

Frequently asked questions about [SUNFEST](#)

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1. When shall you plan to arrive on campus?

The program starts on **Monday morning, June 1, 2009**. You should plan to arrive on campus on **Saturday May 30th** (between 10am and 5pm) so that you have time to move in and get settled before the start of the program.

2. When shall you plan to leave?

The program ends Friday afternoon, August 7th. You should plan to be available to whole day, since the final presentations are scheduled on that day. It is suggested that you plan to leave on Saturday (move-out day).

3. When will the rooms be available and what is the address?

The rooms will be available on Saturday 30th of May, 10:00am. The address is at 3700 Locust Walk (Phi Delta Theta Fraternity - PDT). This is the **SW** corner of 37th Street and

Locust Walk (entrance on 37th street between Spruce and Locust). There is an on-campus phone (215-417-0492) in the first floor study/office for use during your stay. For a map, click [here](#) (the house is on the SW corner, labeled as “F”). The move-out date is Saturday August 8th by 5pm.

4. How to I get to campus?

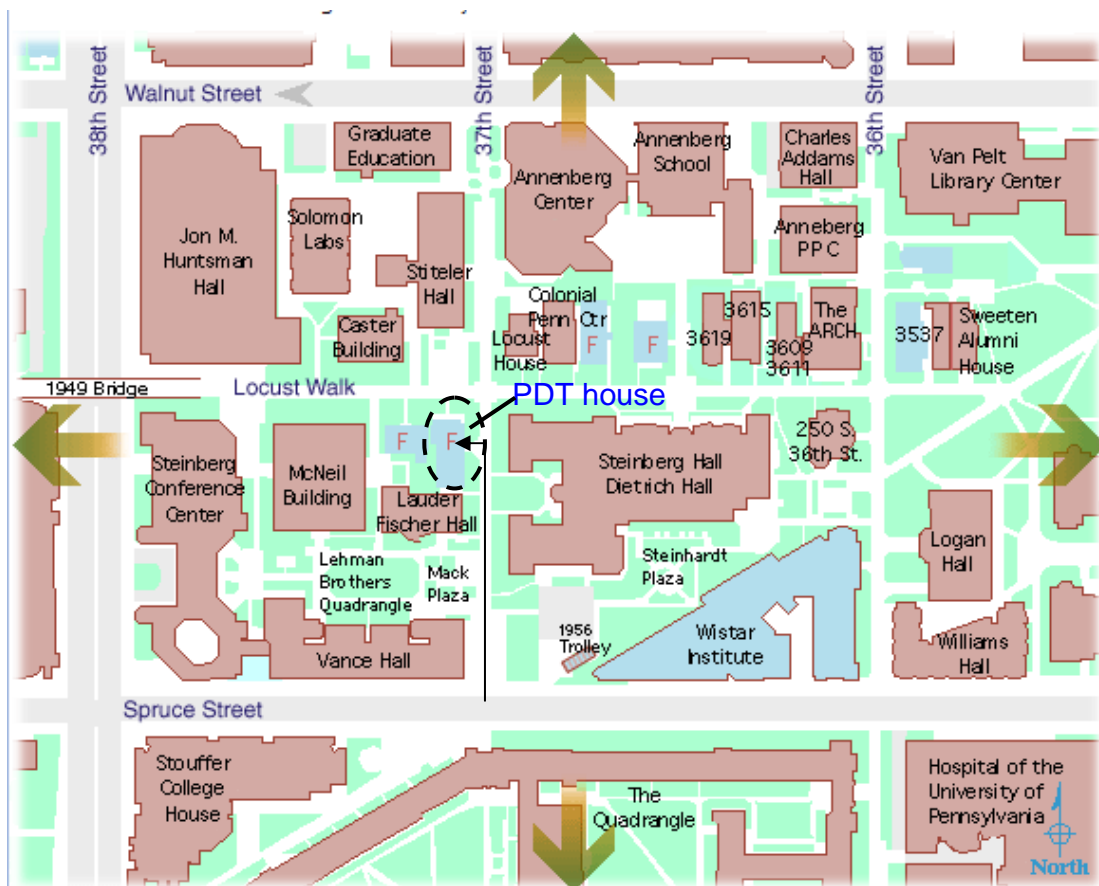
Direction to Penn’s campus can be found at the following website:

<http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/visitUs/>

If you arrive by plane at the Philadelphia Int. Airport, the easiest way to get to campus is to take a taxi, which cost about \$27 (plus tip). You can also take the Airport Express train and get off at University City Station on Convention Ave. The fare is \$6 and it takes about 18 minutes. You can walk from the station to campus (walk west (away from the bridge) to Spruce Street; make a left on Spruce street; cross 34th street till 37th street).

The Phi-Delta-Theta (PDT) house is located at 3700 Locust walk (pedestrian walkway). You can enter from Spruce Street and walk up 37th street towards Locust walk. The entrance is on 37th street (see map below).

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(source: http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php?id=9)

The main office is in room 203 of the Moore School of Engineering which is located at the SW corner of 33rd and Walnut Streets ([Moore School](#) of EE, 200S. 33rd Street). The start-up meeting is in the [Levine Building](#) room 307L (3330 Walnut Street) which is next to the Moore School building.

5. Do we need to bring sheets, blankets and towels?

Yes, bedclothes (sheets, pillows and pillowcases, and spreads or blankets) need to be supplied by the renters. All bedrooms will be equipped with lofts or beds (full size), mattresses, desks, and appropriate facilities for clothes storage.

6. Common areas:

The common areas will be supplied with the sofas, chairs, carpets, tables, etc, normally in the house during the school year. Recreational items (i.e., pool balls and cues, etc.) will be made available for the Group to use.

7. Cleaning and cleanliness:

A cleaning service will come in once a week to clean bathrooms and vacuum/clean common areas of the house. Trash is the responsibility of each participant and should be placed in the dumpsters provided in the back of the house. Should cleaning of bedrooms be required due to trash and food stuff being left in bedrooms by the residents at the time of move out, *the cost of this work will be the responsibility of the room participant.*

8. Laundry Facilities:

Coin-operated clothes washers and dryers are available in the rear first floor laundry room and will be maintained in operating order for the renters.

9. Is there air conditioning in the rooms?

Rooms do not have air conditioning. However, you are free to bring a window unit with you. The Facilities Mgr can arrange to have it installed for you. It should not be larger than 5200BTU.

10. What is the mailing address?

Mail can be sent to the following address
Your name
3700 Locust Walk
Philadelphia, PA 19104

FedEx or UPS may not leave boxes if no one answers the door. But they will leave notices that they "Tried" to deliver something and that you should call to arrange for them to try again.

11. Are pots and table ware available in the house?

There is a common kitchen with stove and refrigerator. Basic tableware (dishes, glasses, and flatware) will be provided as well as a basic set of pots and pans.

We ask each to clean up after using the kitchen. Stove, table, floor, etc needs to be kept clean all times to prevent cockroaches and mouse from visiting the kitchen area. Never leave the kitchen unclean! In case you see cockroaches, ants or any animal, you need to report it on a sheet (typically at the entrance door) indicating what you saw and where. The maintenance people will then come to exterminate the indicated areas. Again, to prevent these problems, keep all areas free of food and debris.

The rooms are distributed over 3 floors. There are two kitchens. A small kitchen on the 1st floor has a microwave oven. The kitchen in the basement has a stove.

12. Are there social activities planned as part of SUNFEST?

The program organizes a variety of social activities such as BBQ, outing, museum trip. In addition, students often organize on their own trips during the weekends. Philadelphia has a lot to offer and New York and Washington are only a train ride away.

13. How do I find out about required activities such as workshops and meetings?

You will receive an up to date calendar when you arrive. This calendar will list all the required activities you have to attend such as the workshops on “how to do research”, “how to give effective presentations,” “how to write a technical report,” “how to use library resources effectively,” “ethics in engineering and research,” etc. The calendar will also be posted on the SUNEST website. Consult this [calendar](http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=sunfest@seas.upenn.edu) for frequent updates:
<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=sunfest@seas.upenn.edu>

14. Where can I find information about the University of Pennsylvania campus?

The following website has plenty of useful information about Penn:
<http://www.upenn.edu/campus/>

15. Where do I find information about Philadelphia?

Visit: <http://www.upenn.edu/campus/philadelphia.php>

16. When will we be getting paid?

You will receive your first check at the end of June, the 2nd at the end of July and the last one at the end of August (after you hand-in the final, edited report).

17. Is there parking on campus?

There are two options. You can use one of the Penn parking garages. In that case you need a parking pass which cost approximately \$320 for 10 weeks. The closest parking lots to the house are located at 38th and Walnut or 38th and Spruce Streets. For more information you can call the Office of Parking and Transportation at 215-898-8667 or visit their website: <http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/parking/>

The alternative is to use street parking. There is free street parking a few blocks away from the center of campus.

18. Who are the house coordinators?

The house coordinator is Scott Iles, who is a Penn Physics junior.

For specific questions about the house and house rules, contact the coordinator at: iles@sas.upenn.edu and cell phone 717-808-6601.

19. What is the cost of Gym membership?

Access to the Pottruck Gym is available for a modest fee. It is pro-rated on a monthly basis. The [Pottruck center](#) is a newly renovated, state-of-the-art gym that provides a variety of workout options, including a fitness center, swimming pool, weight room, etc.

To become a member, you need to go to the Pottruck center with your Penn ID card. The center is located at 3701 Walnut Street.

20. What do I need to do before coming to campus?

You will receive a mailing from us with several forms that you need to complete, sign and return right away. That will allow us to put you on the payroll and have your ID card ready when you arrive. These forms include:

- ❖ Contact Information
- ❖ Copy of your passport or green card (for permanent residents)
- ❖ Proof of Medical insurance
- ❖ Emergency Contact information
- ❖ Participant Agreement to be signed by you and your parents/guardian.

21. Is there internet in the room?

Internet will be active in your room. However, you should bring a cable with you so you can connect your computer to the internet box.

23. Alcohol and tobacco products.

No Alcohol or tobacco products of any kind will be allowed in the properties – including for students who are of age.