service—We seek excellence in our volunteer work to others less fortunate than ourselves.
3. Leadership—We seek excellence in developing our brothers into leaders.
4. Community—We seek excellence in our community through positive interactions with the entire campus and Greenville community.

Steps to Fraternity Rush

1. Attend Open House — August 29, 4 p.m.
2. Attend Smokers — September 28–October 11
3. Register — Rush registration period is November 16, 5 p.m.–January 12, 5 p.m.
4. Attend Closed Night —November 28–December 5
5. Attend Mountain Party — January 14, 10 a.m.
6. Bid Night — January 15, 3 p.m.
7. Community Service Project — January 16, 9 a.m.

*Completing steps 1–5 does not guarantee a bid

Recruitment Events & Dates

Open House—August 29, 4 p.m., Watkins Room

Open House is where you can learn more about Furman University's fraternity and sorority systems.
Smokers

All smokers are open to all males and you are encouraged to attend as many as possible. All smokers will be in the Watkins Room beginning at 7 p.m.

- September 28 Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- October 3 Pi Kappa Phi
- October 4 Sigma Nu
- October 5 Beta Theta Pi
- October 10 Kappa Alpha
- October 11 Sigma Chi

Closed Nights

At the end of the fall semester, each fraternity invites potential new members back to a “Closed Night” function. If invited to multiple closed nights, a potential new member is encouraged to attend them.

- November 28 Kappa Alpha
- November 29 Beta Theta Pi
- November 30 Sigma Chi
- December 1 Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- December 2 Pi Kappa Phi
- December 5 Sigma Nu

Mountain Parties—January 15, 2011

Each fraternity holds an off-campus “mountain party” the Saturday before bids are given out on Sunday. Any male interested in joining a fraternity should attend one of these. All mountain parties are held simultaneously so a potential new member can only attend one.

Bid Day—January 16, 2011, 3 p.m.

The Sunday following mountain parties a list of men receiving bids will be posted in the University Center. All fraternity bids are distributed together that night.

Community Service—January 17, 2011, 9 a.m.

A tradition established in 2010, the New Member Education period begins with a joint community service project. This is an opportunity for us to give back to those in need.
Why Go Greek?

**Brotherhood**

For generations, fraternities have offered college men the opportunity to become part of a brotherhood and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Any fraternity man will tell you that the real reason he is proud to be in a fraternity involves the relationships that he has made through that fraternity. Brotherhood holds the fraternity together. It is the principle by which and for which fraternities were created. We invite you to experience brotherhood in action through the Furman Greek community.

**Leadership**

Leadership opportunities abound within and outside of the Greek community. Within each fraternity, officers, committee heads, and members have the responsibility of maintaining the organization. The opportunity to lead a chapter, manage a budget, or keep track of a large membership provides plenty of experience in leadership.

**Campus Involvement**

Fraternity men and sorority women lead the way on Furman’s campus. The current president of SGA, Furman’s student governing body, is a fraternity member. In addition, Greek men and women compose a large percentage of the leadership for other organizations, including FUSAB, SAC, the Housing & Residence Life staff, numerous musical groups, athletic teams, and the Orientation staff.

**Academic Support**

Furman fraternities consistently have a grade-point average higher than the all male average on campus. In addition, many fraternities offer study programs, tutoring sessions, academic coaches, and peer-mentoring opportunities that keep the membership GPA above average.
Intramurals and Recreational Sports

Most fraternity men are actively involved in intramural competitions and all fraternities field teams in many of the events. Furman boasts a strong intramural league in which fraternities compete in the strong division or “champ league.” Some of the sports include soccer, basketball, football, track, golf, volleyball, bowling, softball, and swimming.

Alumni: Networking Now for the Job Market

Affiliated men are fraternity men for life. Every Furman fraternity has a large alumni base stretching across the nation that can be a huge benefit to you in the search for internships, financial support, and mentoring while you are an undergraduate and in the job market after graduation.

Community Service

All fraternities and sororities have philanthropies that enable their members to get involved in the community both on-campus and locally. Some of the more recent philanthropy causes have been Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Reading is Fundamental, and the YMCA.

Social Opportunities

Parties, formals, grab-a-dates, beach weekend, and mixers with sororities are all events each fraternity has every year. The Greek community provides social opportunities for the campus as well as “invitation only” events that limit attendance to brothers and their dates. Fraternity membership strives to promote responsible social behavior along with opportunities for fellowship and fun.
Beta Theta Pi

Although Beta Theta Pi is one of Furman’s youngest fraternities, it represents a long tradition internationally, dating back to 1839. Furman’s Zeta Lambda chapter of Beta Theta Pi believes in the strength of brotherly bonds that can develop in a fraternity. Beta Theta Pi encourages the growth of young men through cultivation of the intellect, community involvement, and lifelong friendship.

Nickname: Beta  
FU founding: 1997  
Chapter designation: Zeta Lambda  
Colors: red, white, blue

Kappa Alpha Order

An Order can be defined as a group of men bound together by one aim, one goal. We are more than a fraternity; KA is an Order of Christian Knights pledged to the highest ideals of character and achievement. KA’s aim is to preserve and perpetuate the masculine virtues of chivalry, honor, and reverence to God and women. Thus, we emulate our spiritual founder Robert E. Lee—a great man eminent in character.

Nickname: KA  
FU founding: 1872  
Chapter designation: Iota  
Colors: crimson, gold
Kappa Alpha Psi

The Xi Omega chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. began February 13, 1994 with the initiation of five brothers. These brothers came back to Furman University to build and promote the fundamental purpose of achievement and brotherhood for which the fraternity stands. Since that time, the Xi Omega chapter at Furman University has grown and promoted the name of Kappa Alpha Psi through their many achievements.

Nickname: Kappa
FU founding: 1997
Chapter designation: Xi Omega
Colors: crimson, cream

Pi Kappa Phi

When the founding fathers of Pi Kappa Phi granted Furman an official charter in 1909, they knew the chapter would live up to the standards of CLASS. They had striven to become men of character, leadership, academics, sportsmanship, and service. Today, Furman’s Delta chapter, the fourth oldest chapter of Pi Kappa Phi in the nation, is one of the best chapters in America’s Leading Fraternity. Pi Kapps lead the way in campus life in various ways. From the campus-wide leadership in SGA to freshman hall and Orientation staff, we strive for CLASS.

Nickname: Pi Kapp
FU Founding: 1909
Chapter Designation: Delta
Colors: gold, white, blue
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Brought to Furman in 1868 as the 20th chapter in our national history, SAE is the oldest fraternity on campus. The chapter has produced “True Gentlemen” of distinction ever since its inception, and names such as Furman, Hipp, Joyner, and Riley have been proud to wear our badge. By adhering to its ritual and its creed, the True Gentlemen, SAE promises young men a lifetime of leadership, friendship, and unadulterated brotherhood in the world's largest social fraternity.

Nickname: SAE
FU Founding: 1868
Chapter Designation: SC- Phi
Colors: purple, gold

Sigma Chi

In 1855 Sigma Chi was founded on the pillars of Friendship, Justice, and Learning. The brothers of Sigma Chi continually strive to conform to the ideals that are set forth in their ceremonies. Members of our fraternity hold themselves to a higher standard than the world holds most men. Individually, our brothers are well respected on campus by faculty and students alike. We endeavor to be leaders on and off campus and our brothers participate in Heller Service Corps, ROTC, Varsity and Club sports teams, and musical groups on campus.

Nickname: Sigs
FU Founding: 1989
Chapter Designation: Iota Nu
Colors: blue, gold
Sigma Nu

Since our founding on March 22, 1986, the Sigma Nu Fraternity has grown to be one of the largest and most active social organizations on Furman’s campus. Originating through the efforts of five founding fathers, the group currently encompasses a very diverse yet closely knit brotherhood. Furthermore, each one of our brothers is committed to being a leader within the student body. Some compete in varsity sports, while others are involved in O-Staff, Mock Trial, Belltower Boys, IFC, and several honor societies.

Nickname: Sigma Nu
FU Founding: 1986
Chapter Designation: Kappa Chi
Colors: black, white, gold
**Famous Fraternity Men**

- Adam West – The Original Batman
- Mike Schmidt – Baseball Hall of Famer
- Sam Walton – Founder of Wal-Mart
- George S. Patton – WWII General
- Ben Crenshaw – Golfer
- Charlie Rose – Journalist
- Beau Bridges – Actor
- Bo Schembechler – Legendary Football Coach
- David Spade – Actor
- David Letterman – TV Personality
- Drew Brees – NFL Quarterback
- Warren Beatty – Actor
- Charles Schwab – Investor
- Pat Riley – NBA Coach

**Will you be next?**

**IFC FAQ**

**Q: How much of my time will fraternity membership require?**
A: Fraternity membership provides a valuable opportunity for you to make good use of your extra time. The time you spend in fraternity activity is largely up to you depending on how active a brother you choose to be.

**Q: How large are Furman fraternities?**
A: The size of each fraternity varies. At Furman approximately 30-35% of males are Greek. The size of each chapter on campus ranges from 30-80 people.

**Q: May I join a fraternity during or after my freshman year?**
A: Yes, there is no set time frame in which you must join a fraternity. The only time requirement is that you must have a semester’s worth of grades to join. Joining your first year, however, can prove to be very beneficial. Some upperclassmen, however, choose to join a fraternity during the fall of their sophomore year or even later.

**Q: How much does a fraternity membership cost?**
A: Compared to tuition, the cost of a fraternity is relatively low. Each fraternity will explain their fees during recruitment, and you should ask questions as this is often a very important issue.

**Q: Who do I contact if I have questions or concerns?**
A: Edward J. Young, Advisor [edward.young@furman.edu]

- Justin Thomason, President [justin.thomason@furman.edu]
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Furman’s Hazing Policy

Furman University prohibits hazing in any form. Any activities that tend to occasion or allow unreasonable physical or mental suffering are strictly prohibited by the university. In this regard, the university defines hazing as any action taken, or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off university premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule, or suffering.

Such actions and situations include paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities; wearing publicly apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late work sessions that interfere with scholastic activities; and any other activities not consistent with the rules and regulations of Furman University.

If any violations occur, an investigation by the Student Life Office will determine if a group is responsible for the allegations. Any organization found guilty of hazing will be placed on probation or withdrawn from the University.

To report hazing, call 864.294.3037.