

Alternatives to Hazing

- ✓ Develop chapter unity - Involve new members in chapter committees, have active/new member class retreats, play sports with mixed teams of new and initiated members
- ✓ Promote scholarship - Utilize tutoring services, designate quiet hours on your floor, invite college speakers to discuss test-taking skills, or study methods,
- ✓ Instill a sense of brotherhood/sisterhood - Plan special events for the entire chapter, e.g., attend a movie, play, or professional sports game, go hiking or biking
- ✓ Build awareness of chapter history - Invite an older alumnus/a to talk about chapter's early days
- ✓ Develop leadership - Assign new members to a committee, encourage participation in other campus activities, and utilize campus leadership workshops and retreats
- ✓ Involve new members in the community - Visit a nursing home or youth center. Get involved in volunteer service activities

Hazing Warning Signs

While some activities are easily defined as hazing, others are not. Answering the following questions will help you decide whether the activity in question is an appropriate new member education activity.

- ✓ Is this activity an educational experience?
- ✓ Does this activity promote and conform to the ideals and values of the fraternity/sorority?
- ✓ Will this activity increase feelings of friendship between new and initiated members of the chapter?
- ✓ Is it an activity that new and initiated members participate in together?
- ✓ Would you be willing to allow parents to witness this activity? A judge? The College/University President?
- ✓ Would you be willing to defend the merit of this activity in a court of law?
- ✓ Does the activity meet both the spirit and letter of the standards prohibiting hazing?

If you answer "no" to any of these questions, it's probably hazing!