



# THETA CHI

## FRATERNITY

### Initiative Academy

This Planning Guide is designed to help you plan for your arrival and participation in the Initiative Academy.

#### When to arrive and depart

The Academy officially begins at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on the Thursday of your chosen session.

Because each activity builds upon the previous activity, it is essential that you arrive on time. Those who arrive after 5 p.m. will disrupt the group process and the learning of others and will not be allowed to participate in The Initiative Academy.

Check-in will be from Noon-5 p.m. By arriving early, you will be able to unpack and set up your room. Dinner and opening remarks will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Academy officially concludes on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Do NOT book air travel for departure prior to 2 p.m. as you will need ample travel from the Indiana University campus to the Indianapolis International Airport. There will be a complimentary shuttle from the airport that will take attendees to and from the event, providing they arrive and depart during the recommended times.

#### Flying and airport transportation

Do NOT book any travel prior to receiving a confirmation email that your registration has been processed and approved.

If you are flying to the event, it is important you make your flight reservations at your earliest convenience. This will ensure that you arrive on time and get the lowest possible airline fares.

The Fraternity will provide a free shuttle service from Indianapolis International Airport to your event location at Indiana University. **To take advantage of the free shuttle, you must arrive at the airport no later than 1:30 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).** The shuttle will depart the airport promptly at 2 p.m. Indiana University is located approximately one hour from the airport.

A Theta Chi ambassador(s) will be at the Indianapolis Airport to help you connect to the complimentary shuttle. You will find the ambassador(s) in the baggage claim area. The ambassador(s) will be wearing a Theta Chi shirt.

**If you miss the shuttle, you will be responsible for finding transportation at your own expense.** Indiana University is a one-hour drive and taxi service will be expensive. **You must arrive at the**

chapter house by 5 p.m. If you arrive after 5 p.m., you may not be able to participate in the program. If your scheduled flight into Indianapolis is delayed, and you believe you will miss the shuttle bus, please call Joel Wendland at 317-414-8385 as soon as you are aware of the delay.

**When scheduling your return flight back home, please ensure that your flight departs from Indianapolis after 2 p.m. on Sunday.** The shuttle bus will depart the chapter house at 11:30 a.m. and will arrive at the airport around 12:30 p.m. When making flight reservations, be sure to give yourself enough time to check-in and get through airport security.

Please note that some West Coast attendees may not be able to find a flight that arrives in Indianapolis before 1:30 p.m. In that case, you will need to arrive in Indianapolis one day early. The cost of your hotel stay for that night will be at your own expense. The Fraternity will help lower that hotel cost by connecting you with other early arrivers and suggest budget friendly hotels in the area. Please call Joel Wendland at the International Headquarters at 317-848-1856 if you will be arriving the day before the event.

### Driving to the Academy

The address for the Theta Chi chapter house at Indiana University is:  
1440 N. Jordan Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47406

At Indiana University, you will be able to park in the parking lot next to the chapter house.

Be sure to remember time zone changes when traveling by car. Indiana is in the Eastern Time Zone (EDT). Please remember that those who arrive after 5 p.m. will disrupt the group process and the learning of others and may not be allowed to participate in The Initiative Academy.

### Room and board information

Academy participants will be staying at the Theta Chi chapter house at Indiana University. You will be assigned a roommate from another chapter. Your room will be equipped with a bunk bed, quality air mattresses, pillow, and closet space. **You will need to bring your own bed linens for a queen-size bed, blanket** (the house does get cold even during the summer months), **and towels.**

The kitchen food staff will prepare breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout the duration of the Academy. Snacks and drinks will also be available during the weekend.

### What to pack

The attire for the academy is casual. We recommend shorts and t-shirts. We also recommend that you bring athletic shoes as many of the activities will require physical activity.

There will be an awards ceremony on Saturday night, and we ask that you be in pin attire (button down shirt, tie, and slacks).

As stated above, you will need to bring the following for your sleeping room: sheets for a queen-size bed, pillowcase, blanket, towel, shower shoes, and toiletries.

We also recommend that you bring sunglasses and sunscreen as some of the exercises will be outside.

### What you will receive

Upon arrival, you will receive all Initiative Academy educational materials and an Initiative Academy t-shirt. We will also give you a Theta Chi lanyard for your name tag and room key.

### Arrive rested

While at The Initiate Academy, you will work hard and play hard. Be sure you are well rested when you arrive and that you get good rest while at the chapter house.

### What if I am not able to attend?

Registration is free; however, if you register and fail to attend your chapter will be assessed a \$500 penalty. Cancellation exceptions may be considered on an individual basis. Your cancellation must be approved by the International Headquarters prior to June 5<sup>th</sup> to avoid penalty. Also, to avoid penalty, your registration can be transferred to another session date (if available) or to another member who can attend any session that has space. Please contact IHQ at [events@thetachi.org](mailto:events@thetachi.org) or 317-848-1856 for assistance in transferring sessions or attendees.

### To perpetuate its ideals

While at the Initiative Academy, you will meet many undergraduates and alumni from all corners of the United States and Canada. We want you to have the time of your life as you create some of your strongest Theta Chi memories. The Initiative Academy is the most cutting-edge leadership experience offered by the Fraternity. Certainly, our very best will be on display for all to see at Indiana University. We will act with great honor as we celebrate our fraternal ideals that have bound us together since 1856. Those that don't know us, soon will. They will come to know us as gentlemen of high character and will witness our most deeply held value... the Assisting Hand.

### Attendee Code of Conduct

All attendees for The Initiative Academy agree:

- To act in the best interests of and fulfill their obligations to their chapter/colony and Theta Chi Fraternity;
- To conduct oneself as a gentleman reflecting the values of Theta Chi Fraternity at all times;
- To abide by the Constitution & Bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity as well as all policies, positions, and procedures of the Fraternity, including all Risk Management policies, and local Alpha Iota Chapter House Rules;
- To act honestly, fairly, ethically, and with integrity;
- To comply with all local Bloomington, IN and Indiana University campus laws, rules, and regulations;
- To treat fellow attendees with respect, courtesy, honesty, and fairness, and have proper regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare.

Please note that failure to abide by these expectations may result in dismissal from the event, a fine, and/or forfeiture of any assigned scholarship.

### Questions

Please email all questions to [events@thetachi.org](mailto:events@thetachi.org).