

Beta Theta Pi
182nd General Convention
August 5-8, 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

General Fraternity Officers

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. 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 182nd General Convention will be held August 5-8, 2021 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. We are still working on an overview schedule as we await updated guidance from the CDC, the State of Ohio, and Miami University regarding Covid-19. We will be sure and communicate updates to everyone as soon as we have them available!

Who goes to Convention?

Administrative Office Staff and the Board of Trustees are currently finalizing details around attendance knowing there are several variables in play due to Covid-19. However, at this time, we expect around 300 chapter leaders and volunteers to attend.

Covid-19 Information

Requirements before arriving on site:

We do ask that all attendees meet one of the below requirements to attend the event:

- Be fully vaccinated for Covid-19.
- Bring proof of a negative Covid-19 test within 72 hours of your arrival.
- Consent to taking a Covid-19 rapid test upon your arrival.

Safety Protocols

We will be following all guidance and mandates that are in place from the CDC, the State of Ohio, and Miami University regarding Covid-19. Due to the ever-changing nature of this information, we are unable to provide a clear picture of what this entails at this time, but we expect that wearing of masks, social distancing, individual rooms and modified meals may all be a part of our safety protocols. We will be sure to update this information as we get closer to the event.

In the meantime, you can see the current CDC guidance [here](#).

Virtual Participation

While we are still working through the development of our educational and legislative programs, we plan to focus primarily on in-person programming. With that in mind, there may be limited educational offerings for chapter delegates and advisors who cannot attend in person. However, we do not expect to provide virtual access to the legislative business meeting at this time due to the challenges associated with coordinating live and virtual meetings simultaneously. If you are unable to attend but would like to further discuss your participation options, please contact Erin McHale at erin.mchale@beta.org.

HOW TO REGISTER

How do I register?

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

What is the registration fee?

Registration fees for General Fraternity Officers are \$350. A complete summary of all reimbursed and out-of-pocket expenses is at the end of this document.

When is the “really final” registration deadline?

The FINAL day to register online is **June 15, 2021**. We strongly recommend that you register early in the summer.

What does my registration include?

Your registration fee includes meeting expenses and many of your meals. Your registration does NOT include hotel (see “Hotel and Rooming”).

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 University to meet those needs. Please be aware that Miami University dining locations are not full service restaurants – please limit dietary requests to allergies.

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 15, we can refund 100% of the fees you paid. After July 3, 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. If Convention is cancelled for any reason or you are unable to attend due to federal/state travel regulations, you will receive a full refund for the cost of the event.

HOTEL AND ROOMING

Where will Convention be held?

Convention will be held at Miami University. GFO's will be staying at the Marcum Hotel and Conference Center during their time at the 182nd as long as space is available. If Marcum is full at the time of your registration, you will be responsible for booking a hotel room at a different location in Oxford or opting to stay in a single room in a residence hall.

On Campus

- [Marcum Hotel and Conference Center](#)
 - Rooms will be booked on a first come, first serve basis that is determined by your registration date. Space is limited.
- Residence Hall
 - Rooms will be booked by Administrative Office staff members

What are check-in and check-out times?

Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.; check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

How do I book my hotel room? How much will it cost?

Your hotel reservation will be made by the Administrative Office if you choose to stay on campus. All guests will be in a single room. If you need to reserve additional rooms or have special needs (for instance, an extra room for children that's near your room), please call the Administrative Office for assistance. If you want to book a room that is off campus, you will need to give the hotel a call.

GFO Type	Single Room Cost At Marcum
Foundation Board member (Thurs-Sun)	\$452
Fraternity Board member (Wed-Sun)	\$452
Regional Chiefs (Thurs-Sun)	\$340
District Chiefs & Assistant District Chiefs (Thurs-Sun)	\$340

Who pays for the room?

You pay for your room (including any upgrades or incidentals) upon check out after Convention. After Convention, you can submit an expense form for reimbursement. The General Fraternity will only reimburse for the room cost that is available at the Marcum Center.

What if I'm coming early or staying late?

If you are coming early or staying late you will need to communicate that on the travel survey that will be sent to you in advance. We cannot guarantee hotel space outside of the dates Beta has contracted with the hotel. Please keep in mind that we will do our best to accommodate your individual needs. Space will be assigned on a first come basis.

TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL

When should I arrive?

Fraternity/Foundation Board Members	All Board members should arrive before 12:00 PM, August 5th, 2021. Official meetings start at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 5 th , 2021.
Regional Chiefs, District Chiefs, and Assistant District Chiefs	Regional and District Chiefs should arrive before 4:00 PM, August 5th, 2021. Official meetings start at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 5 th , 2021.

When should I plan to depart?

Convention officially ends late Saturday night. Plan on leaving any time on Sunday August 8. Shuttles to CVG will end at 1:00 PM regardless of your flight time. If you choose to stay past that time you are responsible for your own transportation to the airport.

What airport should I fly into?

Participants that are flying to the General Convention should fly into Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG).

How do I book and pay for travel?

You are responsible for arranging your own travel to CVG. Once you have landed, there will be shuttles waiting to pick you up that will transport you to Oxford. After Convention, you can request reimbursement per this schedule:

Fraternity Board Members	No Restrictions.
Foundation Board Members	No Restrictions
Regional & District Chiefs	If you live up to 500 miles from the Convention site: Up to \$200 If you live 501 – 1,000 miles from the Convention site: Up to \$250 If you live 1,001 – 1,500 miles from the Convention site: Up to \$300 If you live 1,501 or more miles from the Convention site: Up to \$350

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

Miami University is located well away from the airport. Beta will provide shuttles from the airports to Oxford on Wednesday, August 4th and on Thursday, August 5th. You will have the opportunity onsite to sign up for a Beta-provided Sunday shuttle back to the airport.

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

Directions to the hotel property can be obtained by using MapQuest or Google Maps for directions. The hotel address is 951 East Withrow Street, Oxford, OH 45056.

Is there parking on campus?

Yes. Parking will be available free of charge.

OTHER HELPFUL INFO

Are there dining locations close by?

If you choose to not eat a meal in the dining hall or arrive early/stay late, Miami University is located in the heart of Oxford, Ohio. There are numerous dining options in the vicinity.

What should I bring to wear?

Attire will be Beta casual, we suggest khakis and a Beta polo. High heels are not encouraged as guests will be walking some distances. 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 or email convention@beta.org.

COST SUMMARY

Fraternity Board of Trustees

Item	Amount	Who Pays?	Notes
Convention Registration	\$350	You	
Travel	No limit	You	You arrange and pay for your own travel. After Convention, the General Fraternity reimburses you.
Hotel	\$452	You	You pay onsite for your hotel room. After Convention, the General Fraternity reimburses you.
On-site parking	Free	You	
All meals are included with the cost of Convention.	Varies	Us	We will utilize on campus dining for our food options. If you choose to eat off-site outside of the meal times you will be responsible for your own cost.

Foundation Board of Directors

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Regional Chiefs, District Chiefs and Assistant District Chiefs

Item	Amount	Who Pays?	Notes
Convention Registration	\$350	You	
Travel	Varies	You	You arrange and pay for your own travel. After Convention, the General Fraternity reimburses for travel based on distance.
Hotel	\$340	You	You pay onsite for your hotel room. After Convention, the General Fraternity reimburses you.
On-site parking	Free	You	
All meals are included with the cost of Convention.	Varies	Us	We will utilize on campus dining for our food options. If you choose to eat off-site outside of the meal times you will be responsible for your own cost.