

Housing Lottery 2009-2010

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 room options for you and your friends.
2. Date: Saturday, April 18, 2009: 9:00am Rising Seniors, 1:00pm Rising Juniors, 4:00pm Rising Sophomores.
3. You must 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 to select a room during the Housing Lottery, the Advance Registration Deposit of \$350 **must be paid** to the Accounting Office by March 15, 2009.
6. Housing Lottery numbers indicating where you are in the order of those choosing rooms will be sent to your Kenyon email account on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.
7. Class status requirements are needed for selection of some apartment areas.
8. Blocking of rooms is not permitted.
9. Frequently asked questions can be located at the end of this document.
10. Information tables will be provided for all students. Please see the list of dates and times for information tables included in this document.

Housing Lottery process:

The Housing Lottery is the process by which current students select rooms in which they will reside 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 Housing Lottery, the Advance Registration Deposit of \$350 **must be paid** to the Accounting Office by the due date of March 15, 2009.

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 each class will be decided by a computerized random Housing Lottery number-generation process coordinated with LBIS. **Random Housing Lottery numbers will be emailed to Kenyon computer accounts on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.** There will be no public listing of the random Housing Lottery numbers.

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

Room switching will be permitted **only after** October 1, 2009 after speaking with an Assistant Director of Residential Life. Students found violating this policy face judicial action, including but not limited to a point loss in the next Housing Lottery, fines, disciplinary service and immediate housing relocation.

Points:

Students with less than full class points will select in the Housing 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:\Kenyon Documents\Housing Lottery 2009 and each student will receive a personalized email notification. Students may check class points beginning Wednesday, March 25. Please check these points carefully to be sure that you know for certain the points that you will have for the Housing Lottery. **Appeals for**

changes in class points can be made to the Office of Housing and Residential Life only until Friday, April 3. Those serving as a proxy should check their friends' numbers. Class points cannot be changed after the random Housing Lottery numbers have been distributed.

12 points – Rising Senior ('10)

8 points – Rising Junior ('11)

4 points – Rising Sophomores ('12)

Housing Options:

All housing options will be available for students to preview in the Office of Housing and Residential Life, on the Housing and Residential Life website, and on P:\Kenyon Documents\Housing Lottery 2009 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 Housing 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 Housing 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. Farr Hall singles can be chosen individually or another student can be pulled into the adjoining room. The gender of these rooms will be determined prior to Housing Lottery.

Ineligible students for the Housing Lottery:

Students taking part in Off-Campus Study for the Fall semester 2009-2010 or the entire 2009-2010 academic year are ineligible for the 2009-2010 Housing Lottery and will not have a Housing Lottery number assigned. Students who selected housing in pre-lottery processes are ineligible and will not have a Housing Lottery number assigned.

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

Information Tables

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

Sunday, April 12 – Atrium Table – 5:30pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, April 15 – Olin Atrium – 10:45am-12:15pm
Wednesday, April 15 – Atrium Table – 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Thursday, April 16 – Atrium Table – 11:00am – 1:30pm

Summer Housing: Rising Sophomores will be notified via email if their Housing Lottery number falls within range of having to be considered for Summer Housing. Summer Housing occurs to those students who miss Housing Lottery or those with numbers low enough where housing is not available at the time of Housing Lottery. Students who will be “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 15 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: 4:30 pm in McBride Residence Hall Lounge

Housing Lottery Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can't make it to the Housing Lottery?**

Students who are unable to attend the Housing 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 Housing and Residential Life or online, or the student who will not be at the Housing Lottery may send an email to the student who will act as proxy. The Office of Housing and 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 Housing Lottery at the appropriate time and will make a room selection for the student. The proxy must bring the form letter from The Office of Housing and 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 Housing 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 Housing and 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 Housing 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 Housing Lottery number is called. You WILL be roommates. At the end of the Housing 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 2009-2010 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 and Caples suites are non-gender specific prior to Housing Lottery, resulting in men and women having an equal chance at all apartments and suites based on seniority points (and minimum group points where required.) Mixed-gender apartments and suites are permitted, but double rooms within the apartment or 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 Housing Lottery and must be filled at initial selection. 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 Housing 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 Housing and 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 2009. 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 Housing and Residential Life reserves the right to assign another student to that open space. The Office of Housing and 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.

- **My number is xxxx. What will be available with that lottery number?**

The Office of Housing and Residential Life cannot predict which apartments and residence halls will close with certain lottery numbers. Any information provided is simply historical data from previous lottery sessions. Construction, student trends, parking, new furniture, and many other factors go into student decisions which change each year. With that in mind, the following data is from the 2008-2009 housing lottery process.

Taft 4 person apartments – last selected at number 64
 Acland 6 person – last selected at number 105
 Bexley 4 person apartment – last selected at number 4
 Bexley 3 person apartment – last selected at number 54
 Bexley 2 person apartment – last selected at number 52

New Apartment 6 person singles – last selected at number 129
 New Apartment 6 person doubles – last selected at number 301
 New Apartment 4 person singles – last selected at number 140
 New Apartment 4 person double – last selected at number 481
 Last available single – last selected at number 379

ROOM RATES FOR 2009-2010

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

Single per semester per student	\$ 2405
Double per semester per student	\$1585
Triple per semester per student	\$ 1240

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

Single per semester per student	\$ 2765
Double per semester per student	\$ 1965
Triple per semester per student	\$ 1600