Housing Lottery 2010-2011

Quick Facts about the Housing Lottery:
1. All eligible students will choose from available rooms on one day - **Saturday, April 17, 2010**. All available housing options will be offered on this one day, so students should be prepared with several room options.
2. **Location: Kenyon Athletic Center - Tomsich Arena.** Students should wear shoes which do not scuff the arena's floor.
3. **Rising Seniors should arrive by 9:00 a.m., Rising Juniors should arrive by 1:00 p.m.; and Rising Sophomores should arrive by 4:00 p.m.** Everyone needs to be present and seated at the beginning of their class’ lottery time so they can hear the instructions and explanations. It is important that everyone understands the process, and showing up late may cause confusion.
4. Students must bring their **Student ID Card** to the Lottery. Any student without an ID card should visit Campus Safety to obtain one beforehand.
5. Housing Lottery numbers indicating where students are in the order of those choosing rooms will be sent to all eligible students’ Kenyon e-mail account on **Wednesday, April 7, 2010**.
6. Class status requirements are needed for selection of some apartment areas.
7. Blocking of rooms is not permitted.
8. This document explains the process and answers Frequently Asked Questions.

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, or apartment-mates, and they choose their room from the list of available rooms.

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 e-mailed to Kenyon computer accounts on Wednesday, April 7, 2010.** 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. Students not present at the Lottery will sign a housing contract in the Fall upon checking-in.

Room-switching will be permitted only after October 1, 2010 after speaking with an Assistant Director of Housing and 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:
Rising Seniors ('11) have 12 points. Rising Juniors ('12) have 8 points. Rising Sophomores ('13) have 4 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 2010 and each student will receive a personalized e-mail notification. Students may check class points beginning Thursday, March 25, and are encouraged to check these points carefully to ensure they know for certain the points they 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 2. Those serving as a proxy should check their friends’ class points. Class points cannot be changed after the random Housing Lottery numbers have been distributed.

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 Web site, and on P:\Kenyon Documents\Housing Lottery 2010 at least a full week before the Lottery.

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

*In the Senior only areas, only half of the beds can be chosen by seniors who lost a point due to division or theme housing.

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-person or 6-person suite MUST be in attendance at the Housing Lottery at the time the apartment/double/suite 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 eligible student may be pulled into the other space. Farr Hall singles can be chosen individually or another eligible student may be pulled into the adjoining room. The gender of these rooms will be determined prior to Housing Lottery.

Students Ineligible for the Housing Lottery:
Students taking part in Off-Campus Study for the Fall semester 2010-2011 or the entire 2010-2011 academic year are ineligible for the 2010-2011 Housing Lottery and will not have a Housing Lottery number assigned.

Other students who are ineligible for the Housing Lottery process are those who selected pre-Lottery housing in Fraternity/Division or Theme-Housing, received approval for Off-Campus Study, approval to live off campus, approval for a housing accommodation, approval to live in the Morgan Apartments, 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.
Frequently Asked Questions:

- What happens if I cannot 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 e-mail from their Kenyon e-mail account to the student who will act as proxy and the proxy will bring that e-mail to the Housing Lottery process. The Office of Housing and Residential Life does not accept responsibility for room selection by a proxy or a ‘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. It becomes very difficult for one student to act as proxy for many friends. A good plan is to not be a proxy for more than four individuals, or 1 group (of up to 6 students) who wish to live together. A student who is asking another student to ask as a proxy should provide specific information to the proxy: Name, student ID number, Lottery draw number, and several room and roommate options.

- 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 students are looking for a roommate, the Office of Housing and Residential Life has a roommate-matching process that could help them. They should come to the office in Gund Commons to complete a 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 and the two WILL be roommates. At the end of the Housing Lottery process, any student without a roommate WILL be assigned a roommate during the summer-housed process.

- Can students of different class years live together?

Rising seniors, juniors, and sophomores may select to live together; however, some apartment areas are restricted to minimum class status/point totals. In order to choose in those areas, students should ensure their group point total meets the minimum point total required for the preferred space. (See Housing Options for the areas and minimum group total points for specific apartment areas).

- What financial information should I consider?

Students receiving need-based financial aid should be aware their aid will only be applied to a standard double room charge*. If students choose to live in a more expensive room, they will be responsible for the difference between that room rate and the standard double room rate. Students should consider the room rates listed below.

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<td><strong>Residence Halls</strong> (Bushnell, Caples, Hanna, Leonard, Manning, Mather, Old Kenyon, and Watson):</td>
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| **Apartments** (Acland, Bexley, Farr Hall, Morgan Apartments, New Apartments, Taft Cottages, Wilson and Student Centers): |
| - Single per semester per student | $ 3,635 |
| - Double per semester per student | $ 2,580 |
• What mixed-gender living arrangements are available?
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-person 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 my roommate withdraws from Kenyon?
Some students decide to transfer, withdraw, take a year off, etc., and not return to Kenyon. If a student's roommate is one of these 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 students select a room/suite/apartment-mate who will be returning in the Fall of 2010. If a roommate is participating in Off-Campus Study Spring semester, students should not assume they will be without a roommate during Spring 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 2009-2010 Housing Lottery process.

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<td>Bexley 2 person apartment - last selected at number 44</td>
<td>Last available single - last selected at number 560</td>
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• 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 Reference Form before leaving Kenyon for the summer. Placement of unassigned students will begin in late July as vacancies become available. Every effort will be made to accommodate roommate requests, but we cannot guarantee that these students will be placed with their preferred roommate.
All students will have a room assignment for the Fall.

The process of being summer-housed occurs for those students who miss the 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 typically happen between July 20 and August 1. Rising Sophomores will be notified via e-mail if their Housing Lottery number falls within range of having to be considered to be summer-housed to encourage them to attend a special information session to discuss the possibility of being summer-housed, what it entails, what will happen at the Housing Lottery, and how best to be prepared. This meeting will take place in Gund Residence Hall Lounge at 10:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010. Students are highly encouraged to attend this meeting if they receive a personalized e-mail invitation.

• What if I have more questions?
There is an Information Session scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on March 3, 2010 in the Gund Residence Hall Lounge which will review the entire process, and students will have the opportunity to ask questions. In addition, there will be two information tables in the Peirce Atrium for students who have questions regarding the Housing Lottery system; these will be held on Thursday, April 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, April 9 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Finally, students should feel free to e-mail questions to reslife@kenyon.edu or stop in the Office of Housing and Residential Life (Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to ask any questions.