

PREFACE

The following are not policies, rules, or restrictions. They are simply suggestive measures and guidelines to help you and your chapter think about the way you represent yourself and your organization to the larger community

BEFORE YOU PARTY, ASK YOURSELF...

- Does the theme of this event rely on the stereotypes of certain groups?
- Does the theme encourage offensive dress or costumes?
- Does the theme or title of the event stereotype men or women?
- Is the theme sexist? If you're not sure, try interchanging the word/theme with a racial word/theme.
- Is the theme centered on making fun of a particular group of people, culture, or campus organization? If it's not, is there a likelihood that some sisters or guests may take the theme there anyway?
- Would you be willing to send pictures of the event to your parents, your regional inter/national office, the campus newspaper, or your university president?

THEMES TO AVOID

- Themes involving or encouraging racial or ethnic discrimination
- Themes involving or encouraging women to dress like men and vice versa
- Themes using demeaning words or phrases in the title of the event
- Themes involving or encouraging binge drinking or drug usage
- Themes involving or encouraging members or guests to wear another Greek organization's letters

CREATIVE, YET INOFFENSIVE, PARTY THEMES

The following are some of the best event ideas and themes, taken directly from colleges and universities across the country:

- Heroes and Villains
- Decade Themes (i.e. 70s, 80s, 90s)
- Mardi Gras
- Toga Party
- Famous Couples
- Safari Theme
- Rodeo Theme
- Movie Themes
- Viva Las Vegas!
- Casino Night
- Alphabet Theme (i.e. "P" is for Party)
- April Fool's Day
- Celebrity Themes (i.e. Party Like a Rockstar)
- Superheroes