

PREFACE

The following are not policies, rules, or restrictions. They are simply suggestive measures and guidelines to help you and your chapter think about the way you represent yourself and Pi Kappa Phi to the larger community.

BEFORE YOUR PARTY, ASK YOURSELF...

- ▶ Does the theme encourage offensive dress or costumes?
- ▶ Does the theme or title of the event stereotype men or women?
- ▶ Is the theme sexist? If you're not sure, try interchanging the word/theme with a racial word/theme.
- ▶ Is the theme centered on making fun of a particular group of people, culture, or campus organization? If it's not, is there a likelihood that some brothers or guests may take the theme there anyway?
- ▶ Would you be willing to send pictures of the event to your parents, the National Headquarters, the campus newspaper, or your university president?

THEMES TO AVOID

- ▶ Themes involving or encouraging blackface
- ▶ Themes involving or encouraging men to dress like women
- ▶ Themes using the word "Ho" or "Whore" in the title of the event
- ▶ Themes involving or encouraging binge drinking
- ▶ Themes involving or encouraging brothers or guests to wear another Greek organization's letters

CREATIVE, YET INOFFENSIVE, PARTY THEMES

The following are some of the best event ideas and themes, taken directly from colleges and universities across the country:

- ▶ Heroes and Villains
- ▶ Decade Themes (i.e. 70s, 80s, 90s, etc.)
- ▶ Mardi Gras
- ▶ Toga Party
- ▶ Famous Couples
- ▶ Safari Theme
- ▶ Rodeo Theme
- ▶ Movie Themes (e.g. 007, Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean)
- ▶ Viva Las Vegas!
- ▶ Casino Night
- ▶ Alphabet Themes (e.g. "P" is for Party)
- ▶ April Fool's Day
- ▶ Celebrity Themes (e.g. Party Like a Rock Star)
- ▶ Superheroes
- ▶ Fire & Ice

Source: Willis HRH [<http://www.willisfraternity.com>]

PARTY THEMES