

Dear Housing Parent:

Greetings from the Office of Housing and Residential Life at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith. The Spring 2017 semester is already halfway done, and midterm grades have been reported. The month of March is a time for your student to see their advisor so they may register for fall classes. March also contains the ritual college spring break which is going on right now!

By now, you should have received a letter from SWAKU regarding sending your child a spring finals care package. Be sure to send that back by the requested deadline of April 22. [You may also order online](#). Finals start on May 8.

Below is an email we sent to all residents this month and will send again after spring break. It is in regards to Summer 2017 and 2017 – 2018 Housing Sign-up. The information is also posted on the website. We are also doing other marketing strategies, but sometimes it is best to get the information into your hands so you can remind your student. Our 2017 – 2018 room and board rates are not yet official, so they have not been published. They will be published on our website by time sign-up occurs.

The final edition for this academic year will be sent in late April and will contain information about May Move-out.

Sincerely,
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If you would like removed from this mailing list, please reply and list “Unsubscribe” in the subject line. If you know someone who would like to receive this, please forward it to them and have them email housing@uafs.edu to be added to future mailings. This information has also been reposted to the parent section of the Housing website.

Housing Sign-up Quick Checklist

- Decide if you are living on campus this summer or for the 2017 – 2018 academic year
- Decide where you want to live, your room type, and who you want to have as roommates
- Sign your 2017 – 2018 Housing Contract on my.uafs **AFTER March 14 but BEFORE you sign-up for a room**
 - Log-in → Students → Housing Forms (on the left)
- On the right date (based on the list below) show up with your Student ID to sign-up for the exact room you want

Thank you for living on campus this semester! If you aren't graduating, please consider living on campus again! Do you know where you're living next year? Only YOU can figure that out and sign-up for your ideal location! **Beginning April 3rd**, current residents may participate in the room sign-up process to reserve their 2017 – 2018 room. You *do NOT* need to fill out a new application. When you sign-up, you will be able to select the exact room and/or apartment you want and **sign your contract on my.uafs!** There is no penalty for breaking the 2017 – 2018 contract if you cancel before June 1, 2017. The 2017 – 2018 rates are not yet available, but please be aware there most likely will be a slight rate increase from this year. By time sign-ups occur, we will have the tentative room and meal plan rates. The schedule will be as follows and will take place between 9am – 4pm each day. **Please be aware that if you do not sign-up during the dates listed, your room will be reassigned to a new resident.** You may sign-up one day to guarantee a room, but then come back later in the week to try for a different room at a different location.

Sign-up Eligibility: As per your current contract, to participate in April Sign-up, you must have 24 credits completed or in progress. If you have fewer than 24 credits completed or in progress, you may sign-up for a room on Wednesday, April 12th.

Sebastian Commons Eligibility: You may sign-up to live in Sebastian Commons if you meet **one** the following criteria:

- Current Sebastian Commons resident
- Will be at least 20-years-old by August move-in
- Lived two semesters in the Lion's Den
- Completed at least 30 credit hours by August move-in

Lion's Den Incentives: Some special incentives have been created to encourage *returning* students to **stay on campus another year**, and especially stay at the Lion's Den. Please contact ricky.harris@uafs.edu for more information!

- Live on a coed wing! South 1st Floor will be a coed floor for the 2016 – 2017 academic year. This means that while the suites will still be a single gender, the suite next door may be another gender. This wing will also have the same visitation policy as Sebastian Commons. [Look at page 14 of the Housing and Residential Life Handbook.](#)
- Pay the 2016 – 2017 rate instead of the new 2017 – 2018 rates! You read that right. While all the new students to the Lion's Den will be paying the new 2017 – 2018 *room* rate, you'll get to enjoy the same room rate as this year!
- Enjoy a Double-as-a-Single! Not only will you have the room of your choice for the year at this year's rate, you can also have a double all to yourself at the Double-as-a-Single rate. *If there is high occupancy demand, this option will be removed, and you will be notified this summer.*
- 2018 – 2019 Housing Sign-up Priority! If you live in the Lion's Den two years in a row and want to live in Sebastian Commons the following year, you will be able to sign-up for an apartment ahead of other Lion's Den residents.

April 3– 4: Residents wishing to return to their current room* (Same room/ Same residential location)
* Non-Greek residents in Sebastian Commons Buildings 7 and 8 may not sign-up for their current room if it is already filled by Greek Life. Residents in the Lion's Den on South 2nd floor may not sign-up for their current room.
Sign-up at your current facility.

April 5: Residents who were not permitted to sign-up for their current room may sign-up this day. Those people include non-Greek students in Sebastian Commons Buildings 7 and 8, and South 2nd Floor Lion's Den.
Sign-up at your current facility.

April 6 – 7: Residents wishing to stay in the same residential facility on campus, but move to a different room. *Sign-up at your current facility.*

April 7: Residents who live in the Lion's Den currently **and** who lived in the Lion's Den during any portion of the 2015 – 2016 academic year who wish to live at Sebastian Commons for the 2017 – 2018 academic year may *sign-up at the Housing Office* between 2 – 5pm this day. Otherwise, they may sign-up on Monday.

April 10 – 11: All current on-campus residents may sign-up for any on-campus residential location *at the front desk where you want to live.*

April 12: Residents who were not previously eligible to sign-up may sign-up now *at the Housing Office.*

If you are curious about what a particular apartment type in Sebastian Commons looks like, then please attend our Sebastian Commons Open House on **Tuesday, March 28th, between 6 – 8pm.** Stop by the Housing Office at Sebastian Commons to get started at the open house. Each of the apartment types will be available for viewing.

Summer:

Also during this process, current residents who wish to reside on campus this SUMMER may extend their contract.

- You DO NOT need to be enrolled for summer, but you must be enrolled for Fall 2017 classes.
- **Your summer apartment will be assigned by the Housing Office.** You will be asked what apartment type you are seeking as well as preferred roommates. Due to summer maintenance and carpet cleaning needs, not all requests will be met.
- Please expect to be relocated **once** during the summer. Our goal is to have you placed in your fall assignment room as soon as possible, but the cleaning schedule will dictate this.
- If you plan to live in the Lion's Den in the fall, you will be assigned an apartment at Sebastian Commons for the summer.
- You have the option to live on campus for both summer sessions or just one session. However, if you only want to pay for one summer session (i.e. July), you must officially check-out of campus housing and remove all your belongings and then officially check back-in for the July session. Move-in and move-out dates are online.
- Summer rates are available online. **The rates are LOWER than originally published!** The total rate for the summer will be billed in two equal installments at the beginning of each session. Summer bills are due during the first week of each summer session.

Any student who participates in Sign-up in April will sign their 2017 – 2018 housing contract. Each student must be enrolled for 12 fall credits by August 1, 2017. **If the student is not enrolled at that time, they will be removed from the housing list, charged the cancellation fee, refunded their deposit, and their room will be reassigned. For exceptions, please email housing@uafs.edu.**

Potential new residents may fill out an application at any time, so tell your friends! Should you have any questions regarding housing sign-up, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Housing and Residential Life at (479) 788-7340, your RA, or your RD.

For up-to-the-minute information about Housing Sign-up, like Sebastian Commons or the Lion's Den on Facebook or follow @UAFSHousing on Twitter! Or talk to your RA. Or visit the Housing Office. Or visit your RD.