

THEME HOUSES

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ON-CAMPUS HOUSING ROOM SELECTION FOR 2010-2011

THEME HOUSE APPLICATION

In this Application Packet, you will find the following:

- Important Dates and Rate Information
- Theme House Application
- Theme House Living Community Contract
- Theme House Roommate Expectations and Contract
- Theme House Advisor Expectations

Please review all the enclosed materials and direct any questions to the Housing Office at 274-5215 or by e-mail at corey.kopp@augie.edu. The completed application packet is due to the Housing Office by **5 pm on Friday, March 5.**

Important Dates

As you plan for your application, please keep the following dates in mind:

- ✓ February 12, 2010 – Noon – Theme Houses Applications Available
- ✓ February 16, 2010 – 9 pm to 10 pm – Information Session (3 in 1 Room, Morrison Commons)
- ✓ February 18, 2010 – 10 am to 11 am and 9 pm to 10 pm – Information Session (3 in 1 Room, Morrison Commons)
- ✓ February 23, 2010 – 7 pm to 10 pm – Open House (Theme Houses – Summit Ave Houses 7 – 8 pm, 28th St Houses 8 – 9 pm, Grange, 33rd, and Euclid Houses 9 – 10 pm)
- ✓ February 25, 2010 – 7 pm to 10 pm – Open House (Tuve Hall & East Hall 7pm -10pm; Summit Avenue, Norse Inn, Schoeneman and Duluth Place Apartments 7pm-9 pm)
- ✓ March 2, 2010 – 6 pm to 8 pm – Theme House Applicant Information Session (3 in 1 Room, Morrison Commons)
- ✓ March 5, 2010 – 5 pm – Theme House Applications Due (Housing Office)
- ✓ March 12, 2010 – Noon – Theme House Notification (Your Campus Mailbox)

Rate Information

Theme house living provides upperclass students with an alternative housing option to residence halls or off-campus living. Life in each of the College's sixteen theme houses encourage an independent and responsible lifestyle. Each group of students who apply for a theme house develop a service theme that will encourage personal growth and active involvement with the local and campus communities.

Theme House Rates & Occupancy

Listed below are rates for the 2009-2010 Academic Year. Finalized rates for the 2010-2011 Academic Year will be published later this semester, pending Board of Trustees approval.

\$4,512	Lookout House	908 W. 28th Street	6 residents
\$4,512	Valhalla House	1000 W. 28th Street	10 residents
\$3,856	Olsen House	1020 W. 28th Street	5 residents
\$3,420	Terning House	1100 W. 28th Street	4 residents
\$3,420	Menlo Annex	1200 W. 28th Street	6 residents
\$3,856	Nobel House	1210 and 1212 W. 28 th Street	4 residents
\$4,512	Chrysalis House	1205 W. 33rd Street	4 residents
\$3,856	Campus House	2405 S. Grange Avenue	3 residents
\$4,512	Heritage House	2510 S. Grange Avenue	9 residents
\$4,512	Odin House	2316 S. Summit Avenue	5 residents
\$4,512	Academy House	2320 S. Summit Avenue	6 residents
\$4,512	Loki House 1	2404 A & B S. Summit Avenue	4 residents
\$4,512	Loki House 2	2404 C & D S. Summit Avenue	4 residents
\$4,512	Hillsboro House	2408 S. Summit Avenue	6 residents
\$3,856	Nordland House	2404 S. Euclid Avenue	4 residents

Theme Houses available for next year will be identified following the completion of the current Theme House Homesteading Process and will be made available to applicants by Tuesday, March 2 at Noon in the Housing Office.

- Residents who are third and fourth year students are not required to purchase a meal plan.
- Assignment to a theme house is based on total occupancy for the entire 2010-2011 academic year.
- If a resident of your house will be studying abroad or only at Augustana for one semester, a replacement must be named on the application. No financial adjustment will be made for any individual(s) gone (i.e. student teaching abroad) for any portion of the semester/year.

Theme House Application

Please return the completed Theme House Application, Theme House Living Community Contract, Theme House Roommate Expectations and Contract, and Advisor Expectations and Contract to the **Housing Office by 5 pm on March 5, 2010.**

Please provide the following information:

Proposed Theme: _____

Theme House Liaison: _____

Theme House Residents (include Liaison):

For any students planning to study abroad in Fall 2010 or Spring 2011, please include them on the list below and circle the semester in which they will be studying abroad.

<i>Name (please print)</i>	<i>Box</i>	<i>Current Year in College</i>	<i>Study Abroad</i>
1. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
2. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
3. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
4. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
5. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
6. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
7. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
8. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
9. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
10. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
11. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
12. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
13. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
14. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11
15. _____	_____	_____	FA10 SP11

Check Preferred Houses (if selected, we will try to match you to your preferred houses, but may request that you occupy another house, if necessary):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lookout House - 908 W. 28 th St. (6 residents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage House – 2510 S. Grange Ave. (9 residents) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valhalla House – 1000 W. 28 th St. (10 residents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chrysalis House – 1205 W. 33 rd St. (4 residents) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olsen House – 1020 W. 28 th St. (5 residents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Odin House - 2316 S. Summit Ave. (5 residents) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terning House - 1100 W. 28 th St. (4 residents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Academy House – 2320 S. Summit Ave. (6 residents) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Menlo Annex - 1200 W. 28 th St. (6 residents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Loki House 1 – 2404 S. Summit Ave. (4 residents) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nobel House – 1210 and 1212 W. 28 th St. (4 residents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Loki House 2 – 2404 S. Summit Ave. (4 residents) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus House – 2405 S. Grange Ave. (3 residents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hillsboro House – 2408 S. Summit Ave. (6 residents) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Nordland House – 2404 S. Euclid Ave. (4 residents) |

Theme House Proposal & Supplement

Proposal

Attach a three page proposal to this application that describes what your group would like to accomplish by living together in community for the 10-11 school year. The proposal should include a theme and how your group would like to “live out” your theme. Include a plan for service projects over the academic year and focus on how your theme will enhance your individual curricular and co-curricular experience at Augustana College. In addition, your proposal should address what your group would like to gain from living together. How will you develop community in your house? How will your group problem solve, settle disputes and create community guidelines?

Supplement

As you are aware, the use of alcoholic beverages is allowed in theme houses if a majority of the residents are 21 years of age. It is important that each group be thoughtful in identifying the role that alcohol will play in their living community. On a separate sheet of paper from your theme proposal, please submit a policy that is agreed upon by the members of your group. Your house policy should be written in context with the Residence Life/Alcoholic Beverages section of the Student Handbook.

If you have any questions, please contact the Housing Office at 274-5215 or by e-mail at corev.kopp@augie.edu.

Theme House Living Community Contract

Academic Year 2010-2011

Theme House Policies and Expectations

Policies

- The use of alcoholic beverages is allowed in theme houses when a majority of the residents are 21 years of age or older.
- All theme houses are smoke-free facilities.
- Theme house residents are responsible for the daily cleaning and trash removal at the house.
- Each theme house has designated parking options. Students parking on college property must purchase a parking permit which is available at a reduced cost.
- Residents are expected to be respectful of neighbors and to develop positive relationships with them.
- Along with the independence of theme house living comes the responsibility of developing guidelines for living together in community. It is expected that all residents will abide by the College's policies and house-developed guidelines. Any student who chooses not to adhere to these policies and guidelines may be reassigned to a residence hall.

Programming

- Students are expected to complete at least two community service projects each semester.
- Theme houses are expected to participate in Open House programs each semester.
- The Dean of Students Office will provide financial assistance for activities that are consistent with each house theme.
- Theme house residents will be asked to attend and provide support for campus programs (i.e. Semester Shutdown).

Theme House Liaisons

- Each group must select an individual who will serve as a liaison or representative of his/her house.
- The liaison will meet with Theme House Liaisons, Theme House Designates, and the Associate Dean of Students once a month.
- Liaison responsibilities include, but are not limited to, serving as a spokesperson for his/her house, reporting maintenance issues, checking residents in and out of the house, scheduling house meetings, completing administrative paperwork, working with the group to develop community guidelines and ensure follow through on his/her house goals and community service projects.
- Liaisons are paid \$100 at the end of each semester if they follow through on the responsibilities of their position.

Theme House Applications

- Groups may submit applications for only one theme house.
- All members of a group must be the same gender.
- When responding to the questions on the application, limit your response to three pages.
- Applications are due to the Housing Office, Edith Mortenson Center by Friday, March 5 at 5 pm.
- Selection will be based entirely on the written application. Faculty and administrations will be reviewing the applications. Names and gender references will be removed from the applications to make the review as impartial as possible.
- Groups will be notified of the status of their application via campus mail on March 12, 2010 at Noon.

Open House

- All theme houses will be open for tours on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

Applicant Information Meeting

- Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the 3-in-1 Room. One representative from each group must attend.

Resident Signatures

I have read the above information. I understand that I am responsible for being aware of and adhering to Housing Policies and Procedures, as well as all Theme House expectations and guidelines identified by the Dean of Students Office and the Housing Office. Each member of the house must sign below.

Student Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Student Signature

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Student Signature

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Theme House Roommate Expectations and Contract

Successful Theme Houses know not only how to plan and implement the many projects and programs related to their theme, but also how to maintain a level of harmony within their living environment. Living with others isn't always easy, but the College is committed to the belief that the experience of sharing a home with others teaches valuable life skills and enriches the campus community as a whole.

When conflict arises, there are a few things that the College expects of each Theme House. These expectations are as follows:

- **Effective Communication** – As third and fourth-year students, we expect that you will be communicating effectively with your roommates, your Liaison, and the Residence Life and Housing staff. This means making others aware of your concerns in a clear, appropriate and respectful fashion.
- **Timing** – We expect that you will deal with house concerns in a timely fashion. Anyone who has ever lived with someone else will tell you that big problems start as small concerns. If allowed to go unchecked, these small concerns can balloon into very challenging issues in a short period of time.
- **Talk to Each Other** – One of the first questions your Designate will ask, should you bring your concern to their attention, will be “have you spoken with the person you are concerned about?” We expect that you are communicating with each other as laid out in your proposal. Those conversations are critical and can often resolve the issue without need for mediation.
- **Moving Out Is a Last Resort** – Part of living in a Theme House is making a commitment to each other, the theme, and the community. We take that commitment very seriously. As a result, moving out of Theme House is only a consideration if all other options for resolution have been exhausted, or if the health and safety of any member of the community is in question.

Should Residence Life and Housing staff need to be involved as a mediator for any conflict, there are several things to keep in mind:

- 1) **Residence Life and Housing have a commitment to all members in a community.** As a result, we will work to understand the concern from each student's perspective. This means individual or group meetings, as needed, to resolve the issue.
- 2) **There are no overnight fixes.** This is a process. As such, it may take some time to resolve the concern to everyone's satisfaction. Do not expect that our staff will be able to “fix” your concern immediately, and prepare yourself for several conversations. This is par for the course with a commitment of this nature.
- 3) **This is a collaborative process.** Our staff will do all they can to help you work through the concern, but in the end, the resolution comes from all of you. If you are unwilling to work through the issue, resolution won't be possible. However, if you take responsibility for the process, good things will come of these conversations.

I have read, understand, and will adhere to these expectations and guidelines regarding roommate conflicts and interactions within our house. I understand that it is my responsibility to bring concerns I have to the attention of my Theme House Liaison or Theme House Designate. I also understand that moving out of my house is not an option until my Theme House Designate or other Residence Life and Housing staff feel we have exhausted all other options. If I am allowed to move out of my house, I understand that I am responsible for working with my roommates to find a replacement for me.

Each member of the house needs to sign below in order for your application to be complete:

Student Signature

Student Signature

Student Signature

Student Signature

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Theme House Advisor Guidelines and Expectations

In an attempt to help the Theme House Community continue to grow stronger and to provide further connection between students, faculty, and staff within the areas of service and community, we are requesting that all Theme Houses find an Advisor.

Who can be an advisor?

Please keep these things in mind when looking for a Theme House Advisor.

- Advisors may be current Augustana College Faculty or Staff.
 - If you are interested in asking a non-Augie individual to be an Advisor, please contact the Dean of Students Office to get more information.
 - If you are having trouble finding an advisor, please contact the Dean of Students Office and they can assist you in identifying individuals who might be a good fit for your theme.
- The Theme House Advisor should enjoy interacting with students outside of a strictly academic or job-related relationship and be willing to be actively involved with the Theme House throughout the year.

What is expected of an Advisor?

The focus for the Theme House Advisor is on the development and implementation of service projects related to the theme. The Theme House Advisor's role involves supporting the Theme House in "living out" its theme. This is done through the sharing of fresh perspectives and ideas and through the support of the Theme House in identifying and achieving its goals for the year. With that in mind, here are a few basic thoughts on what we expect from an Advisor.

An Advisor should:

- Assist interested students in refining a theme and completing their application for a Theme House.
- Assist residents of the house in setting goals and objectives for the Theme House.
- As often as possible, promote and attend programs related to the theme.
- Meet with the Theme House Liaison at least three times a semester.
- Meet a couple of times each semester with all members of the house to assist with ongoing evaluation of progress toward identified theme goals.
- Assist students in recruitment of additional residents if occupancy changes during the year.

I have reviewed the guidelines and expectations for Theme House Advisors and agree to assist the students in the development of the theme. I am aware that I may be contacted by the Dean of Students Office to discuss my role as an advisor.

Advisor Signature

Date

Printed Name

Phone Number or Campus Extension

E-Mail Address

Campus Mailbox Number (If Applicable)