

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

2017 Programs

# What is RLA?

Regional Leadership Alliance (RLA) is a weekend long program that focuses on leadership development for all members. RLAs are held every Spring in locations across the country. Programming includes Tracks for Executive Council, Rising Leaders, and Alumni. RLAs allow members to network with other active members and alumni, develop leadership skills, and obtain resources to aid in overall Chapter operations and growth.

#### Where are RLAs being held this year?

RLAs will be held on college campuses around the country. See below for your region's location and dates.

Region	Campus/Location	Date
Northeast (MD)	Towson University	January 21-22, 2017
West Coast	University of Southern California	January 28-29, 2017
Southeast (FL)	Florida Institute of Technology	February 11-12, 2017
Midwest	Iowa State University	February 18-19, 2017
Texas	St. Mary's University	February 25-26, 2017
Southeast (NC)	Southeast (NC) University of North Carolina, Wilmington	
Northeast (NY)	Northeast (NY) Hobart and Smith College	

# How do I register?

Registration is found on Chi Phi Connect under "Events". Be careful to register for the RLA you plan to attend as they are based on Region/Location.

# When is the program registration deadline?

We would like all participants registered by the Sunday prior to the program. This helps ensure we have enough materials and food for all participants.

Region	Campus/Location	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
Northeast (MD)	Towson University	January 15, 2017
West Coast	University of Southern California	January 22, 2017
Southeast (FL)	Florida Institute of Technology	February 5, 2017
Midwest	Iowa State University	February 12, 2017
Texas	St. Mary's University	February 19, 2017
Southeast (NC)	University of North Carolina, Wilmington	February 19, 2017
Northeast (NY)	Hobart and Smith College	February 26, 2017

See below for registration deadlines:



# What if I didn't register by the Sunday prior to the program date? Can I still come?

Yes! We welcome participants even if they have not registered prior to the day of the program. *If you are able to notify us that you plan to attend prior to the event date, please do.* Otherwise, just show up on Saturday morning and we'll make sure you have a great experience.

# When and how do I reserve my hotel room?

You will need to make reservations for the hotel. **Note:** registering for RLA through Chi Phi Connect <u>does not</u> guarantee you a hotel room. Be sure to reserve a hotel room quickly to secure the group rate. To make a reservation call the hotel listed below and provide them with the information listed. \*As additional information becomes available regarding hotel reservations, it will be updated here and on the website.\*

Region	RLA Date	Hotel	Information
Northeast (MD)	January 21-22, 2017	Hampton Inn and Suites Baltimore North/Timonium 11 Texas Station Court Timonium, MD 21093 410-628-2800	\$119 + tax (per night)
West Coast	January 28-29, 2017	TBD	
Southeast (FL)	February 11-12, 2017	Fairfield Inn and Suites 4355 W New Haven Ave. Melbourne, FL 321-722-2220	\$129 + tax (per night)
Midwest	February 18-19, 2017	Fairfield Inn and Suites 2137 Isaac Newton Dr. SE 16 <sup>th</sup> Street Ames, IA 50010 515-232-4000	\$159 + tax (per night)
		Holiday Inn Express 2600 E 13 <sup>th</sup> Street Ames, IA 50010 515-232-2300	\$169 + tax (per night)
Texas	February 25-26, 2017	Holiday Inn Express 102 Spencer Lane San Antonio, TX 78201 210-738-2200	\$110 + tax (per night) 2 per room \$115 + tax (per night)
		210 7 50 2200	4 per room
Southeast (NC)	February 25-26, 2017	Holiday Inn Express 160 Van Campen Blvd Wilmington, NC 28403	\$79 + tax (per night)



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Northeast (NY)	March 4-5, 2017	Fairfield Inn and Suites	\$91 + tax (per night)
		Finger Lakes	
		383 Hamilton Street	
		Geneva, NY 14456	
		315-789-2900	

# Do I have to stay at the program hotel?

No. We offer group hotel rates for your convenience. If you wish to find other accommodations, you are welcome to do so. However, staying at the local Chapter House is **NOT** an option for participants.

# Is there a registration cost?

Chapters will be invoiced \$50 for every person registered who does not complete the program or find a replacement from his Chapter. Chapters will also be invoiced \$25 for every person and for every day that participants arrive more than thirty minutes late to the program.

#### What if my plans change?

If you are unable to attend after completing registration, please have another member of the Chapter register in your place and contact the National Office. You may submit an event change request through Chi Phi Connect or simply call. Cancellations, with no replacement, must be made before the registration deadline above to avoid the \$50 invoice assessed to your Chapter. Substitutions may be made up to the start of the program.

#### What are out of pocket costs for the program?

Individuals/Chapters pay for travel, hotel accommodations, and food. The only meal provided is lunch on Saturday. Check your confirmation and logistics e-mail to see if your hotel offers a complimentary breakfast.

#### When does the program start? End?

Registration begins at <u>8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning</u>. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time to check-in at the registration table and get your program materials and nametag. The program officially ends <u>Sunday at 12:00 p.m</u>.

# How many people from my Chapter should attend?

We encourage the Chapter's entire Executive Council plus at least 10% of your Chapter members attend; however, we encourage as many members at possible to attend RLAs. There will be programming applicable to all members!

#### What is the expected attire for the program?

Participants should be in business-casual attire during the program--khakis and a polo or button up (please, no jeans). You may wish to bring casual attire for Saturday evening.



# What should I bring with me?

Officers should bring plans and other helpful officer materials (budget, New Member Education Plan, Recruitment Plan, Academic Plan, etc.) A participant guide will be provided; however, everyone should bring a pen, appropriate Chi Phi t-shirts to exchange with other Chapters' members, questions or discussion topics you have for other Chapters, and examples of successful events/practices from your chapter. *Lastly, a positive attitude and Chi Phi Spirit!* 

# Additional Information:

Please be sure to check <u>www.chiphi.org/events/rla</u> regularly for updated information regarding individual RLAs. There may be additional Brotherhood activities scheduled for Friday and/or Saturday night. As plans are finalized, details will be posted on the website.

# Who do I contact with questions?

Feel free to reach out to your Field Executive or Erin Caldwell, Director of Member Education. All contact information is listed below:

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