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What is the Greek Challenge?

In an attempt to strengthen the ideals and unity of the Texas State Greek community, the Greek Affairs Programming Board at Texas State University is revamping the traditional Greek Week to be more conducive for outstanding chapters. In the past, Greek Week has been condensed into one long week at the end of an already busy spring semester. We felt Greek Week, although a great celebration of what it means to be Greek, did not recognize chapters for an entire year of diligence and hard work.

The Greek Challenge is a series of diverse events, which will span the entire 2015-2016 academic year. These events include Texas State Athletic games, designated Greek Council events, service opportunities, leadership programs, campus events, and competitions the Programming Board hosts. Just as in Greek Week, organizations earn points for a variety of accomplishments. Before each semester, chapters will receive a list of events and dates where chapters can earn points towards the Greek Challenge that particular semester.

In order to maintain the great celebratory tradition of Greek Week, each semester we will have a “Greek Weekend” consisting of a day or two where chapters have the opportunity to compete against each other (EX: Greek Olympics) and/or serve alongside each other in different volunteer opportunities.

We recognize in the past there has been “over programming.” That being said, we spread out the Greek Challenge to last an entire academic year so chapters and members can participate when it is most convenient for them. Also, the point system is designed to be “buffet style,” meaning chapters will not be punished for missing an event. We understand chapters themselves have busy schedules and the duties of a college student don’t always allow for ample time to attend events. Therefore, we want to encourage chapters and members to participate in the Greek Challenge as often as they can, but not every event.

At the end of the year, the points will be added-up and the winner of the Greek Challenge will be announced! There will be a chapter winner from each council. The Programming Board is excited to begin this exciting new direction in the fall!
2015-2016 Greek Challenge Registration Form

Name of Organization:______________________________________________________

Greek Challenge Representative:_____________________________________________

Greek Challenge Representative’s e-mail:_______________________________________

Greek Challenge Representative’s Phone Number:______________________________

All participating organizations must register by **August 28, 2015** no later than 5 pm. **All applications and rosters must be turned into the Greek Affairs Office in LBJ Student Center 4-14.1.** Applications not submitted in person will be considered as incomplete. For more information, please e-mail one of the following people:

Jefferson Alegria – j_a245@txstate.edu – Bobcat Spirit Co-Director

Beth Stewart – bks75@txstate.edu – Bobcat Spirit Co-Director

Greek Affairs Programming Board – greekpb@txstate.edu
Chapter Conduct Code

I _____________________, as acting President of _______________________ chapter, agree to be held responsible for the behavior of my entire Chapter. The Chapter understands the rules regarding all Greek Challenge sponsored events and games. We understand appropriate behavior is expected from all members whether they are a participating member of the event or not. Additionally, we agree to treat all committee members, staff, judges, and other Greek Challenge participants in a manner we would expect and prefer to be treated. Furthermore, the Chapter understands any violation of this code by any member can result in disqualification of the entire team or Chapter. Chapters that violate the rules established by the Greek Affairs Office and Greek Challenge committee are correspondingly subject to University and their respective Judicial Board disciplinary actions.

In accordance with federal, state, and local laws and policies set forth by Texas State University, IFC, MGC, NPHC, and Panhellenic Judicial Boards: all Greek Challenge events will be alcohol free events (dry). Any violation of this policy will be handled as follows:

1. Any individual who is found to be in possession of alcohol and is approached by a member of the Greek Challenge Committee, Greek Affairs staff, or officiating Greek Challenge personnel will be asked to dump out any opened alcohol containers, and to forfeit any closed alcohol containers. The name and chapter affiliation of that person will be noted.

2. If the individual refuses to dump out and/or forfeit their alcohol, they will be escorted from the event by Texas State University security.

3. Anyone escorted from an event will not be allowed to participate in any further Greek Challenge competitions for six months.

4. A second violation of this policy by an individual or chapter will result in a complete disqualification from all Greek Challenge events for this (2015-2016) Greek Challenge.

5. Violations will be forwarded to appropriate entities based on violation: council, judicial, OCR, Dean of Students, etc.

This policy shall be in place at any 2015-2016 Greek Challenge event.

________________________  ______________________  
(Chapter President Signature)  (Date)

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(Chapter Advisor Signature)
Event Disqualifying Offenses:

- Missing the published deadline to turn in any required materials for the Greek Challenge will result in disqualification of any competing organization in the event for which the deadline was missed.
- Cheating, attempting to cheat, lying (through direct statement or omission of information), deceiving or attempting to deceive officials or other competitors in any event will be grounds for disqualification of that individual from that event.
- Fighting, whether verbal or physical, between or within chapters, will be grounds for immediate disqualification from any event.
- Any chapter whose member or members are found to be consuming, in possession of, or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances will be immediately disqualified from any event. See Code of Conduct in packet.
- If anyone not on the official roster is found to be participating in any event, the organization will lose points for that person’s participation.
- At the discretion of the Greek Affairs Programming Board of Directors, any chapter found to be guilty of committing a Disqualifying Offense might lose points for that same offense.

Negative Points:

- Negative points will be given for violations of the Greek Challenge rules as outlined in this document, but is not limited to the items listed below.
- Points can be deducted for actions jeopardizing the safety and well-being of participants or for actions showing poor character that do not coincide with the values of Texas State University. The Greek Affairs Programming Board of Directors will decide which actions call for a loss of points.
- No negative points will be given for “double-jeopardy” offenses—only the greater of the two offenses will be given.
  - Example: If an organization is disqualified from an event for fighting the offending chapter will not lose 10 points for fighting and 3 points for disqualification, only 10 points for fighting
• Negative points will be given as follows:

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<td>Cheating/Attempting to cheat</td>
<td>-3 points</td>
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<td>Verbal Abuse</td>
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<td>Improper use of social media</td>
<td>-2 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>Disqualification from any event</td>
<td>-3 points</td>
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Miscellaneous:

• Elbow, Shin, Kneepads, Etc. may be worn
• No metal cleats, such as baseball cleats, may be used for any event
• Close-toed shoes must be worn for all athletic events.
• Ankle, knee, wrist, or other braces are permitted for those players with medical conditions that require these devices.
Greek Challenge Point System

Points for the Greek Challenge will be awarded in a multitude of ways over the course of the academic year and final point totals will be figured on Monday, March 28, 2016. There will be three types of points awarded based upon the type of event.

#1 - Spirit Points can be awarded for percentage of chapter members at certain campus events

#2 - Winning and/or placing in a competitive event hosted by the Greek Affairs Programming Board

#3 - Chapter accomplishment points such as community service hours provided per member, philanthropy dollars raised by the chapter, leadership roles held by chapter members in organizations outside of the chapter, and overall chapter academic achievements.

Competitive Points

Points will be awarded to chapters that place in any type of competitive event hosted by the Greek Affairs Programming Board, such as “Greeks Got Talent” and “Greek Olympic” events. If multiple chapters work as a team to place in a particular event, all chapters on that team will receive the points.

1st Place = 10 points

2nd Place = 7 points

3rd Place = 5 points
Chapter Academic Points

Chapter will be rewarded for outstanding performance in the classroom. Chapter GPA’s will be evaluated at the end of every semester and if standards are met, the chapter will receive points for the GPA level they achieve going toward that year’s Greek Challenge. Both of the Overall Chapter GPA’s for Spring 2015 and Fall 2015 will go toward the 2015-2016 Greek Challenge.

Overall Chapter Semester GPA Above 2.70 = 5

Overall Chapter Semester GPA Above 3.00 = 10

Overall Chapter Semester GPA Above 3.25 = 15

Overall Chapter Semester GPA Above 3.50 = 20
Chapter Philanthropy Points

Every chapter will be rewarded for outstanding philanthropy fundraising efforts. All philanthropy dollars reported to the Greek Affairs Programming Board by **Monday, March 28, 2016** will be accounted for annually and points awarded. Every dollar reported must be supported by proof of donation (*ex. receipt and/or letter from philanthropic organization*). Points will not be awarded without documentation.

$500 = 5 points

$750 = 8 points

$1,000 = 10 points

$1,500 = 12 points

$2,000 = 14 points

$3,000 = 16 points

$4,000 = 18 points

$5,000 = 20 points

$6,000 = 22 points

$7,000 = 24 points

$8,000 = 26 points

$9,000 = 28 points

$10,000+ = 30 points

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital – “Up ‘til Dawn”

Philanthropy Teams

Every six (6) person team created within your fraternity/sorority chapter that meets the minimum $600 threshold to enter into the “Up ‘til Dawn” event will be awarded **10 points per team**. All philanthropy dollars raised for St. Jude’s “Up ‘til Dawn” program will be included in the total chapter’s dollar amounts using the point system outlined above and must be reported to the Greek Affairs Programming Board by **Monday, March 28, 2016**, which will be accounted for annually and points awarded. The link to register is below:

Community Service Points

Chapters will receive points for community service efforts. The total number of service hours provided by the chapter will be divided by the total number of members in the chapter, resulting in an average hours per member. Points will be awarded based off of that formula. A letter or supporting documentation from the organization or entity served, stating total number of service hours provided must support the hours reported by the fraternity/sorority. All community service hours reported to the Greek Affairs Programming Board by Monday, March 28, 2016 will be accounted for annually and points awarded. Chapters will earn points cumulatively for the year (both the fall and spring semesters added together).

10 hours per member = 10 points
15 hours per member = 15 points
20 hours per member = 20 points
25 hours per member = 25 points
30 hours per member = 30 points
35 hours per member = 35 points
40 hours per member = 40 points
45 hours per member = 45 points
50 hours per member = 50 points
**Campus Leadership Points**

Fraternity and Sorority Chapters will earn ten (10) points for each Executive Officer position/leadership role in any Texas State student organization outside of their fraternity/sorority chapter held by one of their chapter members. Each reported Executive Officer role must be supported by documentation from the faculty/staff advisor of that organization indicating their position and term of office. All leadership roles must be reported to the Greek Affairs Programming Board by **Monday, March 28, 2016**, which will be accounted for annually and points awarded. Chapters will earn points cumulatively for the year (**both the fall and spring semesters added together**).
Campus Event - Spirit Point/Attendance Percentages

(A fraternity/sorority chapter must have a minimum of 5 or more members in order to accumulate 2 spirit points and above based upon percentages)

☐ 1 Spirit Point = per 1 member for chapters with less than five members
☐ 2 Spirit Points = 5% chapter attendance
☐ 3 Spirit Points = 10% chapter attendance
☐ 4 Spirit Points = 15% chapter attendance
☐ 5 Spirit Points = 20% chapter attendance
☐ 6 Spirit Points = 25% chapter attendance
☐ 7 Spirit Points = 30% chapter attendance
☐ 8 Spirit Points = 35% chapter attendance
☐ 9 Spirit Points = 40% chapter attendance
☐ 10 Spirit Points = 45% chapter attendance
☐ 11 Spirit Points = 50% chapter attendance
☐ 12 Spirit Points = 55% chapter attendance
☐ 13 Spirit Points = 60% chapter attendance
☐ 14 Spirit Points = 65% chapter attendance
☐ 15 Spirit Points = 70% chapter attendance
☐ 16 Spirit Points = 75% chapter attendance
☐ 17 Spirit Points = 80% chapter attendance
☐ 18 Spirit Points = 85% chapter attendance
☐ 19 Spirit Points = 90% chapter attendance
☐ 20 Spirit Points = 95% chapter attendance
☐ 21 Spirit Points = 100% chapter attendance
Greek Challenge Calendar of Events

Note for community service events:

The community service opportunities listed are set up by the Greek Affairs Programming Board of Directors but chapters are strongly encouraged to arrange their own service events. Any member of the Greek community is encouraged to participate, however spots are limited. Participants must sign up in advance and do so in the Greek Affairs Office. The hours earned volunteering at these events are eligible to include toward your chapters overall Greek Challenge effort. Points for some events will be awarded differently. If this is the case, it is stated under the event date. Questions are to be directed to Mario Carranza- Mec180@txstate.edu or Sam Manzanares- sam234@txstate.edu.

Note for TXST athletic events:

Members must swipe their student IDs at athletic events in order to receive credit for attendance. Spirit Points will be awarded for all TXST athletic home games in September, October, and November.

September:

6th: TXST Soccer Game
12th: TXST Football Game
18th: TXST Soccer Game & TXST Volleyball Game
19th: TXST Football Game
20th: Fraternity/Sorority Chapter Executive Officer “Risk Management” Training (LBJ Teaching Theater)
20th: TXST Soccer game & TXST Volleyball Game
25th: TXST Soccer Game
27th: TXST Soccer Game
28th: Comedian/Keynote Speaker “Kevin Breel” (Strahan Coliseum)
October:

1\textsuperscript{st}: TXST Volleyball Game
3\textsuperscript{rd}: TXST Volleyball Game
6\textsuperscript{th}: TXST Volleyball Game
17\textsuperscript{th}: Adopt a Spot – (Community Service)
18\textsuperscript{th}: Care Packages for Troops – (Community Service)
23\textsuperscript{rd}: TXST Soccer Game
24\textsuperscript{th}: TXST Football Game
25\textsuperscript{th}: TXST Soccer Game
30\textsuperscript{th}: TXST Volleyball Game
31\textsuperscript{st}: TXST Volleyball Game

November:

7\textsuperscript{th}: TXST Football Game
9\textsuperscript{th} – 13\textsuperscript{th}: IFC Canned Food Drive - Community Service
\hspace{1cm} (.25 points for every can donated per chapter)
13\textsuperscript{th}: TXST Volleyball Game
13\textsuperscript{th}: Greek Weekend! (Information to be provided later)
19\textsuperscript{th}: TXST Football Game
21\textsuperscript{st}: “Equality University” Conference - LBJ Student Center
\hspace{1cm} (Pre-registration is required – space is limited – 1 point per attendee)
January 2016

16th – 17th: Emerging Leaders Academy/Epsilon Lambda Alpha Retreat – T Bar M Ranch (Pre-registration is required – space is limited – 1 point per attendee)

30th – 31st: Chapter Presidents’ Annual Retreat - T Bar M Ranch (Pre-registration is required – each chapter sends their respective chapter president – 1 point per attendee)

February 2016

19th – 20th: DOS Leadership Institute’s Annual Conference – LBJ Ballroom (Pre-registration is required – space is limited – 1 point per attendee)

April 2016

15th: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital “Up ‘til Dawn” Event

21st: Annual Greek Awards Banquet

A more detailed schedule of events for Spring 2016 will be announced at a later date.