

Indoor Events (Organized by budget, low – high)

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Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: Informal Study Night

Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: No specific amount

Description of the event: As the first round of tests approach, we host a session in the library where all members of the band are invited to come study or get help with their classes. We have a wide variety of majors in our chapter, and we sometimes do this event with the Kappa Kappa Psi chapter so that expands the major diversity even more

What would you have done differently?: Have the actives extend invites to people that need help in their major's classes instead of just inviting their friends.

Name: Araceli Hinojosa

Chapter: Delta Eta

University: Texas A&M University – Kingsville

Event Title: "Date-A-Sigma"

Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: Every member of the chapter

Description: "Speed dating" informational gives the opportunity to the actives and potential members to get to know each other better on a one-on-one basis. During these conversations more in-depth information about the history of Tau Beta Sigma and the rush process will be given and discussed. After the speed dating sessions are over, we will all sit down and talk about any questions they have.

What would you have done differently?: N/A

Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: "You Are Beautiful" Campaign

Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: Any number works!

Description of the event: For a background on the campaign visit www.operationbeautiful.com. We schedule this one during a test week, which means it can be more difficult for people to show up, but that is when the results of this event are best received. We divide into groups and spread out across campus (especially the music building, library, and other major study areas like science buildings or dorms) and write different encouraging notes in all forms. The chalk can be placed around campus with different encouraging notes (Ace that test, you are beautiful, chin up, etc), post its can be placed on different tables or doors, and the expos are meant for windows and bathroom mirrors. We set a time limit on how long the groups are sent out, and when we rendezvous back in the meeting room, we have a fun photo shoot with props, as well as a nail polish station, and a sign for everyone to sign that says "You are Beautiful". This sign is brought to the rest of the rush events as a reminder to everyone!

What would you have done differently?: Ensure that rushees are divided evenly among members.

Name: Madeline Gibbs
Chapter: Beta Zeta
University: Stephen F. Austin State University
Event Title: Pancake dinner
Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: No specific amount

Description of the event: We hosted a pancake dinner for the rushes and sisters at a sister's house/apartment. We had sisters volunteer to bring things for the dinner like pancake mix and syrup, etc. This helped with the cost, but if members are unable to bring things you can have the chapter buy the supplies. After we ate, we played some ice breaker games, such as 2 truths and 1 lie.

What would you have done differently?: Make sure you have enough food for everyone.

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Name: Lori Scott
Chapter: Iota
University: Baylor University
Event Title: Informal Interview Night
Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: Enough to group people into pairs

Description of the event: We have a scavenger hunt going on for the rushees while the VPM pulls individuals aside to talk to them on a 1-on-1 basis. This all occurs in our concert hall so the members spread out into different corners. The members are divided into pairs and the rushees are given a piece of paper that has fun facts about each pair (i.e. "One spent a semester in London and the other is a TBS Legacy", etc.). When a rushee finds a pair, they begin to discuss different topics of our chapter (i.e. Service, MEP, requirements (grades, music ensemble, dues), Daily/weekly life of an Iota Member, Social, Sisterhood, BUGWB/football service, etc.).

What would you have done differently?: Make sure there are enough conversation topics so that the attendees are not sitting around waiting for their one-on-one interviews. They should be kept entertained by the conversation topics.

Name: McKenzie Olson
Chapter: Alpha
University: Oklahoma State University
Event Title: KKΨ & TBΣ Informational Session
Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: 8-ish

Description of the event: We had about 8 members from KKΨ & TBΣ there and just talked about what our organizations do for the Cowboy Marching Band and shared some of our fun experiences with the 10 or so people that came. Fliers were put up around the band building and announcements were made after marching band to let people know that it was going to happen.

What would you have done differently?: I wouldn't change much about it. If I could have reserved a room with a projector, that would have been cool.

Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: Zombies!

Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: 2 “oracles”/referees and at least one “alpha” zombie. Then, the more the merrier!

Description of the event: This is often used as an informal rush event and as a study break during a dead day before finals. We meet in Waco Hall, which is our music building that doesn't have practice rooms so we don't disturb anyone. The VP's from both organizations are the oracles, and everyone else plays. The VP's pick the alpha zombie(s) and then send everyone on their way. The alpha zombie tags “humans” and “turns them” into zombies as well. The last “human” to survive wins! We usually play 2 or 3 rounds. Another game you could play is Sardines. This is especially fun in older buildings where there are many hiding spots!

What would you have done differently?: Pick alpha zombies as a member the first time so that they can capture everyone and break the ice. Make sure the rushees still feel included in the game, especially if they are freshman and don't know all the ins and outs of the building yet.

Name: Madeline Gibbs

Chapter: Beta Zeta

University: Stephen F. Austin State University

Event Title: Speed dating

Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: No specific amount.

Description of the event: This event is exactly what it sounds like. We form a circle of chairs with the TBS members in the middle and a circle of chairs on the outside for the rushes. We use this event as an opportunity to really get to know the rushes and ask them questions. Each Active gets 1 to 2 minutes to ask any questions they want (as long as they're of an appropriate nature). We go around the circle until each rush has gotten to be asked questions by each TBS member.

What would you have done differently?: I probably would have had each active come up with a list of questions they would ask, so that it would go more smoothly.

Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: Movie Night

Budget: \$0, potluck style food and snacks

How many people it takes to complete: No specific amount

Description of the event: During a By-week of football or an away game, we have a movie night and invite potential new members to join us! We do it on a non-football week so they don't have too much other stuff in their schedules that weekend. We reserve a room on campus with a projector and play a few movies throughout the night. It is a come and go event.

What would you have done differently?: Announce the movies that will be played ahead of time! Also have something going on in the back so if someone doesn't like the movie there is still something to do and they don't feel like they should just leave.

Name: Kelsey Branson

Chapter: Delta Chapter

University: University of Oklahoma

Event Title: Progressive Dinner

Budget: Nothing for the chapter - We had people volunteer to bring food and volunteer their homes.

How many people it takes to complete: A few people to host each location (appetizers, dinner, and dessert) and people to make the food.

Description of the event: This rush event takes actives and prospective members to 3 different locations to experience our chapter's cooking! (We're ready for Master Chef!) Appetizers, dinner, and dessert are the three places we had. During dessert, the actives went around and told our favorite memory of being in TBS and why we joined.

What would you have done differently?: Timed it out better so members could get their food to the correct destination on time but still enjoy the event.

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Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: Sisterhood Dinner

Budget: \$0, and have the members offer to pay for the rushees dinner

How many people it takes to complete: No specific number

Description of the event: Every week, we have a sisterhood activity (dinner, fro-yo, movie, etc.) as a chapter. One of these events for a week is a dinner and we invite all of the rushees to attend! We usually do this in the Student Union Building since it is on campus and has multiple food options. This is a great event to show the rushees how we act as a sisterhood and make them see if they would fit in well (which I sure hope they do!)

What would you have done differently?: You could also have this hosted at a member's house, but make sure to "ok" the plan with any non-TBS room-mates first! Also, pick a band rehearsal night so that we can all go get food together right after rehearsal.

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Name: Sara Remoy

Chapter: Psi

University: University of Arkansas

Event Title: Psi Birthday Informational

Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: 3 people ran it (me, a member of my committee bought supplies and helped coordinate, and our VPSP led us in a fun team building activity).

Description of the event: **We held a dessert potluck in honor of our chapter's birthday!**

Members brought desserts and supplies for us to enjoy! We held it in the band hall. We participated in a team building activity, the members sang the affirmation song, we chanted the TBS chants, and took lots of pictures in front of our chapter banner.

What would you have done differently?: I would have planned ahead better. I feel like I needed to start planning just a little earlier than I did for this than I did.

Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: Bowling Night

Budget: Price of admission costs at the local bowling alley

How many people it takes to complete: 2-6 people per lane

Description of the event: This is a great way to relax and take a study break. Since our alley is on campus, we make sure that it is on a non-band night so that there is not too much time taken away from anyone. We reserve an approximate number of lanes and then bring in some food as well for snacks. Besides that, just have fun and enjoy spending time with everyone!

What would you have done differently?: Have a rough estimate of how many people attend so you can reserve lanes next to each other.

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Name: Kelsey Branson

Chapter: Delta Chapter

University: University of Oklahoma

Event Title: Speed Dating

Budget: \$0

How many people it takes to complete: The more, the merrier. At least two people.

Description of the event: This rush event is called speed dating. We set up by sitting in two lines facing each other. Then, someone asks a question such as 'What is your favorite thing to do on the weekends?' or 'What's your dream job?'. After a few minutes of talking, one line moves on to the next person and another question is asked. This helps to move the conversations at rush events past 'what's your major?' or 'how are classes going?' so that more conversation can get flowing and hopefully continue after the event.

What would you have done differently?: Advertised it more! The more people there, the better this event is.

Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: Mayborn Museum Rush Event

Budget: \$0, but you should take into account admission fees if this is a possibility at your university.

How many people it takes to complete: Enough people to split into different teams

Description of the event: This event is used as our spring rush event right before our MEP takes starts. We go to our campus museum and have a pre-planned scavenger hunt that helps explore the museum. Divide into equal teams, make sure to have equal freshmen and upper classmen, and go exploring! We set a time to meet back at the lobby, and the person with the most answers correct wins!

What would you have done differently?: Make sure you schedule the event while the time is open! And you have the answers written down somewhere if you do a scavenger hunt. See if your museum is going to have different exhibits that would be more exciting and schedule your event during that time period. We have gotten lucky and had a Magic School Bus exhibit before!

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Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: Practically Picasso Night

Budget: \$0 for chapter, but cost of each pottery piece for each member to purchase individually

How many people it takes to complete: No specific amount

Description of the event: This is a great informal rush event to let the rushees see what your sisterhood is like! We go and paint different pottery pieces and just hang out and talk. If your town doesn't have a pottery place like this you could revamp it and have a craft night at a sister's house or do

a different activity that your sisterhood likes to do on a regular basis.

What would you have done differently?: See if your local Pottery place needs reservations for larger groups and if they allow outside food and drink.

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Name: Lori Scott

Chapter: Iota

University: Baylor University

Event Title: Pancake Break

Budget: \$10 for plates and forks, cups and drinks. We have the families provide the correct toppings for their pancakes. If you have a big enough budget this could be added into the cost, also you could provide each family with some money for pancake supplies as well.

How many people it takes to complete: Multiple sisterhood "families" to compete in the competition

Description of the event: For this rush event, we have the different family lines make their own pancakes and bring them to the event. We invite the beau (or brothers) to be the judge of the pancakes so it is a competition. Previous flavors have included: Reeses, snickers, chocolate chip, churro, birthday cake, bacon covered, various fruits, and "left overs" (the different flavors that each family makes gets put into one mixture). It is generally a relaxed event and there have been several years where this has been a time for our informal interviews as well. We usually play a game like never-have-I-ever, or where the wind blows.

What would you have done differently?: Make sure to not start the moving around games too soon if people are still eating!

Name: Sara Remoy

Chapter: Psi

University: University of Arkansas

Event Title: Cookie Decorating Informational

Budget: \$21.49

How many people it takes to complete: We had 9 members attend.

Description of the event: The potential members came and decorated cookies with some of the members of TBS. I baked a bunch of sugar cookies, and bought icing and sprinkles for us to decorate our cookies with. We hung out in the band hall and all decorated our cookies. Since we just went on a trip to Dallas, we all went around and shared our favorite moment from the trip.

What would you have done differently?: I would have gotten at least one other person than just myself to bake cookies. I also would have reserved an actual room for this event, which I didn't. We just sat in the band hall lobby.

Name: Kelsey Branson
Chapter: Delta Chapter
University: University of Oklahoma
Event Title: Zumba
Budget: \$25

How many people it takes to complete: At least one, but the more, the merrier!

Description of the event: This rush event is pretty simple! We had a Zumba instructor and we did Zumba for an hour. It's definitely a workout, but it's a lot of fun.

What would you have done differently?: Had water or Gatorade for everyone in attendance.

Name: Madeline Gibbs
Chapter: Beta Zeta
University: Stephen F. Austin State University
Event Title: Craft and Movie Night
Budget: \$30

How many people it takes to complete: No specific amount

Description of the event: We bought small wooden turtles for each rush and active to decorate and craft. While crafting we watched mean girls.

What would you have done differently?: Everything went very well for this event. Just make sure you buy enough wooden turtles and have all the sisters bring supplies that everyone can craft with.

Name: Kelsey Branson
Chapter: Delta Chapter
University: University of Oklahoma
Event Title: S'mores Night

Budget: About \$40 (Soda, napkins/cups, graham crackers, marshmallows, chocolate bars)

How many people it takes to complete: Just a few to set up the supplies

Description of the event: This rush event took place in a room in our music building. We had two microwaves and materials to make s'mores! After making s'mores, we ate and talked while watching a picture slideshow of our chapter. After this, a few of the active members discussed what the rush process is like, what our chapter does, and what they could look forward to if they wished to rush. We then fielded any questions they had about anything TBS related.

What would you have done differently?: This night was supposed to take place at the lake near our campus. However, the weather did not want to agree with us! In the future, this might be a great event to hold indoors instead of planning it at the lake. There could be a few adjustments/additions made to it so that there's more to the event.

Name: Kelsey Branson

Chapter: Delta Chapter

University: University of Oklahoma

Event Title: Pre-Class Band Party!

Budget: About \$40 (Snacks for the band)

How many people it takes to complete: The band! And a few people to set up the snacks/clean up afterwards.

Description of the event: C'mon. What's better than a bunch of band kids dancing to the cupid shuffle? We held this event in our band hall during our week of band rehearsals before the start of the school year. After one of our rehearsals at night, we invite our entire band to come hang out, enjoy the music, dance, and eat some snacks.

What would you have done differently?: Held it a little later in the night. We didn't leave enough time between rehearsal and the party, so some went to eat dinner instead of coming to hang out.

Name: McKenzie Olson

Chapter: Alpha

University: Oklahoma State University

Event Title: KKΨ & TBΣ "Wine" & Cheese

Budget: \$100 (\$50 per chapter)

How many people it takes to complete: Everyone

Description of the event: "Wine" and Cheese is the final rush event for the joint alpha chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma and is usually directly followed by chapter and bid night. We dress in our Sunday best and ask that other attendees do as well. No actual wine is served, just sparkling grape juice. This year we tried out Willard Hall as a new location instead of the band building. It made the event seem significantly more classy and worth the "Sunday best" requirement. Many brothers and sisters enjoyed the event. Unfortunately, it snowed in Stillwater the night before, so the weather hindered attendance. Only 9 prospective candidates showed up.

What would you have done differently?: There is not much that we could have done about the weather, and rescheduling would have been an impossibility. I think next year we will increase the budget so that we can get more food.

Name: McKenzie Olson

Chapter: Alpha

University: Oklahoma State University

Event Title: KKΨ & TBΣ Marching Band Lunch

Budget: \$300 (\$150 per chapter)

How many people it takes to complete: Everyone

Description of the event: Each year, the Joint Alpha Chapters of KKΨ & TBΣ provide lunch for the entire Cowboy Marching Band. It is our way of welcoming new members and rewarding returning ones for coming back. It also helps to introduce us to new members as service organizations.

What would you have done differently?: We have served pizzas for the past 2 years. Next year I would like to change that to hot dogs and hamburgers, but we'll see what happens.

Name: Kelsey Branson

Chapter: Delta Chapter

University: University of Oklahoma

Event Title: Bid dinner

Budget: **Depends on where the dinner is located. We call ahead to get deals and to discuss what meals are in our price range. Members have the option to pay for this dinner in their membership fees.

How many people it takes to complete: The Delta KKY chapter, the Delta TBS chapter, and both of the new MC classes.

Description of the event: This event is the first formal introduction the new membership candidate class has. After our chapter makes the decision regarding their invitation to join our chapter, we deliver bid dinner invites to them. If they wish to accept, they attend this dinner and receive their bids in front of both the Delta KKY chapter, Delta TBS chapter, and members of the University band and fine arts staff who help contribute to our success and growth by supporting all of our endeavors.

What would you have done differently?: This event usually ends with pictures of each class. It would be more efficient if we had called up each class to take pictures. Instead, everyone usually gathers by the door and is confused about where/when their picture is happening. If we had a more defined location/time for this, it would be smoother. Other than that, it is a fun event!

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