



Guide to Hosting State(s) Days



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What is State(s) Days?

State(s) Days is one of the most casual district events around. The goal of the event is to meet new Brothers and Sisters, form new friendships, and have fun. State(s) Days is not about Business - that's what Convention is for. It's not about workshops - that's what DLC is for. But if you wish to, you can definitely host a workshop — it's just not a requirement. State(s) Days is really just about having fun and hanging out with Brothers and Sisters.

What to do at State(s) Days?

Requirements:

The only requirement for State(s) Days at this point is a profit share.

- 50% of the profits must go back to the district.
- It's a good idea to have more than one so that your chapter can get back more money!



Suggestions:

Here are some ideas for activities you could include at your State(s) Days.

SERVICE PROJECTS: fixing stands, organizing the school music library, instrument petting zoo, instrument accessory drive

MUSIC EVENTS: Cheer on basketball pep band, jazz “jam sessions”, small ensemble concert, go to one of the symphonic band concerts, host a reading band

SOCIAL EVENTS: Icebreakers, team building activities, game night, sharing chapter games or traditions, learning other school fight songs. Try to have activities that allow Brothers & Sisters to meet. State(s) Days is an official District event, so all activities are dry!

CHAPTER REPORTS: Each chapter takes the time to report what they've been up to for the year. Learn from what other chapters are up to!

WORKSHOPS: A member from your chapter could give a workshop about something related to Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma. District Officers are also willing to help out and give workshops with advance notice if your chapter would like. Workshops are by no means required.

Schedule- District Council will want to read over the itinerary beforehand, so make sure you send them a copy. Below is a sample of a typical State(s) Days Schedule:

Friday, January 29th

5pm – Arrivals Start @ Doheny Beach A
You may arrive earlier if you like,
but be sure to let us know in
advance!

5pm – 9:00pm – Dinner @ University Town Center
The UTC has many options for food

9:00pm – Movie Night @ Doheny Beach A
Screening *Ghostbusters*

Saturday, January 30th

9am – Pancake Breakfast @ Pacific Ballroom C
Provided free of charge

10am – Service Event @ Pacific Ballroom C
Organizing marching band music

1pm – Lunch @ Gina's Pizza
Profit Share!

2:45pm – WBB Game Preparation @ Bren Events Center Student Entrance
Learn our traditions and cheers!

3:20pm – Women's Basketball Game @ Bren Events Center
Playing CSU Fullerton

6:30pm – Dinner @ Red Robin (Fashion Island location)
Profit Share!

9:30pm – Activities @ Aldrich Park and Pacific Ballroom C
Games and bonding activities

Sunday, January 31st

10am – Brunch @ Doheny Beach A

12pm – Closing Ceremonies, DO and Chapter Announcements,
Fight Song Competition @ Doheny Beach A (or Aldrich Park, weather
permitting)

Fight song competition, Lambda Alpha style...

1pm – Games @ Doheny Beach A



Logistics: Getting Ready

- **Picking a weekend:** yes, it's (kind of) up to you!
 - Dates must be submitted by December 1st in accordance with the WD Constitution
 - A weekend between Pre-Con MLK Weekend & the second weekend in March or three weeks prior to Convention, whichever is earlier that year.
 - DOs should inform Host Chapter Presidents about dates for Pre-Con and DLC. Make sure the weekend you pick does not fall on either of these events
 - Choose a date, then follow this system of checks to *see if it works for the following people:*
 - i. Your Chapter
 - ii. Your Sponsor
 - iii. The Presidents of other chapters in your state/states
 - iv. The District Officers
 - Then email the District Officers your final decision
 - Problems with every date between Pre-Con & Convention? Talk with the DOs.
 - **Tip:** if possible, be courteous of schools on the quarter system which might have heavy midterm schedules in February. Ask Chapter Presidents!
- **Committees:** make your lives easier by delegating certain aspects of the weekend to small committees. Some sample committees:
 - Activities
 - Housing

- Transportation
- **Housing:** Brothers and Sisters attending State(s) Days need somewhere to sleep for the weekend, so your chapter needs to figure out the housing situation.
 - Do you have enough couch/floor space in apartments?
 - Is there a cheap hotel nearby your State day(s) location?
 - **Tip:** Get an estimate from the attending chapters of how many people are coming so you can accommodate.
- **Transportation:** plan to get your fellow Brothers and Sisters to State(s) Days safe and sound!
 - Are people flying? If so, how are they getting to our location?
 - What is the parking situation like?
 - Do we have to drive around to participate in the planned activities?

IMPORTANT: Have a backup plan if weather, sickness, facilities, or technology failures don't allow you to proceed with scheduled activities. This event is allowed (even encouraged) to be spontaneous!



FAQ: Extra tips!

- **Does State(s) Days have to be held on our campus?**
 - **Absolutely not!** You are free to have State(s) Days in a park, in your house, at your school, or at multiple different places. You can even book a room on your campus for a movie night or a board game tournament! It's nice to make everything close by or at least in a central location to reduce the amount of transportation needed throughout the weekend.
- **Can our planned State(s) Days weekend conflict with other State(s) Days?**
 - **Yes!** While it is nice when everyone has the opportunity to visit other states' State(s) Days, there are some years when there is no way around it. If there is only *one* good weekend for your chapter, and it works well for the other chapters in your state, then that's clearly the best option for you.
- **What if we have a sporting event that our band has to play at every weekend available?**
 - If that's the case and you still want to host (which you should!) then see if you can make one of your activities for State(s) Days "attending a sporting event." The attendees can watch the game and listen to their Brothers and Sisters play! If you cannot have people come to the game for some reason, then give the people not attending the game a map of your surrounding area and have them explore for a couple of hours. Maybe set up another profit share for that time.
- **If it's our turn in the rotation, do we *have* to host?**
 - No. You are certainly welcome to pass it along to the next chapter in rotation. In accordance with the WD Joint Constitution, you'll need to let the District Council, Governors, and Counselor know by no later



than October 15th if you will be passing your turn.

Finally:

- Have fun!
- Hosting State(s) Days shouldn't be stressful!
- Plan early, & get your entire chapter involved
- Contact your District Officers with any questions!