What is this?

This guide is a resource for fraternity and sorority chapters and councils in the CalGreeks community. Chapter and council leadership should familiarize themselves with the recommendations made within the guide.

Where did it come from?

In spring 2008, fraternity and sorority leaders and UC Berkeley staff members came together to create the Greek Accessibility Taskforce. Student representatives included officers from the four fraternity and sorority councils (Interfraternity Council-IFC, Multi-Cultural Greek Council-MCGC, National Pan-Hellenic Council-NPHC, Panhellenic Council-PHC) and a chapter member from an IFC fraternity. University representatives included staff from the Center for Student Leadership and Disability Access Services. The taskforce’s purpose was to:

- Examine accessibility issues in the fraternity and sorority community and to make recommendations for addressing challenges that may arise; and
- Brainstorm ways to increase fraternity and sorority members’ support of inclusion and equity of students with disabilities

How do I use this resource?

Chapter and council leaders should refer to this resource prior to planning/hosting social events in which non-members will be present (including parents, families, alumni, or the general public) or planning/hosting a recruitment/rush/informational/membership intake event at which prospective members will be present.
Step One: Overall General Accessibility Brain Storming

- **Recruitment**
  - Have we made our recruiting process accessible?
    - If our house is inaccessible, have we made enough off-site events that a person with a disability could qualify for a bid?
      - Example: Our organization requires that during recruitment a prospective member attend at least two events during the process. As a result, we have ensured that at least two of our events are accessible.
  - If a person with a disability expresses an interest in joining our organization, or any other Greek organization, do you know who contact to answer questions regarding access questions?
    - See Appendix A for contact information for individuals who can answer all access questions.

- **Overall Accessibility:**
  - Have we thought about access issues around our facility?
    - The Mobility Access Officer (MAO) is available at no cost to perform site visits to offer both quick and easy short-term recommendations and long-term ideas.
  - Are chapter members familiar with accessibility issues?
    - Have members trained on accessibility issues so they are familiar with problems and solutions that a person with a disability might encounter while participating in a fraternity or sorority event.
    - The MAO is available to set up trainings so that anyone who is interested may familiarize themselves with the issues.

Step Two: Planning an Event

- **Chapter Facility or Off-Site Venue:**
  - Is the facility wheelchair accessible?
    - See Appendix B for some local venues that are accessible
    - See Appendix C for fraternity and sorority facilities that are accessible at ground floor
  - Can the facility be made accessible by using a ramp?
    - Ramps can be rented (free of charge) from the Disability Access Services (visit [http://access.berkeley.edu](http://access.berkeley.edu) for more information)

- **Promotional Materials:**
  - Do my members know how to answer a question related to accessibility?
    - Members and event organizers should direct questions to chapter leaders, Fraternity & Sorority Life, or Disability Access Services
    - Appropriate response: “I don’t know the answer to your question, but I can find someone who does know the answer!”
    - See Appendix A for contact information and resources
  - Do my flyers/brochures/invitations/website include contact information for individuals that have questions about accessibility?
- Example: For disability accommodation requests and information, please contact Disability Access Services (http://access.berkeley.edu):
  - Communication specialist 510-643-6456 (voice) or 510-642-6376 (TTY)
  - Mobility access specialist 510-643-6473

- **Transportation:**
  - Are we utilizing transportation services to get to the event? (i.e. carpool, bus, mass transit)
  - Have I contracted with a company that has accessible options?
    - See Appendix D for services that offer accessible options
  - Do I know whom to call to find out if the transportation is wheelchair accessible?

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### Step Three: Creating An Inclusive Event

- **Making Accommodations:**
  - Have I made appropriate accommodations (as necessary) to ensure the event is wheelchair accessible?
  - Have I contacted Disability Access Services and/or Fraternity & Sorority Life staff with questions/concerns?
  - Have I gathered information from the individual requesting accommodations to learn more about his/her needs?
    - For example: “Do you need extra/additional accommodations?” and “Is there anything else I should keep in mind while planning the event?”

- **Welcoming Prospective Members and Guests:**
  - Welcome all guests and prospective members to your events
  - Make appropriate accommodations, as applicable

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### Step Four: Follow Up and Evaluation

- **After the Event:**
  - Prepare records or notes to ensure successful planning/execution of the event next year:
    - What accommodations, if any, were made to make this event accessible?
    - Where there any surprises or last minute changes that could be avoided, or planned for, next time?
  - Conduct a formal/informal program evaluation to receive feedback from participants/guests
  - Follow up with Disability Access Services or Fraternity & Sorority Life to discuss the event

- **Next Time…**
  - What will I do differently next time our organization hosts this event?
  - In what ways can the event be improved to better serve all guests and prospective members, including those with accessibility needs?
Appendix A: Contact Information & Resources

Disability Access Services: http://access.berkeley.edu
- Peter O’Connell (Mobility Access Officer) 510-642-2795
- All other Accommodation Requests: Daniel Kodmur (Disability Access Specialist) 510-643-6456 dkodmur@berkeley.edu
- For Complaints: Derek Coates (Disability Resolution Officer) 510-642-2795 esc@berkeley.edu

Fraternity & Sorority Life: http://greeks.berkeley.edu
- Grahaeme Hesp (Director): 510-642-1448
- Jamie Thompson (Program Coordinator) 510-642-8067
- Martine Alexander (Program Coordinator) 510-642-

Appendix B: Off-Site Venues*

The following local venues are wheelchair accessible:

1. Event Venues and Restaurants, document 1 of 2
2. Event Venues, document 2 of 2

Appendix C: Chapter Facilities Accessible at Ground Floor

The following URL link displays fraternity and sorority chapter facilities that are accessible at ground floor: Accessible Fraternities & Sororities

Appendix D: Transportation Services*

The following companies provide accessible services upon request:

THIS INFORMATION IS COMING SOON! Until then, call the transportation company you are using and ask them if they ask wheelchair accessible vehicles.

1. Friendly Cab: 510-536-3000

* These lists are not all-inclusive and are subject to change.
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Oakland Ice Center
Peggy Young
(510) 268-9000 X106
pyoung@sharksice.com
- Broomball $275/hour (private party)
- Ice Skating $300/hour, $2/skate rental (private party)
- Public Sessions $10/person,
- Group Rates: 10-15 people, $7.50/person; 30+ people $7.00/person; 100+ people, $5.00/person
*Call Peggy to plan an event. She would love to work our community and is very willing to work out deals with individual groups.

Albany Bowl
Mike Richards
(510) 526-8818
- COSMIC bowling!
- Every Thursday Night, 9:30PM-2:00AM
- 2 games with shoe rental at $8/person
- When making the reservation, be sure to mention that individuals in wheelchair might be participating in the event. This is so specific lanes can be reserved near the ramps.

Oakland Athletics Baseball Games
Aaron Dragmir
adragomir@oaklandathletics.com
510-638-GoA's (4627)
*Contact Aaron for special rates and promotions!

Golden Gate Fields Horse Racing
Michael Roberts
Group Sales Manager
Golden Gate Fields
Phone: (510) 559-7380
Fax: (510) 559-7481
mroberts@goldengatefields.com

Carl Coughlin
Marketing Coordinator
Golden Gate Fields
1100 Eastshore Highway
Berkeley, CA 94710
Phone (510) 559-7333
Fax (510) 559-7464
ccoughlin@goldengatefields.com
*They are both SUPER excited to work with Cal Greeks! Talk to them about dollar days and other special promotions!

**Fondue Fred’s**  
Laleh (510) 410-2268  
- Complimentary chocolate fondue for every 3 fondues purchased  
- 60-150 people at $22/person  
  - unlimited food, soda, wine, vegetables, cheesecake, fondue, potatoes

**Club Monteros Salsa Club**  
Andrew (manager)  
(510) 524-1270  
- Salsa lessons 8:30-9:30PM  
  - Thursday (intermediate), Friday (beginner), Saturday (beginner)  
- Live music, DJ, and open dancing after lessons until 1AM  
*Call Andrew for special pricing and package deals including food and beverages

**Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center**  
Larry Dekker (Executive Director)  
510-525-5099, ext. 3#  
dekker@ashkenaz.com  
http://www.ashkenaz.com/index.htm  
they have live shows or you can take dance classes

**Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory**  
http://www.scharffenberger.com/  
Reservations: (510) 981-4066  
Ivan, café manager: (510) 384-9078

- Free Public Tours are available daily from 10:30AM-3:30PM  
- Private Tours for 10-45 people: weekdays at 11:30AM and 4:30PM, Saturdays at 3:30PM, Sundays at 1:30PM  
  - Tours include: 45 minute lecture with chocolate tasting and 10 minute walk through of the factory  
  - Each person will receive a $1 coupon at end of the tour to redeem in the gift shop  
  - $13-15/person for lunch including drink and entrée  
*Book public tours online at least two weeks ahead of time to ensure the whole tour is your party only, or buy out a public tour for $150  
*For parties larger than 45 people, split into two groups. One group can take the tour while the other group has lunch at the café. Contact Ivan for deals and promotions at the café.  
*I will be meeting with Ivan mid-April to discuss what promotions he might be able to offer us for the Fall. Let me know if you’ve been here and have ideas of what would make a great exchange!
**Gaia Arts Center**  
Kate Key (director) (510) 665-0305  
email: kate@GaiaArts.com  
http://www.gaiaarts.com/  
- Free film classics every Sunday  
- Art gallery  
- Great venue for date parties! Check their website or talk to Kate for special events  
*Call for information about tours.*

**Anna’s Jazz Island**  
(510) 841-5299  
http://www.annasjazzisland.com/calendar.html  
- Happy hour specials 5-7PM, music begins at 8PM

**UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**  
Margie Richardson  
(510) 642-3352  
- To Schedule a Tour:  
  [http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/education/educationTourDetails.shtml#tourSchedule](http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/education/educationTourDetails.shtml#tourSchedule)  
- They have TONS of events and programs, call Margie to book a tour or find out what things they’ve got going on!  
- This is a poor venue for individuals using wheelchairs. Avoid if possible.

**SF Exploratorium**  
(415) 561-0362  
http://www.exploratorium.edu/visit/hours_admission.html  
Open Tuesday-Sunday 10:00AM-5:00PM  
Students with ID are $11 (general admission)  
Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month!  

Group Admissions:  
- $10 for adults  
- Payment upon arrival  
- Need advanced reservations  
- Tactile dome is $17/person which includes admission to the Exploratorium as well, 20 people can enter the dome per time slot  
- You can buy meal vouchers for $5

**Ironworks**  
Rock climbing!  
(510) 981-9900  
http://www.touchstoneclimbing.com/bi_pricing.html  

Groups of 50+ people
- $15/person
- Break into two groups, max 30 people can be climbing
  - One group can bring food and use the party area, outdoor basketball court, and outdoor tables and facilities
  - There will be 5 instructors for those that are climbing
- Fee includes instructors, climbing instruction, and equipment
- Climbing time is two hours
- Need to book at least 2 weeks in advance
- They are very excited to work with Cal Greeks! Call for further discounted pricing if your group is larger than 50 people.

**Passand Lounge**
Josh (209) 631-9988
http://www.pasandlounge.com/
Nighttime lounge located on Shattuck and Bancroft
Indian tapas, curry bowls, cocktails, music
- You can rent out the venue for $200 or less on Fridays and Saturdays, free on Thursdays
- Drink specials: reduced priced well drinks for $4 and premium drinks for $5
- Beer and wine specials
- There is always some type of entertainment (usually DJs) that will be there for free or for a nominal fee depending on the DJ
*Josh is very flexible and wants to work with Cal Greeks to make sure that we can have GREAT events within our budgets!!!!*

**Blake’s**
Daniel (510) 220-5908
- Thursday
  - Mezzanine third story 60-75 people
  - Basement are can be roped off behind DJ
- Friday/Saturday
  - Have bar guarantee
- Daniel is VERY excited to be working with us, please contact him!
- To reach the restrooms and the basement music, there is a lift in the stairwell. Ask management how to get an individual in a wheelchair to the basement for more details.

**Down Low**
Daniel (510) 220-5908
Club on Shattuck (21+)
- You can talk to Daniel about organizing a Seniors only type of event.
- The venue can be accessible by elevators from the alley.