

Beta Theta Pi
180th General Convention
August 1-4, 2019

Frequently Asked Questions

Alumni, Families and Guests

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the 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 and various general sessions provide enriching educational experiences, while our chapter delegates, Fraternity Trustees and Foundation Board conduct the business of the Fraternity.

When is Convention?

Beta's 180th General Convention will be held August 1-4, 2019 in Oxford, Ohio.

Where will it be held?

Convention will be held at Miami University.

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! General Fraternity Officers have special responsibilities:

- Foundation and Fraternity Board Members: Lead sessions, host banquets, conduct Board and General Fraternity business, and mingle with undergraduates and volunteers.
- General Fraternity Officers: Participate in legislative sessions, host meetings, facilitate and attend workshops, and mingle with undergraduates and volunteers.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

How do I register?

Everyone coming to Convention needs to register online at beta.org/convention.

What does it cost?

Alumni and guests can come for the entire Convention, just a day, or for just one meal. Pricing varies based on the options you choose and when you register.

	Register By		
	April 15	June 29	July 3
Full-time Registration <i>(Thursday through Saturday; includes most meals)</i>	\$165	\$165	\$200
One-Day Registration <i>(choose Thursday, Friday, or Saturday; includes at least one meal per day)</i>	Thurs - \$50 Fri - \$50 Saturday - \$65	Thurs - \$50 Fri - \$50 Saturday - \$65	Thurs - \$65 Fri - \$65 Saturday - \$80
Saturday Dinner Only	\$65	\$65	\$80

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 June 30, we can refund 50% of the fees you paid. After June 30, 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

Basic Overview

See the Convention website for an overview of the 2019 Convention schedule. Please note this schedule is subject to change as presenters and guests are confirmed.

SPOUSES AND GUESTS PROGRAM

Can spouses and guests attend Convention?

Spouses and guests are highly encouraged to attend Convention and can be added during the online registration process.

What activities will be offered with the Spouses and Guests Program?

This year participants will enjoy a flexible schedule with an ongoing hospitality suite, various evening receptions, a pottery-painting class and other local activities depending on each person's interests. Spouses and guests will also enjoy a few Convention-wide meals including a dinner on Thursday, luncheon on Friday and Closing Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. ([Click Here](#) to review more specifics about the Spouses and Guests Program and other local attraction options in Oxford.)

Is there a hospitality suite for spouses and guests throughout Convention?

Back by popular demand, the spouses and guest hospitality suite will be available in the Marcum Center throughout Convention. Come sit, relax and visit with new and old friends while enjoying complimentary snacks and refreshments. The suite will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. each day (beginning noon on Wednesday). Enjoy!

How do I learn more?

Want to learn more about the Spouses and Guests program? Contact staff liaison David Greis, *Kentucky '14* (david.greis@beta.org).

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL

When should I arrive?

If you're coming for the entire Convention, events begin at **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019**. Some people come for the entire Convention, others attend just a few events – either way is fine. Please visit beta.org/convention for a more detailed schedule of events and plan your travel accordingly.

When should I plan to depart?

Convention officially ends late Saturday night. Plan on leaving any time on Sunday August 4.

What airport should I fly into?

Participants that are flying to the General Convention should fly into Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) or James M. Cox Dayton International Airport (DAY).

How do I get from Miami University to the airport and back?

Miami University is located well away from both airports. Beta will provide shuttles from the airports to Oxford on Thursday, August 1st. You will have the opportunity onsite to sign up for a Beta-provided Sunday shuttle back to the airport. If you are arriving on a different day, you are responsible for your own transportation.

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

Directions to Miami University can be obtained by using MapQuest or Google Maps for directions.

Where should I stay?

Oxford, OH has several hotels in the immediate area that you can reserve a room at. However, Beta does have room blocks at the two hotels that are closest to the Convention activities that will be taking place on campus. Those hotels are:

- The Elms Hotel
 - You will need to reserve your own room in our room block.
 - You can do so by visiting this link [here](#) or by calling 513.524.2002.
- The Hampton Inn
 - You will need to reserve your own room in our room block.
 - You can do so by visiting this link [here](#) or by calling 513.524.2012.

OTHER HELPFUL INFO

Are there dining locations close to the hotel?

Miami University is located in the heart of Oxford, Ohio. There are numerous dining options in the vicinity.

What should I bring to wear?

The Saturday evening closing meal will be a BBQ held outside. As such, attire will be Beta casual, we suggest khakis and a Beta polo. High heels are not encouraged as guests will be standing in the grass. Other events, are casual (shorts and polo shirt are appropriate). Please plan and pack accordingly.

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.