

Housing Lottery 2008 – 2009

Kenyon College · Office of Residential Life

Quick Facts about the Housing Lottery:

1. All eligible students will choose from available rooms on one day. All available housing options will be offered on one day – be prepared with several options for you and your friends.
2. Date: Saturday, April 19, 2008: 9:00am Rising Seniors, 2:00pm Rising Juniors, 3:30pm Rising Sophomores.
3. Bring your Student ID Card. If you do not have your ID card, please visit Campus Safety to obtain one.
4. Location: Kenyon Athletic Center – TOMSICH ARENA.
5. In order to be eligible for the Lottery, the Advance Registration Deposit of \$350 **must be paid** to the Accounting Office.
6. Lottery numbers will be sent to your Kenyon email account on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.
7. Class status requirements are needed for selection of some apartment areas.
8. No blocking of rooms.
9. Frequently asked questions can be located at the end of this document.
10. Information sessions will be provided for all students. Please see the list of sessions included in this document.

Housing Lottery process:

The Lottery is the process by which current students select rooms for the next academic year. Students select their own roommates, suite-mates and apartment-mates, and choose their room from the list of available rooms. In order to be eligible for the Lottery the Advance Registration Deposit of \$350 **must be paid** to the Accounting Office prior to the housing lottery.

Priority for rooms is based on a seniority system with students awarded points for class year standing as determined by the Registrar's Office. The order of students' priority within class will be decided by a computerized random lottery number-generation process coordinated with LBIS. **Random lottery numbers will be emailed to Kenyon computer accounts on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.** There will be no public listing of the random lottery numbers.

Individuals and groups are expected to make timely and expedient selections at the Housing Lottery. If an individual or group fails to choose in a timely manner, the next lottery number will be called. The group that has not made a selection will wait until the next "Pass Break," and then can choose a space.

Before leaving Tomsich Arena, each student will be required to **sign a housing contract** confirming their assignment for next year, and acknowledging his/her compliance with Kenyon College and Residential Life policies, rules, and regulations.

Student Council is proposing legislation which would permit room switching **only after** October 1, 2008 after speaking with an Assistant Director of Residential Life. Students found violating this possible legislation face judicial action, including but not limited to a point loss in the next lottery, fines, disciplinary service and immediate housing relocation. More information on this legislation will be available at the housing lottery.

Points:

Students with less than full class points will select in the lottery with their corresponding point total (for example: Rising seniors with 11 points will follow all rising seniors with 12 points; Rising juniors with 7 points will follow all rising juniors with 8 points; Rising sophomores with 3 points will follow all rising sophomores with 4 points.)

The **class points list** will be available on P: \Lottery 2008 and each student will receive a personalized email notification. Check your class points beginning Wednesday, March 19. Please check these points carefully to be sure that you know for certain the points that you will have for the lottery. **Appeals for changes in class points can be made to the Office of Residential Life only until Friday, April 4.** Proxies – check your friend(s) numbers!! Class points cannot be changed after the random lottery numbers have been distributed.

- 12 points – Rising Senior ('09)
- 8 points – Rising Junior ('10)
- 4 points – Rising Sophomores ('11)

Housing Options:

All housing options will be available for students to preview in the Office of Residential Life, on the Residential Life website, and on P: Lottery 2008 at least a full week before the housing selection process begins.

A group selecting to live in an apartment requires the following minimum number of group total points (as recommended by the student Housing and Grounds Committee):

- Taft 4 person apartments: All Senior Class Status
- Acland 6 person apartments: All Senior Class Status
- Bexley 4 person apartments: All Senior Class Status
- Bexley 3 person apartments: All Senior Class Status
- Bexley 2 person apartments: All Senior Class Status
- New Apartments 6 person singles: All Senior Class Status
- New Apartments 6 person doubles: 45 total points
- New Apartments 4 person singles: All Senior Class Status
- New Apartments 4 person doubles: 30 total points

If any apartment remains available after groups with minimum status/total points have selected, then lower point groups may select an apartment.

All students (or their proxy) selecting to live together in an Apartment, Farr Hall apartment or Farr Hall Double, or Caples 3 or 6 person suite MUST be in attendance at the lottery at the time the apartment is chosen. Students (or their proxy) choosing a residence hall single, double, or triple must be in attendance at the lottery when the room is chosen.

All spaces in doubles, triples, Farr Hall doubles, Farr Hall apartments, all other apartments, and Caples 3 and 6 person suites must be filled at the time of initial selection of the space. Caples 2 person suites (2 singles sharing a common space) can be selected as 2 individual units or another student can be pulled into the other space (gender determined at the time of selection.). Farr Hall singles will be chosen individually – shared bathrooms will be one gender – the gender to be determined prior to lottery.

Ineligible students for the Lottery:

Students taking part in Off-Campus Study for the Fall semester 2008-2009 or the entire 2008-2009 academic year are ineligible for the 2008-2009 Lottery and will not have a lottery number assigned. Students who selected housing in pre-lottery processes are ineligible and will not have a lottery number assigned.

Other students ineligible for the Housing Lottery process are those who selected housing in Fraternity/Division or Themed-Housing, received off-campus study approval, approval to live off campus, were approved for medical housing, were selected as Community Advisors, or were selected as Student Center managers and their roommates. These students will not have random lottery numbers assigned.

Information Sessions

Several information sessions will be provided for students who have questions regarding the Housing Lottery system. Please feel free to stop by and speak with a Residential Life representative during one of these times or stop by the Office of Residential Life (Monday-Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm; closed Noon – 1pm).

- Sunday, April 13: 5:30-7:00 pm outside Gund Commons Dining Hall
- Wednesday, April 16: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm Olin Atrium
- Thursday, April 17: 5:30-7:00 pm outside Ernst Dining Hall

Summer Housing: Rising Sophomores will be notified via email if their lottery number falls within range of having to be considered for Summer Housing. Summer Housing occurs to those students who miss lottery or those with numbers low enough where housing is not available at the time of lottery. Students who end up being “Summer-Housed” will be notified by the College when more rooms open due to withdrawals, dismissals, and/or students participating in Off-Campus Study. Notification will happen between July 1 and the start of the academic year, typically on August 1. Two special information sessions have been created for these individuals in order to discuss what Summer Housing entails, what will happen at the Housing Lottery, and how best to be prepared. Students are highly encouraged to attend one of these meetings if they receive a personalized email invitation.

Tuesday, April 15: 10:15 pm in Gund Residence Hall Lounge
Wednesday, April 16: 5:30 pm in Gund Residence Hall Lounge

Lottery Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can’t make it to the lottery?**

Students who are unable to attend the lottery may send a proxy to select a room for them. Proxies must have written authorization from the student(s) for whom they are choosing rooms. Proxy forms are available in the Office of Residential Life or online. Residential Life does not accept responsibility for room selection by a proxy or ‘no show’ by the proxy.

Students who are acting as proxies for Off-Campus Study students have been notified via a letter to their Post Office Box and are required to act on those students’ behalf. The proxy must be present at the Lottery at the appropriate time and will make a room selection for the student. The proxy must bring the form letter from Residential Life or another written authorization from the student to act on his/her behalf.

- **What is a “Pass Break”?**

“Pass Breaks” will be incorporated into the lottery process. A “pass break” will be announced to allow students who passed on choosing a room when their number was called, or students who were not present when their number was called, an opportunity to choose a space from the remaining available rooms. A “pass break” will occur at the end of each point break (after all 12s, after 11s, after 8s, after 7s).

- **I don’t have a roommate. What do I do?**

If you are looking for a roommate, the Office of Residential Life has a roommate-matching process that could help you. Come to the office in Gund Commons to complete and return the Roommate Matching Form, look at the forms already completed by other students, see if there is someone you wish to live with, and then contact those students. The office is not responsible for matching roommates. There will be a limited number of rooms designated for students who wish to choose a room without a roommate. A student without a selected roommate may choose one of these spaces, when his/her lottery number is called, with the understanding that any other student without a selected roommate may choose to live in that room, when his/her lottery number is called. You WILL be roommates. At the end of the Lottery process, any student without a roommate WILL be assigned a roommate during the summer housing process.

- **Financial Aid?**

If you are receiving need-based financial aid, please be aware that your aid will only be applied to a standard double room charge. If you choose to live in a more expensive room, you will be responsible for the difference between that room rate and the standard double room rate. *See Room Rates for 2008-2009 in this document.*

- **Can students of different class years live together?**

Rising seniors, juniors, and sophomores may select to live together – BUT – some apartment areas are restricted to minimum class status/point totals. In order to choose in those areas, be sure that your group point total meets the minimum point total required for the preferred space. (See page 2 for the areas and minimum group total points for specific apartment areas.)

- **Mixed gender living arrangements?**

Apartments are non-gender specific prior to Lottery, resulting in men and women having an equal chance at all apartments based on seniority points (and minimum group points where required.) Mixed-gender apartments are permitted, but double rooms within the apartment must be the same gender. Suites are non-gender specific prior to Lottery, but when the suite is chosen, all students in a suite must be the same gender. All rooms in the 3 and 6 person suites must be filled when initially chosen. Farr Hall doubles and Farr Hall apartments are designated gender-specific prior to lottery. Residence hall doubles and triples are not mixed-gender rooms.

- **What happens if I do not have the opportunity to select a room in the Lottery?**

There will be some students who will not have the opportunity to choose a room during the Housing Lottery. It is important that each student who is not housed complete a roommate preference form before leaving Kenyon for the summer. Placement of unassigned students will begin in July as vacancies become available. Every effort will be made to accommodate roommate requests, but we cannot guarantee that you will be placed with your preferred roommate. **ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE A ROOM ASSIGNMENT FOR THE FALL.**

- **What happens if my roommate withdraws from Kenyon?**

Some students decide to transfer, withdraw, take a year off, etc., and not return to Kenyon. If your roommate is one of those students, the Office of Residential Life *will* reassign the vacancy over the summer or during the academic year as needed. It is strongly recommended that you select a room/suite/apartment-mate who will be returning in the Fall of 2008. If your roommate is participating in Off-Campus Study second semester, do not assume you will be without a roommate during second semester. The Office of Residential Life reserves the right to assign another student to that open space, if needed. The Office of Residential Life attempts to contact students over the summer to make them aware of new roommates and reassignments, but we are not obligated to do so.

ROOM RATES FOR 2008-2009

Residence Hall (Bushnell, Caples, Gund, Hanna, Leonard, Lewis, Manning Mather, McBride, Norton, Old Kenyon, and Watson):

Single per semester per student	\$2350
Double per semester per student	\$1550
Triple per semester per student	\$1215

Apartments (Acland, Bexley, New, Taft Cottages, Wilson and Student Centers):

Single per semester per student	\$2700
Double per semester per student	\$1920
Triple per semester per student	\$1565

Farr Hall:

Apartment per semester per student	\$2700
Single per semester per student	\$2700
Double per semester per student	\$1920