

**Beta Theta Pi
177th General Convention
August 4 – 7, 2016**

Frequently Asked Questions

Alumni, Families and Guests

General Information

What is General Convention?

Beta Theta Pi's General Convention is the Fraternity's annual reunion where the Beta family cultivates new and old relationships, celebrates individual and chapter achievements and inspires attendees to continue to live Beta's values. Leadership College, Symposium and the Housing Summit provide enriching educational experiences, while our chapter delegates, Fraternity Trustees, and Foundation Board conduct the business of the Fraternity.

When is convention?

Beta's 177th General Convention will be held August 4 – 7, 2016, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Where will it be held?

Convention will be held at the Cox Convention Center and the adjacent [Renaissance Convention Center Hotel](#).

What is the schedule for convention?

Every day of convention includes time for legislation, celebration and education. An overview schedule is located on Beta Theta Pi's website. Check back periodically for updates, as we'll be adding more details throughout the summer.

Who goes to convention?

Everyone is invited! Alumni, family and guests are invited to attend all of convention or just a few events as their schedules allow. There are special receptions and excursions planned for alumni and guests.

Convention Registration

How do I register?

Everyone coming to convention needs to register online by visiting Beta's [convention homepage](#).

What does it cost?

Alumni and guests can come for the entire convention, just a day, or for just one meal. In addition, we are offering excursions on Friday and Saturday. Pricing varies based on the options you choose and when you register.

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| | 15-Apr | April 16 – June 30 | July 1 – July 6 |
| Full-time Registration <i>(Thursday through Saturday, includes most meals)</i> | \$400 | \$400 | \$450 |
| One-Day Registration <i>(choose Thursday, Friday, or Saturday; includes at least one meal per day)</i> | Thurs - \$60 Fri - \$75 Saturday - \$125 | Thurs - \$60 Fri - \$75 Saturday - \$125 | Thurs - \$60 Fri - \$75 Saturday - \$125 |
| Saturday Dinner Only* | \$75 | \$99 | \$99 |
| Friday Excursion: Oklahoma Chapter House Tour <i>Guests will have the opportunity to visit Norman and tour the chapter's amazing new facility.</i> | Included in registration | Included in registration | Included in registration |
| Friday Excursion: Oklahoma City Dodgers Baseball Game <i>Come cheer on the Oklahoma City Dodgers, a local minor league baseball team, whose stadium is a short walk from our convention location. Game begins at 7:05 p.m.</i> | Included in registration | Included in registration | Included in registration |
| Friday Excursion: Oklahoma City National Memorial <i>The Oklahoma City National Memorial is a memorial that honors the victims, survivors, rescuers, and all who were affected by the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995.</i> | Tickets purchased onsite | Tickets purchased onsite | Tickets purchased onsite |
| Spouses and Guests Excursion** <i>The Myriad Botanical Gardens is a 17-acre botanical garden and interactive urban park located in downtown Oklahoma City.</i> | Tickets purchased onsite | Tickets purchased onsite | Tickets purchased onsite |

*Single-meal registration is not available online. To register for just one meal, call the Administrative Office at 800.800.BETA and ask to speak to the Convention team.

** Guests and family only; all Betas should attend the Model Initiation on Saturday morning.

What if I have special needs or dietary restrictions?

During the online registration process you can indicate special needs, ADA or dietary restrictions. We will do our best to work with the hotel to meet those needs.

What if I'm having trouble registering online?

Call 800.800.BETA and ask to speak with a member of the convention team. We are happy to assist you.

Cancellations and refunds

If you cancel by July 9, we can refund 50% refund of the fees you paid. After July 9, your fees are non-refundable. To cancel, please contact the Administrative Office at 800.800.BETA and ask to speak to a member of the Convention registration team.

Schedule

Overview

Click [here](#) for an overview of the 2016 Convention Symposium. Please note this schedule is subject to change as presenters and guests are confirmed.

Excursions

All Symposium participants will visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial on Friday morning August 5. Tickets will be available for purchase onsite. Friday afternoon we will join the Convention wide excursion to the University of Oklahoma chapter house and the Oklahoma City Dodgers baseball game, all of which is included in the price of registration. Those wishing to attend the John Reily Knox Club dinner (invitation only) will have the opportunity to take transportation back to the hotel. During the Model Initiation on Saturday morning, spouses and guests will have the opportunity to tour the Myriad Botanical Gardens, which is adjacent to the hotel.

Hotel Rooms

Where will convention be held?

Convention will be held at the Cox Convention Center and adjacent [Renaissance Convention Center Hotel](#).

What are check-in and check-out times for the hotel?

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

How do I book my hotel room?

You must reserve your own hotel room by July 14, 2016. After that date, our room block and special rates expire:

- Renaissance Convention Center Reservations: 405-228-8000
- Online Booking: [Book your group rate for Beta Theta Pi 177th General Convention](#)
- Special rate / group name: Beta Theta Pi Convention
- Convention rate = \$129 / night, plus tax

Transportation & Travel

When should I arrive?

If you're coming for the entire convention, events begin at **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2016**. Some people come for the entire convention, others attend just a few events – either way is fine. Please check the [convention website](#) for a more detailed schedule of events and plan your travel accordingly.

When should I plan to depart?

Convention officially ends late Saturday night. You can plan on leaving any time on Sunday, August 7.

What airport should I fly into?

Participants that are flying to the General Convention should fly into Will Rogers World Airport (10 miles from hotel, airport code: OKC).

How do I get from the hotel to the airport and back?

Beta is not providing transportation from the airport to the hotel, but Orlando has several local transportation options, including taxis and scheduled shuttles. A taxi costs approximately \$25. For more information, please review the local transportation options [here](#).

If I'm driving, where do I get directions to the hotel?

Directions to the hotel property can be obtained by using MapQuest or Google Maps for directions. If you are using MapQuest or a navigation device, the hotel address is 10 North Broadway Ave, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.

Is there parking at the hotel?

Beta Theta Pi has secured discounted on-site parking for convention attendees. Self-parking is available for \$20.00 per day with in-and-out privileges during the following dates: August 4 – August 7. You must pay for your own parking. There are multiple parking lots downtown for various rates. Click [here](#) for more parking information.

Other Helpful Info

Are there dining locations close to the hotel?

The Renaissance Convention Center is located in the heart of downtown with many dining options within walking distance. In addition to the meals included in your registration, there are a handful of restaurants onsite from which to choose. Click [here](#) to learn more.

What should I bring to wear?

Thursday and Saturday evenings' banquets are coat and tie events for men and comparable attire for women. Other events, including Friday's Awards Luncheon are casual (shorts and polo shirt are appropriate). Outside activities will be limited, but please plan for high temperatures.

Who do I contact if I have further questions?

The Administrative Office staff is eager to answer your questions. Please call 800.800.BETA during regular business hours and ask to speak to someone on the Convention team.