

Theme House Proposal

2008-2009

All proposals are due in the Office for Campus Life no later than March 10, 2008 by 5:00 pm.

Theme Housing is an alternative to traditional residential hall living. It is an opportunity to offer co-operative living among students with a common shared interest in promoting a sense of community and scholarship, both inside and outside the Guilford College boundaries. All houses may be co-ed or single sex.

Please note: Current occupants of the Theme Houses will not necessarily be selected for the following year and must submit a new proposal.

Proposals will be accepted for three theme houses, whose themes will be determined based on the strongest proposals submitted and selected by the Residence Life staff. If you are interested in a particular house, you must have people to fill all the vacancies in the house. If you have participants who plan to Study Abroad one semester during the next academic year, you will need to name replacements to fill any vacancies.

All students interested in a Theme House must complete the online housing application, which is separate from the proposal. Incomplete applications/proposals will not be considered.

The Pope (Healthy Living/Substance free):

This house will be the only substance free residence available for upper-class students. The Pope house is for students who are dedicated to living a completely substance free and healthy lifestyle (smoke-free, alcohol-free, or other controlled substances). Proposals are not accepted for the Pope House and the house will be available to individuals during housing selection week. Residents of this house will be required to sign the substance-free agreement.

The Campbell House: to be determined

The Cobb House: to be determined

The Pines House: to be determined

Criteria for Selection to Theme Housing

To apply for a Theme house, each group must present a written proposal, which will be reviewed by the Residence Life staff. The following criteria were established to assist both the students, in drawing up a proposal, and the committee in selecting the groups for Theme housing.

- I. Proposal – The overall quality of the proposal is very important. How well thought out is the proposal? How well is it presented? How creative or unique are the ideas contained in the proposal?
- II. Objectives – How realistic are the objectives of the proposed house? Do these objectives contribute in a positive way to the College and the quality of life at Guilford? How do the objectives fit with the core values of the College? Describe how you intend to actualize your theme and your projects as a group.
- III. House Members – A proposal may be denied if it fails to meet house occupancy requirements. If a student leaves the house, Residence Life will accept requests for alternates to fill any vacancies. The house members will have the right to deny a request; however, they will need to be cognizant that the vacancy must be filled. A House Manager will be selected by the group. The House Manager serves as a spokesperson for the house and will have some responsibilities in return for a reduced rate on a small single room.

- IV. Faculty/Staff Advisor – A faculty/staff person is required as an advisor for each house prior to granting a proposal. When the proposal is granted, a faculty/house contract will be established outlining the type of relationship which can be expected, i.e., formal and informal programming, as well as formal and informal social contact.
- V. Campus Outreach – What will the house do to inform other residents and the campus at large of its activities, and to invite faculty, staff, and students to programs or social events sponsored by the group? Describe the nature of the Academic/Community Projects you intend to accomplish during both semesters. Please provide as much detail as possible.
- VI. Accomplishments – If the house is held currently, what positive contributions have been made to the College community? What objectives have been reached? In what ways will your group continue to grow if granted the house for another year?
- VII. Class Standing – Some preference is given to seniors.

The following Theme Houses will be available for 2008-2009:

<u>House</u>	<u>Occupancy</u>
Pines	10 – 4 doubles and 2 small singles
Campbell	6 – 3 doubles and 2 rooms small singles
Cobb	7 – 1 double, 1 triple room and 2 small singles

Minimum qualifications and requirements for living in a Theme House:

1. **Completion of the online housing application in Banner Web by March 28th;**
2. **Accumulative GPA of 2.2 or higher as of December 31, 2007;**
3. **All proposals must be complete (including commitment sheets) at the time of submission to be considered;**
4. **Good judicial standing at time of application, or during the 2007-08 academic year*;**
5. **Organization and implementation of a minimum of 3 programs or activities per semester (community service and/or campus wide program);**
6. **A written assessment of activities/contributions from each house will be required at the end of each semester.**

***Failure to meet these expectations will most likely result in the immediate removal from the house**

Theme Housing Proposal
(Complete one proposal per house)

House applying for: 1st preference _____

2nd preference _____

3rd preference _____

Please list individuals making up proposal: _____

Faculty/Staff Advisor's Statement: I, (print name) _____, understand the following proposal and am willing to act as an advisor to this group and that I will serve as the faculty/staff member who will assist the house group as I can to help them succeed as a viable community. I am aware that if this group is granted a house, I will be responsible for creating a contract of mutual expectations with them. If I am unable to fulfill my obligation as advisor for the entire academic year, I will assist the house in locating a new advisor.

Signature

Date

Department _____

Office location: _____

Contact Number: _____

DUE

Friday, March 10, 2008, by 5:00 pm in the Office for Campus Life, Founders Hall

Commitment Sheet

One sheet must be completed by each proposed resident

Please Print

G# _____ Name: _____

Current Housing Assignment: _____ Preferred Email: _____

Campus Phone: _____ Cell or other phone: _____ Campus Box: _____

Major(s) _____ GPA _____

General involvements _____

Please answer each of the following questions:

1. Why do you want to live in this particular house?
2. What would you be able to offer this particular community (what traits, skills, etc... would you bring to this community)?

I, _____, have read and understand the submitted proposal. I agree to cooperate with fellow housemates to accomplish the proposed goals and additional expectations. I understand if I, as an individual, or we, as a group, fail to meet my/our expectations that I/we may be subject to Residence Life sanctions including removal from the house. I further understand that if I choose to move, the remaining individuals in the house will be required to find a replacement for my space. The Department of Residence Life reserves the right, if vacancies occur, to assign new students without house approval; however, every effort will be made to find an appropriate occupant for the house.

Signature

Date

DUE Friday, March 10th by 5:00 pm with completed proposal materials