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Coming to Texas A&M as a huge family man, one of my biggest fears was that I wouldn't be able to adapt to the independence that college life demands. Luckily, that was changed the moment I arrived on campus. A&M's beloved traditions along with the rich history that follows is what separates this campus from any other. The Aggie Family welcomed me with open arms and has definitely become my "home away from home". My advice to new students is to get involved on campus! Doing so will make this school seem a lot smaller. There are more than a thousand organizations to join, so find something that you love and take advantage of the opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime!

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Class Councils

classcouncils.tamu.edu - 979.845.3534

Class Councils provide leadership for members of each of the undergraduate classes, manage class affairs, promote unity within and between the classes, and maintain traditions while also raising money for the class gift that is presented to the University upon graduation. Class Councils coordinate and maintain many campus traditions such as Ring Dance, Elephant Walk, Junior E-Walk, Fish Fest, Pull-Out Day, 11/11 Day, Class Stars, and Maroon Out.

The Freshman Class President is elected during the fall semester. The Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Presidents are elected each spring during general campus elections. All other positions are available through an application process. General members are selected each fall through an application process.

Corps of Cadets

corps.tamu.edu - 1.800.826.8247

The Corps of Cadets is the largest, oldest and most visible student organization at Texas A&M. It is also one of the largest uniformed bodies of students in the nation, outside of the military academies. Currently over 2,450 young men and women are Corps members. It starts with a world-class University with over 140 years of tradition. The Corps then builds on that foundation, guiding cadets as they develop their leadership capabilities while enjoying the benefits of being at one of the nation's premier universities. Most cadet graduates pursue a career in the public and private sector; however, the Corps of Cadets consistently commissions more officers than any institution other than the service academies. An average of 40-45% of cadets pursues a military commission. Academic excellence is the top priority of the Corps of Cadets offering scholastic advising, tutoring, cadet-led support programs as well as access to state-of-the-art academic facilities such as the Buzbee and Ash Leadership Learning Centers, located in the area of the Corps dorms known as the Quad. The Corps provides a structured, disciplined environment conducive to academic excellence, including required study periods five days per week and quiet hours in the dorms supervised by upperclassmen. The Corps of Cadets has been developing leaders of character for our state and nation since 1876. Cadets learn leadership in a military-style environment that complements their academic education and prepares them for a lifetime of success. In addition to leadership opportunities in the Corps, our cadets gain valuable leadership experience in student government and other student activities. Many of Texas A&M's most cherished traditions grew out of the Corps, including Midnight Yell Practice, Aggie Muster, and Silver Taps. The Corps views itself as the "Keepers of the Spirit" and the "Guardians of Tradition." These endeavors add to the unique and cherished A&M experience for all students and create lifelong memories for the accomplished graduates of the Corps. The Corps of Cadets is a large and diverse program with 44 units, each with unique traits and offerings. Students join a unit based on their interests and ROTC choice. All freshman and sophomore cadets are required to enroll in basic ROTC courses. As a junior, cadets will make a decision to pursue a commission as a military officer. If so, they will continue in advanced ROTC courses and be commissioned into the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines upon graduation. Cadets live on campus with their unit in the Corps dorms, building lifelong friendships with the members of their class as well as the upperclassmen.

Corps Hollingsworth Leadership Excellence Program

Cadets who want to pursue non-military careers — whether in the private sector or in public service — declare themselves Leadership Certificate candidates after their second year in the Corps. Cadets in the Certificate in Leadership Studies program stay with their units through their entire time in the Corps, share the personal growth and fellowship that only the Corps of Cadets can offer and enroll in a curriculum of leadership study and practice available exclusively to members of the Corps of Cadets. The certificate in Leadership Study and Development is an academic award that is noted on the student's official university transcript.

The Certificate in Leadership Studies program includes full participation in the Corps of Cadets, 12 credit hours of university-recognized leadership coursework — four one-hour School of Military Sciences courses and eight credit hours from other Texas A&M Departments. Cadets must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in this coursework to receive credit. The focus is on three components — academics, application and experience. Cadets receive targeted learning experiences and the opportunity to put their skills into practice within the Corps, campus organizations and internships both on and off campus.

Corps Activities

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band

"The Pulse of Aggieland" is nationally famous for its renowned unique style of military precision drill and is the nation's largest collegiate military style marching band. All members of the Aggie Band are part of the Corps of Cadets. Band members live, eat, and are housed together as a unit of the Corps. The Aggie Band is the only major college band in which members live together as a unit. Performing at all home football games and several away games, the Aggie Band is one of the most-traveled university marching bands in the nation.

Parsons Mounted Cavalry

Formed in 1973, it is the successor to the mounted cavalry units that played a central role in A&M's history. This is a 'parade and show' unit composed of junior and senior cadets who represent the university at events across Texas.

The Ross Volunteer Company

Organized in 1887, the Ross Volunteers are the oldest student organization in the state and is composed of selected junior and senior cadets. The unit is the official honor guard for the Governor of Texas.



Fish Drill Team

A drill unit composed entirely of freshman cadets. They compete in precision drill competitions around the country and have won the national championship almost every year since they were created in 1946.

Corps Color Guard

Renowned statewide, presents the Colors at Corps march-ins and reviews as well as many events across the state of Texas.

Simpson Honor Society

Recognizes and rewards cadets with a cumulative GPR of at least 3.2 who foster new ideas of academic achievement, leadership and character in the Corps and promote scholastic excellence through academic-related projects including tutoring and academic mentoring.

Special Operations Units

Sponsored by the various ROTC detachments at Texas A&M, these units provide highly motivated cadets opportunities to further develop their leadership skills, physical conditioning, and small-unit tactical knowledge. Their training activities regularly feature such things as land navigation and orienteering, rappelling, field craft, small-unit training exercises, water orientation, diving and other adventure-type training. These units include the Army's Ranger Challenge Team and Rudder's Rangers, Navy SEAL Platoon, Marine Recon Platoon and the Air Force's Arnold Air Society. ROTC staff members supervise their activities. They are often asked to assist in mentoring ROTC cadets during summer training or through special military training opportunities such as Army Airborne, Air Assault or Ranger courses or Navy SEAL training.

Corps Athletics Program

An opportunity for athletes in the Corps to compete at a high level in a variety of sports, all cadets with a qualifying grade point ratio are eligible to try out for teams that include baseball, men's and women's basketball, softball, marksmanship, men's and women's soccer, lacrosse and running teams.

Advanced Course ROTC Contracts

The University's commitment to providing highly skilled and disciplined leaders to the Armed Forces requires all students enrolled in ROTC programs at Texas A&M University to be members in the Corps of Cadets. The University offers both four-year (Advanced) and two-year (Basic) Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine ROTC programs. While participation in the Basic ROTC program is required for Freshman and Sophomore members of the Corps of Cadets, it carries no military obligation or commitment (unless the student is a four- or three- year ROTC scholarship recipient) and is solely designed to provide leadership instruction and military familiarization. The advanced course is only entered into after applying for and being awarded a contract or scholarship from one of the ROTC programs, is taught during the Junior and Senior years, and leads to a Military Officer Commission upon graduation. Acceptance of an advanced course ROTC contract requires completion of the basic and advanced course ROTC curriculum, completion of ROTC summer training (which varies by service) and the acceptance of a reserve commission if one is tendered. Texas A&M is well known throughout the military departments for its exceptional officer development program—which includes producing more than 250 General officers as well as eight Aggies who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

ExCEL Program excel.tamu.edu - 979.862.2000

Texas A&M University's Excellence uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) is a student organization and freshman involvement program designed to help freshmen find academic, social, and personal balance at Texas A&M by fostering a community where they can culturally identify. Since 1987, ExCEL has assisted freshmen in making a smooth transition from high school to college by orienting freshmen to the program through a conference, cultivating relationships between peers and mentors, providing a sense of belonging through cultural communities, offering academic support services, and serving as a resource for transitioning into Aggie life. ExCEL launches with the ExCEL Conference the Friday before fall classes. During the Conference, students become familiar with the year-long program, as they are assigned upper-class peer mentors and a peer group of freshmen. The Conference consists of motivational speakers, dialogue within the ExCEL cultural communities, introduction to developmental series focused on personal development, and meet and greet mentor activities. Following the Conference, academic, social, and cultural activities begin through the close of the spring semester. Activities include cultural community events, seminar series covering various relevant topics, mentor engagement activities, study halls, community service projects, and socials!



Fish Camp fishcamponline.tamu.edu - 979.845.1627

Fish Camp, a freshman's first tradition, is one of the oldest programs at Texas A&M which helps welcome incoming freshmen students to campus life. It began in 1954 when YMCA Director Gordon Gay took a few cadets camping. Fish Camp's popularity has led it to run as seven back-to-back sessions led by more than 1,500 student leaders with the ability to accommodate over 7,000 freshmen students. Held during the month of August, this optional four-day experience is designed to provide a mix of education about Texas A&M traditions, information about being successful in college, and opportunities to build lasting friendships. The daily schedule is formatted with skits, activities, games, and discussions focusing on topics such as study habits, personal goals, Aggie traditions and history, campus involvement, and university resources. Fish Camp provides both small and large group interactions to create an environment that allows for meeting fellow classmates and promotes the development of mentoring relationships. Freshman students are organized into seven separate large groups called Camps. Each Camp assigns two upperclassmen counselors to serve as mentors and discussion group leaders for small groups of 10-15 freshmen.

Fish Camp is open to all Freshmen & Blinn TEAM students. Registration begins Monday, May 23rd at 3 p.m. CST, and closes on Thursday, June 30th at 5 p.m. CST.



Aggie Transition Camps (ATC) atc.tamu.edu - 979.862.1785

Aggie Transition Camps is excited to welcome incoming transfer students to Texas A&M through our optional, student-run extended orientation program opportunities known as Howdy Camp and T-Camp. These programs are designed help students transition into the Aggie family, learn about the University's many traditions, and most importantly, build lasting friendships.

Transfer Camp (T-Camp)

A 3-day, 2-night extended orientation program for transfer students entering in the fall semester. The student-run camp experience introduces campers to the many opportunities and long-standing traditions that exist at Texas A&M. Campers will leave with a newly ignited Aggie spirit and the tools necessary to make a successful transition to Texas A&M University.

T-Camp dates for summer 2016 are:

Session 1: August 8-10

Session 2: August 12-14

Howdy Camp

Held over a three-day period in January immediately before the spring semester begins; Incoming transfer students and new freshmen are able to attend Howdy Camp. During this time, new Aggies are introduced to the many traditions, indescribable spirit, and customs of Aggieland. Speakers and special interest programs inform students of the endless activities and opportunities available to them at A&M and in the Bryan-College Station community.

For more information or to register for T-Camp and Howdy Camp, contact ATC at 979.862.1785 or visit atc.tamu.edu.

Venture Camps

The Extended Orientation Team in the Department of Student Activities is excited to offer "A New Aggie Tradition" in Venture Camp. These camp experiences are designed to welcome both freshmen and transfer students to the Aggie Family through sharing in new and unique experiences offered to students at Texas A&M. Base Camp, the thrilling premiere program held in conjunction with Outdoor Adventures in Recreational Sports, will take place both on the Texas A&M campus and in the Texas Hill Country. Venture: Base Camp is sure to provide you with many fun and exciting experiences including camping, hiking, canoeing, and rock climbing. No prior outdoor recreation experience is required, but a willingness to be an active participant and team player are very important.

The Venture Camp: Base Camp dates for 2016 are:

June 20-25

July 18-23

For more information about the program and registration, contact the Department of Student Activities at 979.845.1133 or visit venturecamp.tamu.edu.





Fraternity & Sorority Life **greeklife.tamu.edu - 979.862.5635**

Joining a national fraternity or sorority at Texas A&M University provides an opportunity to identify with and participate in Texas A&M's rich traditions while developing close bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood. Nearly 4,000 Aggies are members of fraternities and sororities at Texas A&M and find it a rewarding and fulfilling method in which to get involved on campus. The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life coordinates programs for students interested in fraternity/sorority membership and assists with programs open to ALL students. Programs specific to fraternity and sorority members, leadership development opportunities, and the schedules of programs and services for their respective groups are coordinated by four governing councils: Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC), Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). The foundation of the fraternal experience is that of leadership, community service, academic achievement, and brotherhood or sisterhood which serves to provide a comprehensive and rewarding collegiate experience. Energetic and ethical leadership inspires chapter members to live the ideals of their fraternities and sororities daily while contributing to Texas A&M University and the community. Fraternity and sorority members also commit to serving others through the Aggie Greek Service Trip or organized philanthropy events. Members also attend and participate in regional and national conferences specific to the national fraternity or sorority experience.

Collegiate Panhellenic Council | cpc.tamu.edu

The first sororities were organized when education for women expanded in the last half of the nineteenth century. A sorority is a sisterhood and an ideal extension of family life. Members are expected to maintain high scholarship, contribute to school spirit, exhibit high moral standards, and become involved in the needs of the community. The TAMU Collegiate Panhellenic Council serves as a central coordinating and governing body for 12 national sorority chapters and one local sorority chapter. Opportunities for women include developing leadership skills, promoting involvement in the campus and community, and encouraging academic excellence and personal development through the bonds of sisterhood. The Collegiate Panhellenic Council has provided Scholarship Awards for the past several years. CPC'S Formal Membership Recruitment activity is held one week before classes begin in the fall. While CPC does not host a formal recruitment period during the spring semester, there are often several sororities that still participate in Continuous Open Recruitment and will invite women to membership in the spring.

Interfraternity Council | ifc.tamu.edu

Spirit. Pride. Tradition. Brotherhood. These are words that bind fraternity men together. Regularly, over 1,300 Aggies choose fraternities as a way to become involved in campus life at Texas A&M. Membership recruitment is encouraged 365 days of the year. However, formal recruitment activities (Rush) are held at the beginning of each semester. In choosing to join a fraternity, you become part of an organization men who share common values, goals and ultimately a common bond. Whether it is a fundraiser for a local or national charity, developing a winning intramural team, or getting together with a sorority to sponsor a special event, everyone is needed; everyone gets involved.

National Pan-Hellenic Council | nphc.tamu.edu

The African-American Greek letter movement commenced in 1906 at Cornell University as a means by which cultural interaction and community service could be maintained. These African-American Greek organizations were designed to foster brotherhood and sisterhood and to serve as a conduit by which collective action plans could be coordinated. The National PanHellenic Council is extremely active at Texas A&M University and in the community. NPHC offers several very successful leadership development programs for freshmen and sophomore men and women. The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the umbrella organization that provides coordination of philosophies and activities for member organizations and collegiate councils.

Multicultural Greek Council | mgc.tamu.edu

The Multicultural Greek Council was formed at Texas A&M University in the spring of 1999. Several social and service groups were forming on campus whose needs were not met by any existing Greek council. These culturally-based fraternities and sororities joined together to promote the benefits of belonging to a culturally-based fraternity and sorority. Texas A&M University's Multicultural Greek Council creates and maintains high standards for its member fraternities and sororities by addressing, coordinating, and developing strategic action plans; unifying organizations; promoting higher education; providing opportunities for community service; enhancing leadership skills; and serving as a liaison between council members, the University, the student body, and the administration to improve the campus climate.

Intercollegiate Athletics (Aggie Athletics) 12thMan.com

Texas A&M University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), was a charter member of the Southwest Athletic Conference (SWC) and the Big 12 Conference, and began its inaugural year in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in 2012. Currently the Aggie teams compete in 20 intercollegiate sports.

Aggie Men field competitive teams for the following:

- Basketball
- Baseball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis

Aggie Women field competitive teams for the following:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Cross Country
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Softball
- Equestrian

Texas A&M has some of the best athletic facilities in the country. Already regarded as one of the most intimidating college football stadiums in the nation, Kyle Field recently completed the largest college stadium renovation in history, which now totals a seating capacity for 102,500. Reed Arena, a 12,500-seat events center, hosts men's and women's basketball as well as volleyball. The Mitchell Tennis Center is one of the nation's premier facilities, and Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park is considered one of the best playing surfaces in the country for baseball. Anderson Track and Field, the Ellis Soccer Field, and the Aggie Softball Complex are outstanding and located within the Jack Little Complex. The men's and women's swim teams compete in the Student Recreational Sports Building and Natatorium. The newest facility is the Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium as part of the McFerrin Athletic Center where the nationally ranked men's and women's track teams compete.

Intercollegiate Athletic Tickets

Student tickets, available through a "12th Man Pass," for all sports are available and may be purchased and paid for with your 2016-2017 tuition and fees. Due to high demand, you are encouraged to purchase the 12th Man Pass early as there is a limited number.

For more information visit 12thmanfoundation.com/students or visit the ticket office in the Zone at Kyle Field throughout your New Student Conference. For questions, call 979.845.2311 or 1-888-99-AGGIE (888-992-4443).



Memorial Student Center (MSC) Programming **msc.tamu.edu - 979.845.8901**

The Memorial Student Center is more than a building- It's also a campus-wide programming organization whose mission is to make the campus experience great. MSC student programming committees bring concerts, lectures, art exhibits, movies, stage performances and shows, service projects, international internships, and academic and leadership conferences and trips to Texas A&M students. No matter your interest, the MSC is probably presenting something that will appeal to you. If you want to go deeper into campus life and develop your professional and leadership skills, then the MSC's student programming committees are for you. As a committee member you will be part of bringing great programs to campus at the same time that you will be making friends, meeting people with similar interests, and most importantly, developing your professional skills. In the MSC you will experience what it takes to manage an organization, promote and produce a wide variety of different campus wide programs, and network with other student leaders and former students. Your experience as part of an MSC organization will shape the rest of your life, not only by giving you the kind of experience that potential employers like to see, but by creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

You can find out more about MSC student programming committees and our leadership opportunities by visiting us at MSC Open House, the first Sunday after classes begin each semester.





Musical Performance Opportunities

979.845.5974

Choral Activities

The purpose of Texas A&M Choral Activities is to provide students with a wide variety of choral music experiences and leadership opportunities which both enhance personal musicianship and enrich their entire academic experience. In addition to local performances and state-wide tours, the choirs also travel internationally. Choral Activities groups are open to all Texas A&M students. The Choral Activities office is located in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center. If you have a passion for singing and performing, then Texas A&M Choral Activities has a place for you! All the groups are official classes at Texas A&M with a one hour credit. Our performing groups include:

Singing Cadets

The internationally famous "Voice of Aggieland." The group is a public relations tool for Texas A&M performing for many state & national events performing 60-70 concerts each year throughout Texas and the United States, proudly representing Texas A&M. singingcadets.tamu.edu

Century Singers

Texas A&M's mixed concert choir with a repertoire that consists of major works, classical choral literature, folk song arrangements, and popular music. centurysingers.tamu.edu

Women's Chorus

Texas A&M's treble choir which performs a varied and entertaining repertoire, while they represent Texas A&M locally and at the state level. They participate in the annual Texas Collegiate Women's Choral Festival held in collaboration with other universities. wchorus.tamu.edu

If you are interested in being a part of Choral Activities contact us at 979.845.5974 or dkipp@tamu.edu. Auditions take only ten minutes and no prepared music is necessary.

Instrumental Music

tamubands.tamu.edu - **979.845.3529**

University Wind Symphony

An academic credit ensemble consisting of the finest wind and percussion players on campus. Performing the best of wind literature, the band performs locally and at prestigious venues nationally and internationally. It is open to all students by audition. For more information, contact Dr. Timothy Rhea at trhea@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

University Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band

Our academic credit ensembles open to all students with previous band experience. Each band performs two concerts per semester and occasionally participates in off-campus events. These bands are open to all students by audition. For more information, contact Travis Almany at talmany@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

University Jazz Ensembles

Our academic credit ensembles open to all band students with jazz experience. The jazz ensembles perform at least one formal concert each semester and seek to participate in other professional playing opportunities. These bands are open to all students by audition. For more information, contact Chris Hollar at hollar@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

Fightin' Texas Aggie Band

Performs a new, precision military-style football halftime drill each week and represents the University and Corps in parades, ceremonies, and military reviews. Membership in the Texas Aggie Band is limited to those with prior high school marching experience and a willingness to join the Corps of Cadets. Cadets receive kinesiology credit for the class. For more information, contact LtCol Jay Brewer at jbrewer@corps.tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

University Orchestra

An academic credit ensemble open to all TAMU students with violin, viola, cello, or string bass experience. The orchestra performs two concerts per semester presenting the best of standard string and symphony orchestra literature. It is open to all students by audition. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Sikes at paulsikes@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.



Recreational Sports (Rec Sports)

recsports.tamu.edu - 979.845.7826

The Department of Recreational Sports invites you to visit the Student Recreation Center. With 400,000 square feet of recreational facilities, the Rec offers limitless opportunities for relaxation, fitness, and fun. Drop-in recreation at the Rec Center is included in Texas A&M student fees; therefore, students only need their student ID to enter.

The Rec Center includes:

- Numerous multi-purpose gyms for basketball, volleyball, soccer, and badminton
- 14 racquetball/handball courts
- 2 squash courts with glass back walls
- 30,000 sq. ft. Weight & Fitness Room with machine weights, free weights, cardiovascular equipment, and cardio area
- 10 activity rooms for group exercise classes, dance classes, and more
- 4-lane indoor walking/jogging track
- 2 indoor climbing options—a 44-ft. rock wall and a bouldering wall
- Outdoor activity area with 2 basketball courts; 4 sand volleyball courts; a pavilion; and a leisure pool with a current channel, basketball goal, and 6-lane lap pool
- Natatorium with a 50-meter, 22-lane Olympic-size pool; a 25-yard, 8-lane lap pool; a 5-lane instructional pool; and a diving well featuring 1-, 3-, 5-, 7.5- and 10-meter competitive platforms, two 1-meter diving boards, and two 3-meter diving boards
- Outdoor recreation center providing outdoor equipment rental and sales, skills clinics, adventure trips, and a resource library
- Penberthy Rec Sports Complex: the Department's outdoor field facility that features artificial turf and natural grass playing areas dedicated to drop-in recreation, intramural sports, and sport clubs

In addition to drop-in recreation, Rec Sports offers a variety of classes, clinics, and recreational activities. Some of these activities require an additional charge. The diversity and assortment of activities and facilities available promise opportunities for all individuals to participate regardless of their level of ability or experience.

Aquatics

A variety of water-related classes such as adult learn-to-swim, SCUBA, and lifeguard training. Information is available at recsports.tamu.edu or at the Rec Center Member Services desk.

Group RecXercise

Classes are offered seven days per week and include early morning, afternoon, and night classes. Formats offered include step, kickboxing, dance, group strength training, indoor group cycling, athletic conditioning, and water aerobics. Classes are geared to beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. At least one class per day is free; all others require a pass that may be purchased at Member Services.

Boot Camps

Offered each semester to help participants reach their fitness goals. Visit recsports.tamu.edu for a schedule of offerings each semester.

Personal Training

Nationally-certified Rec Sports personal trainers can design a fitness program to meet a client's individual needs. The personal trainer will assess the client's fitness goals and develop a workout plan that incorporates safe and effective techniques. Personal training sessions and fitness assessments may be purchased at Member Services.

Specialty Classes

Offered to participants who want to learn a new skill or refine existing skills. The class schedule varies each semester with offerings such as Yoga, Pilates, and dance (country-western, hip/hop, belly dance, and more). A nominal fee is charged for each class, and a limited number of spaces are available. Registration begins the first day of class each semester at the Member Services desk.

Massage Therapy

Offered most days of the week. Licensed therapists are available to perform Swedish and deep tissue massage. Appointments must be made in advance at Member Services or by calling 979.845.7826. The cost is \$40.00/session for Texas A&M students and Rec members and \$60.00/session for non-members.

Intramural Sports

A highly organized program that offers various divisions and skill levels of competition among fellow Texas A&M University students. Events are offered during the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. In addition, the sports officiating program allows students the opportunity to learn how to officiate various sports while earning money. The Intramural Sports program offers a variety of competitive events, including but not limited to:

Basketball	Indoor and Outdoor Soccer	Softball	Tennis
Dodgeball	Kickball	Swim Meet	Ultimate Frisbee
Flag Football	Racquetball	Table Tennis	Volleyball

The Texas A&M Sport Clubs Association

Consists of 34 clubs that offer skill enhancement and competition for participants. Any student may join a club, regardless of his or her ability, provided the student has an interest in developing the skills necessary to participate. It is suggested that new participants inquire within the first two weeks of school since many organizations determine traveling teams in September. The Sport Clubs that are available to A&M students are:

Archery	Fencing	Women's Lacrosse	Men's Rugby	Trap & Skeet	Wakeboarding
Baseball	Gymnastics	Paintball	Women's Rugby	Triathlon	Men's Water Polo
Bowling	Handball	Pistol Team	Sailing	Men's Ultimate	Women's Water Polo
Cheer Squad	Ice Hockey	Polo	Men's Soccer	Frisbee	Water Ski
Crew	Judo	Powerlifting	Women's Soccer	Men's Volleyball	Wrestling
Cycling	Men's Lacrosse	Racquetball	Taekwondo	Women's Volleyball	

Outdoor Adventures

A program that is designed to provide outdoor experiences for Texas A&M students, faculty/staff, and the local community. Outdoor Adventures is comprised of an outdoor equipment rental and retail sales outlet; an indoor climbing facility and bouldering wall; basic skill development clinics in a variety of outdoor activities and indoor climbing; adventure trips; a resource library; and The Hub—a do-it-yourself bicycle repair space for the Aggie biking community (no repair services provided by Outdoor Adventures staff). Examples of activities include backpacking, camping, canoeing, horseback riding, kayaking, mountain biking, rafting, and rock climbing. Outdoor equipment is available to rent and includes 6-, 4-, and 2-person tents, sleeping bags and pads, backpacks, camping accessories, and much more. For a complete list of trips, clinics, and rental or retail products, call 979.845.4511.

Employment

As one of the largest employers of students on campus, Rec Sports is almost always hiring. Examples of the types of jobs available to students include facility attendants, intramural officials, lifeguards, trip staff, climbing facility staff, personal trainers, group exercise instructors, marketing assistants, graduate assistants, and much more. For a list of openings, as well as a link to the part-time job application, visit the Part-time Employment tab at recsports.tamu.edu.

Competition in any recreational activity is strictly voluntary. Neither the University nor the Department of Recreational Sports assumes responsibility for injuries received during these activities.



Residential Housing Association (RHA) tamurha.com

Living on campus offers a multitude of diverse opportunities not available elsewhere, this allows students to realize their full potential as leaders—most notably through active participation in the Residential Housing Association. Considering itself the “Pride of Aggieland,” RHA endeavors to aid on-campus students by advocating on their behalf. As a community, over 10,000 strong (all students who live on-campus, outside of the Corps of Cadets), RHA stands as the largest student organization at Texas A&M University. Meetings are held biweekly amongst friends and fellow student leaders, while legislative meetings address the latest community issues. We are also one of the strongest diversity advocates through our monthly on-campus leadership and diversity lecture series. While each residence hall elects a Community Council to focus on the needs of its unique constituency, RHA, as the umbrella organization, works to foster a greater, overarching community. RHA is renowned for hosting events such as the annual AggieFest during Gig ‘Em Week, as well as the largest t-shirt giveaway in Aggieland, Diversi-tee Day. RHA provides a vibrant voice for students that provides them a strong foundation on which shapes the rest of their lives. RHA offers leadership, service opportunities, friendships that will last a lifetime, and most importantly, it offers a family.

Department of Student Activities studentactivities.tamu.edu - 979.845.1133

Texas A&M provides a truly outstanding educational experience that centers on the classroom and extends beyond to hundreds of opportunities to be involved in the life of the campus. Helping students identify these opportunities for involvement is a primary role of the Department of Student Activities. The Department provides a number of programs and services ranging from student leadership training to extended orientation camps (such as Fish Camp, T-Camp, & Howdy Camp). As diverse as each of its programs and services are, one theme remains constant — the desire to see each student contribute to and benefit from being a part of the rich campus life at Texas A&M. Provided below is information on the programs and services offered by the department.

All-University Calendar

The All-University Calendar is the official event calendar of Texas A&M University. The calendar is available to purchase beginning in May at Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Texas A&M in the MSC.

Leadership Development Programs

More than 1,000 recognized student organizations provide students with opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills, get involved in the campus community, and participate in events that bring national recognition to Texas A&M University. Whatever your interests, there is an organization, club, or program that will allow you to pursue them. We can assist you in contacting a current organization or starting a new one.





Student Government Association (SGA)

sga.tamu.edu - 979.845.3051

Student Government Association strives to bring collaboration, unity and tradition to the Texas A&M campus. Through leadership, integrity, selfless service, respect, loyalty and excellence we believe we help all students as they strive to share their voice, get involved and find their passion. SGA consists of three branches: executive, senate, and judicial; four commissions: election, diversity, development, and legislative relations; and 14 committees: Aggie Recruitment Committee, Alternative Spring Break, Aggie Muster, The Big Event, Building Young Leaders Together, CARPOOL, COSGA, Gilbert Leadership Conference, Guide, Environmental Issues Committee, Fish Aides, Replant, TAMC, and Traditions Council. Each section of SGA brings new voices to campus from maintaining our traditions to providing a safe ride home to recruiting new students to come to Aggieland.



Student Media studentmedia.tamu.edu

Newspaper

The Battalion is Texas A&M's 123-year-old student newspaper. Student editors determine news and editorial content and direct the staff in news gathering, writing, editing stories and producing the print and online versions. If you can write, use a camera, edit, design pages, produce multimedia content, or sell ads, apply to work at The Battalion. All full-time Texas A&M students are welcome. Each fall and spring, some 10,000 copies of The Battalion are distributed five times a week, Monday through Friday. In the summer, it is about twice a week. The Battalion is distributed at key points on-campus and off-campus (residence halls, classroom buildings, apartments, etc.). View articles, photos, videos and blogs online at www.thebatt.com. If you have a hot news scoop or letter to the editor, turn that in to The Battalion in person at the Student Media office in Suite L400 of the Memorial Student Center or email editor@thebatt.com.

Yearbook

The Aggieland, one of the nation's largest annuals, reviews the academic year — the people and events that make each year memorable. The Texas A&M University yearbook is under the direction of student editors who determine its content. If you worked on your high school yearbook, you may want to work on the Aggieland. All 600 pages are created on Macintosh computers using Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, and other state-of-the-art programs. You can order the Aggieland when you pay your tuition and fees during fall registration. You also may order with a credit card online at aggieland.tamu.edu, by calling 979.845.2696, or at the Student Media office in Suite L400 of the MSC. Yearbook charges are refundable in full during the semester in which payment is made. Thereafter, no refunds will be made on canceled orders.





HELPFUL
INFORMATION

Child Care

Off-Campus Student Services ocss.tamu.edu 845-1741

Counseling

Academic

Academic Success Center successcenter.tamu.edu 458-4900
 Disability Services disability.tamu.edu 845-1637

Career

Career Center careercenter.tamu.edu 845-5139
 Student Counseling Service scs.tamu.edu 845-4427

Students with Disabilities

Adaptive Technology Services 845-0390
 Disability Services disability.tamu.edu 845-1637

GLBT Identity

GLBT Resource Center glbt.tamu.edu 862-8920

Legal

Student Legal Services studentlife.tamu.edu/sls 862-4502

Minority Concerns

Multicultural Services - MSC dms.tamu.edu 862-2000
 Student Counseling Service scs.tamu.edu 845-4427

Personal Issues

Student Counseling Service scs.tamu.edu 845-4427

Women's Issues

Women's Resource Center wrc.tamu.edu 845-8784

Campus Dining

Campus Dining Options & Plans dining.tamu.edu 845-3005

Employment and Job Placement

Part-time, on-campus

Student Employment Office jobsforaggies.tamu.edu 845-0686

Career Center

Career Center careercenter.tamu.edu 845-5139

Work Study Program

Student Financial Aid financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236

Financial Aid

Student Assistance financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236
 Short-term Loans financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236
 Scholarships financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Student Services

GLBT Resource Center glbt.tamu.edu 862-8920
 Women's Resource Center wrc.tamu.edu 845-8784

Hazing (Reporting)

Offices of the Dean of Student Life studentlife.tamu.edu 845-3111
 University Police Department upd.tamu.edu 845-2345

Help Lines (Campus and Community)

Child Abuse www.txabusehotline.org 1-800-252-5400
 Rape Crisis - Brazos Valley sarcbv.org 731-1000
 Student Counseling HelpLine scc.tamu.edu 845-2700
 Student Psychological Crises scc.tamu.edu 845-4427
 Battered Women's Shelter twincitymission.org 775-5355

Information

Campus Telephone Number

Campus Operator tamu.edu/contacts 845-3211
 Student Locator services.tamu.edu/directory-search 845-4741

General Information

Appelt Visitor Center tamu.edu/visitors 845-5851

Guard Room

Corps of Cadets Headquarters 845-6789

International Students

International Student Services iss.tamu.edu 845-1824

Intramurals

Recreational Sports Office - Intramural Assistance 862-1884
 Game Rainout Information 845-2625

Legal Services

Student Legal Services studentlife.tamu.edu/sls 862-4502

Libraries

Medical Sciences Library msl.library.tamu.edu 845-7428
 Policy Sciences & Economics Library psel.library.tamu.edu 862-3544
 Sterling C. Evans Library library.tamu.edu 845-3731
 West Campus Library wcl.library.tamu.edu 845-2111

Loans

Student Financial Aid - 2nd floor, Pavilion financialaid.tamu.edu 845-3236

Lost Aggie (ID) Cards

ID Office - General Services Complex aggiecard.tamu.edu 845-4661
 Aggie Card Deactivation aggiecard.tamu.edu

Medical Services

Emergency

Emergency Operator (from campus phones) 9-911
 Emergency Operator (from cell phone or off-campus phones) 911

Illness, Hospitalization, Physicals

Beutel Health Center shs.tamu.edu 458-8316

Military

Corps of Cadets

Office of the Commandant - 102 Military Science Building (Trigon) 845-2811
 Corps of Cadets Center 862-2862
 Guard Room - Kiest Hall - Dorm 2 845-6789

Minority Students

Multicultural Services - MSC dms.tamu.edu 862-2000
 Student Counseling Service scs.tamu.edu 845-4427

Off-Campus Housing

Off-Campus Student Services ocss.tamu.edu 845-1741

On-Campus Housing

Residence Halls reslife.tamu.edu 845-4744
 University Apartments reslife.tamu.edu/apartments 845-2261

Parking

Transportation Services transport.tamu.edu 862-7275

Postal Service

Northgate Station - 104 N Houston Street	www.usps.com	846-5716
College Station Office - 2130 FM 2818	www.usps.com	693-4152

Probation

Disciplinary		
Student Conduct Office	studentlife.tamu.edu/sco	847-7272
Scholastic		
Academic Advisor or Dean of College		

Publications

Aggieland Yearbook	aggieland.tamu.edu	845-2681
The Battalion (Student Newspaper)	thebatt.com	845-3315
Texas Aggie Magazine	aggienetwork.com	845-7514
Undergraduate/Graduate Catalogs	catalog.tamu.edu	845-1031
New Student Handbook	studentlife.tamu.edu/nsfp	845-5826

Residence Halls

Maintenance/Cleaning		
Hall Director of Residence Hall	reslife.tamu.edu	
Residence Life		
ResLife Main Office	reslife.tamu.edu	845-4744
Residence Education Programs		
South Area Office- Legett Hall Basement	reslife.tamu.edu	845-2235
North Area Office - Hullabaloo Hall	reslife.tamu.edu	845-4768
Room Change/Roommate Problems		
Resident Advisor of Residence Hall		

Scholarships

Applications, Inquiries, and Programs		
Student Financial Aid	financialaid.tamu.edu	845-3236
Honors and Undergraduate Research	honors.tamu.edu	845-1957
ROTC/Corps of Cadets	corps.tamu.edu	862-2862

Security

University Police	upd.tamu.edu	845-2345
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Sexual Harassment

Counseling		
Student Counseling Service	scs.tamu.edu	845-4427
Reporting Information		
Alleged Faculty Member Offender	dof.tamu.edu	845-4274
Alleged Staff Member Offender	employees.tamu.edu	845-4141
Alleged Student Offender	studentlife.tamu.edu	845-3111

Shuttle Bus Service

Transit	transport.tamu.edu	847-7433
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Sports

Camping Equipment	recsports.tamu.edu	845-4511
Intramural Game Rainout Information	recsports.tamu.edu	845-2625
Recreational and Sports Organizations		
Student Activities	studentactivities.tamu.edu	845-1133
Sports Equipment		
Rental, Court Reservations, Equipment	recsports.tamu.edu	845-4917
Sportspass		
12th Man Foundation Ticket Center	mysportspass.tamu.edu	845-2311

Student Activities

Clubs & Organizations		
Student Activities	studentactivities.tamu.edu	845-1133

Student Organizations & Representative Bodies

Corps of Cadets		
Corps of Cadets Center	corps.tamu.edu	862-2862
Fraternity & Sorority Life		
Fraternity & Sorority Life	greeklife.tamu.edu	862-5636
Interfraternity Council (IFC Fraternities)	ifc.tamu.edu	862-5636
National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)	nphc.tamu.edu	862-5636
Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC Sororities)	cpc.tamu.edu	862-5636
Multicultural Greek Council	mgc.tamu.edu	862-5636

Off Campus Students		
Off-Campus Student Services	ocss.tamu.edu	845-1741

Residence Hall Students		
Residence Hall Association	tamurha.com	

Student Government Association		
Student Government Office	sga.tamu.edu	845-3051

Study Abroad

Overseas Opportunities	studyabroad.tamu.edu	845-0544
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Testing

Data and Research Service		
National Standardized Tests	dars.tamu.edu	845-0532
Placement Exams	dars.tamu.edu	845-0532

Student Counseling Service		
Career Interest	scs.tamu.edu	845-4427
Personality	scs.tamu.edu	845-4427
Study Skills	scs.tamu.edu	845-4427

Tickets

Athletic Events		
Athletic Ticket Office	12thmanfoundation.com	845-2311

Concerts, Movies, Performances		
MSC Box Office	boxoffice.tamu.edu	845-1234

Tutoring

Academic Success Center	successcenter.tamu.edu	458-4900
Supplemental Instruction	slc.tamu.edu	458-4900
Multicultural Services - MSC	dms.tamu.edu	862-2000

Undergraduate Studies

Office of the Provost	us.tamu.edu	845-3210
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Veterans

Veterans Financial Services	veterans.tamu.edu	845-8075
Veteran Resource & Support Center	aggieveterans.tamu.edu	845-3161

Vice President for Student Affairs

Division of Student Affairs	studentaffairs.tamu.edu	845-4728
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Women's Issues

Women's Resource Center	wrc.tamu.edu	845-8784
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Gig 'Em Week at a glance

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Gig 'Em Week is Aggieland's official week of welcome held the week before fall classes begin. Gig 'Em Week provides new and returning students an opportunity to learn more about the campus, each other, and college life in general through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls, and community groups. Gig 'Em Week is coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs. Some of the week's events are listed below but make sure to check out gigemweek.tamu.edu in early August to see details for all events.

Tuesday 8.23

AggieFest
Gig 'Em Week Gatherings
Yell Practice

Wednesday 8.24

Ice Cream Carnival
Library Open House
MSC Movie & Party on the Plaza

Thursday 8.25

Student Activities Block Party
Rec-A-Palooza

Friday 8.26

ATC Backyard Bash

Saturday 8.27

Fish Crush

Sunday 8.28

Undergraduate Convocation

* Events subject to change. Visit gigemweek.tamu.edu early August for a full and up to date schedule

Connect!

Social media is a great way to connect with Texas A&M and learn about all the great happenings on-campus! During your New Student Conference ask us questions by tweeting @NSFPtamu. Respond to our posts throughout your NSC and post about your experiences using the hashtag #TAMUNSC to win fun prizes!



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