2026 Lexington Leadership Institute

I Have Registered. Now What?

Make Travel Arrangements

- **Session One:** all participants should plan to arrive on **May 28** and depart on **May 31.**
- **Session Two:** all participants should plan to arrive on **August 6** and depart on **August 9.**

See page 2 for specific arrival and departure instructions.

NOTE: *Participants are expected to stay for the entire program.*

What to Bring

Most of the program materials will be provided to participants upon arrival. All participants must be properly attired to attend educational sessions and meal functions at the Lexington Leadership Institute. **Proper attire** consists of dress pants (khakis, or slacks) or shorts (non-athletic), a tucked-in collared shirt, and closed-toe shoes. *T-shirts, hats, caps, and sandals may not be worn to educational sessions or meal functions.*

Check Your Email Regularly

Email will be the primary means of communication regarding the Lexington Leadership Institute. Please ensure you promptly check and read any emails from the Headquarters office.

Participant Expectations

The curriculum builds on itself as you progress through the experience. As such, it is imperative you attend all scheduled sessions.

Arrival Information	
Driving	Arrive in Lexington, Virginia, **no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern on May 28 (Session One) or August 6 (Session Two).** The address for Sigma Nu Headquarters is **9 N. Lewis St., Lexington, Va. 24450**. Free parking is available on-property.
Flying	Make arrangements to fly into Roanoke Regional Airport (airport code ROA) **no later than 2:00 p.m. Eastern on May 28 (Session One) or August 6 (Session Two).** Once booked, please send your flight itinerary to Fred Dobry, Lexington Leadership Institute Co-Coordinator, at fred.dobry@sigmanu.org. Note, ground transportation will only be provided between Roanoke Regional Airport and Lexington. If a participant elects to fly to a different airport, they will be responsible for their own transportation to and from that airport and Lexington.
Airport Transfer	Professional transportation services will be arranged by the General Fraternity to provide travel between Roanoke Regional Airport and Lexington. The Fraternity will be responsible for paying for these ground transportation services. Confirmation of the specific pick-up and drop-off arrangements will be communicated to each participant shortly before the Lexington Leadership Institute.
Inclement Weather	Your safety is most important. Please exercise caution and good judgment when traveling to the Lexington Leadership Institute. **If you are driving** and weather/road conditions deteriorate, you should pull over and call Fred Dobry at (540) 319-1391 to report your delay. He will provide additional instructions at that time. If you cannot reach Fred, then contact your Leadership Consultant *and then* the Headquarters office at (540) 463-1869 to report the delay. **If you are flying**, please consult the airline gate agent or customer service representative. They will rebook you on the next available flight. After you are rebooked, please call Fred Dobry at (540) 319-1391 to report the delay and revised arrival time.

Departure Information	
Driving	Plan on departing at 8 a.m. or later on the Sunday of your session.
Flying	Schedule departing flights anytime on May 31 (Session One) or August 9 (Session Two). Professional transportation will be provided from Lexington to Roanoke Regional Airport.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the dates of the Lexington Leadership Institute?
A: Session One is May 28-31, 2026 and Session Two is August 6-9, 2026.
The registration deadline is April 30.

Q: Where is the Lexington Leadership Institute being held?
A: Sigma Nu Fraternity Headquarters; 9 N. Lewis St., Lexington, Virginia 24450

Q: Who should attend the Lexington Leadership Institute?
A: The Lexington Leadership Institute is intended for rising Sigma Nu members entering their Sophomore or Junior year. Participation in the 2026 program will be limited to 60 participants per session.

Q: Is there a dress code?
A: All participants must be properly attired to attend educational sessions and meal functions. Proper attire consists of dress pants or shorts, a collared shirt, and closed-toe shoes. *T-shirts, hats, caps, and sandals may not be worn to educational sessions or meal functions.*

Q: Where will attendees be staying?
A: All participants will have a bunk bed provided within the Spears Family Epsilon Epsilon Center for Excellence. Bed linens, pillow, and towel will be provided. Participants are responsible for bringing their personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.).

Q: What time can I leave on Sunday?
A: The entire day has been reserved for travel. Those **driving** can depart as early as 8 a.m.
For those **flying**, they can depart starting with the earliest available flight.

Q: What is the registration fee?
A: The non-refundable registration fee is $50. The fee has been significantly lowered due to the availability of additional grant funding from the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation.

Q: How do I book a room at the Center for Excellence?
A: You don't need to – we will take care of securing your bunk bed within the Center for Excellence. Note, bunk beds are located within one of four bunk bed pods. Each pod consists of 20 bunk beds.

Q: Is the lodging expense included in the registration fee?
A: Yes. Your registration fee covers lodging expenses while in Lexington.
Note, travel to and from the Lexington Leadership Institute is not covered through the registration fee. Participants must secure their own travel arrangements.
The collegiate chapter should cover the cost associated with any such arrangements.

Q: Can I cancel my registration?
A: Yes, but we need to receive your request for cancellation in writing, and cancellation penalties may apply [see below]. Please submit your cancellation via email to headquarters@sigmanu.org. Once processed, you will receive a confirmation reply.

Q: What is the cancellation policy?
A: In recognition of the intentional selection process for the 2026 Lexington Leadership Institute and the expenses incurred in planning for each registered participant's attendance at the Institute, the following penalties will apply for registration cancellations:

- **Cancellation on after May 1:** the cancelled participant's collegiate chapter will be charged a $450 cancellation fee unless the participant's slot is able to be filled by someone on the waitlist. The $50 registration fee is **non-refundable**, no exceptions.

Q: Is the cost of food during the Lexington Leadership Institute included in the registration fee?
A: Yes. Dinner will be provided on Thursday. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided on Friday and Saturday. A grab-and-go breakfast will be provided for participants on Sunday. Participants are responsible for their meals outside these times, including as part of their travel to and from the Lexington Leadership Institute.

Q: What airport should I fly into?
A: Roanoke Regional Airport [airport code ROA]. The General Fraternity will coordinate your transportation between the airport and Lexington, Va.

Q: I plan to drive to the Lexington Leadership Institute. Where can I park?
A: All attendees who arrive by car can park for free at Sigma Nu Headquarters.