

50 Ways to Have an Active NRHH Chapter

Based on Actual Activities by NRHH Chapters Nationwide

1. Hold a Residence Hall Leadership Conference with your members presenting programs.
2. Hold a Hall Council Training Conference (at the beginning of the year) so your NRHH members can use their experience to train new hall government officers.
3. Hold a Workshop Skill Series (in the middle of the year) in which your members present programs on how to budget, how to program, how to hold effective meetings, etc.
4. Sponsor speakers to talk about leadership, student issues, recognition, motivation, etc.
5. Have your members serve as a student voice on different Housing Department committees.
6. Hold a recognition banquet for residence hall student leaders once or twice a year.
7. Celebrate a Housekeeper Appreciation Day or week in which Housekeepers are given small gifts, photographed for a bulletin board display, etc. Decorate their break area, hold a recognition picnic for their family, etc.
8. Hold a social get together (ice cream, pizza, ice skating, BBQ, etc) for your members.
9. Hold a reunion and invite NRHH Alumni to a social gathering with current NRHH members.
10. Start an NRHH scholarship fund to award to residence hall leaders.
11. Conduct issues studies in which tough student issues are confronted and discussed.
12. Co-sponsor hall programs with your Residence Hall Association and occasionally have social get-togethers.
13. Do community service projects together (work in a soup kitchen, help build homes for the homeless, help the elderly by fixing up their homes, visit nursing homes, be a big brother/sister to a child, etc.)
14. Hold fund-raisers for philanthropic organizations.
15. Have an ambassador program in which NRHH members regularly attend hall council meetings to announce NRHH activities, assess council needs that NRHH can address, and to share the experiences and insight that the top 1% of hall leaders have to offer.
16. Give Resident Advisors (Assistants) care packages for finals as recognition for all their hard work throughout the semester.
17. Get involved in the nomination and selection of outstanding residence hall leaders for NRHH "Of the Month" awards.
18. Provide recognition to all who are even nominated for "Of the Months" to let them know they are appreciated.
19. Have your members provide tours through the residence halls to prospective residents (students).
20. Submit a float to the Homecoming Parade or help with the Homecoming Ball.
21. Provide financial support for some members to attend state, regional and national conferences.
22. Host a murder mystery banquet and invite residence hall leaders to attend.
23. Create a formal ceremony for inducting new NRHH members.
24. "Kidnap" new NRHH members and take them out for ice cream.
25. Have the executives decorate the door of NRHH members every holiday.
26. Throw a pizza party for each hall council individually.

27. Distribute a bi-weekly or monthly newsletter to keep members informed and also public press release to keep halls informed of upcoming events.
28. Have the executive consistently recognize members for their individual contributions through phone calls, thank you notes, and treats.
29. Decorate members' doors on their birthdays with streamers and balloons.
30. Have the President's answering machine serve as a 24 hour NRHH hotelmen to provide members with up-to-date information.
31. Use residence hall bulletin boards for recognition of outstanding residence hall leaders by displaying photos and a brief synopsis of various leaders and their activities.
32. Put congratulations signs on the doors of members who attain a semester GPA of 3.50 and above.
33. See if your residence hall association (RHA) will make the NRHH President a member of the RHA Executive Board or create a NRHH-RHA liaison to promote communication and unity between the two organizations.
34. Engrave a new membership roster each year and fill a wall with NRHH plaques in your usual meeting room.
35. Frame an NRHH group photo each year and hang it on a wall of fame.
36. Offer your members either honorary or active status, then create an NRHH honor roll that includes honorary members, but rely only on your active members of involvement.
37. Hold honorary induction for housing administrators who are supportive of student leaders.
38. Hold a recognition picnic for housing administrators.
39. Hold a food service staff recognition day or week and volunteer your services in the kitchen or in the dish room.
40. Encourage your Director of Housing to attend an NRHH meeting to get student leader feedback and suggestions.
41. Hold a retreat and recognize the diversity and talent in your group by sharing poetry under the stars, taking turns responding to deeply personal questions, and taking time to know each other as individuals.
42. Create a logo for your chapter and design a t-shirt for all your members. This also gives your chapter visibility on campus.
43. In the winter holiday season, have a party for needy children in the community and match NRHH members with a few children to give gifts to and play with.
44. Exchange gifts among your members over the holiday season, being mindful of the religious diversity in your group.
45. Make a videotape or a slide show of members throughout the year and show it when the year is over.
46. Help a college/university near yours start up an NRHH chapter if they do not have one.
47. Contact your Regional NRHH Associate Director and find out what kinds of activities other chapters in your regions are doing.
48. Order information on recognition and programming in the residence halls from the National Information Center (NIC) Resources Files Index.
49. Learn how the NRHH National Office works and bid to host the NRHH National Office at your school the next time it comes up for bid (every three years - 3 year commitment).
50. Bid for NRHH Chapter of the Year at the NACURH conference.