

# Omega Phi Alpha Convention 2007

Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk

July 25-28

## Registration Information

Name: _____	Delegate: yes / no (circle/highlight)
Chapter: _____	Active / Alumna (circle/highlight) Activation Year: _____
Office for 2007/2008: _____	Offices Held: _____
Summer Address: _____	
Phone: _____	Email: _____

## Travel Information \*

Arrival Date: _____	Airline: _____
Flight #: _____	Arrival Time: _____
Departure Date: _____	Airline: _____
Flight #: _____	Departure Time: _____

Please list any attendees you will be traveling with (either flying or driving):  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*If driving, please include arrival/departure time/dates\*

## Lodging Information

\* Please mark (X) which rate you prefer each night \*

	Single \$120/night	Double \$60/night	Triple \$40/night	Quad \$30/night
Wednesday, July 25				
Thursday, July 26				
Friday, July 27				
Saturday, July 28				

Roommate Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Roommate preferences are available on a first come, first-served basis. Therefore, a double, triple, or quad room rate is only available if there are actually two, three, or four people staying in the room. Please list first and last name or chapter preference. If a roommate preference is not noted, you may be placed in a room with any attendee of convention. If there are only 2 sisters attending from a chapter and you wouldn't mind rooming with another chapter please mark quad occupancy and we will pair you up. The same goes if only 1 sister is coming and doesn't mind being paired with other girls. \*\*\*

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<i>Fees</i>		<i>Price</i>	<i>Quantity*</i>	<i>Your Cost</i>
Registration Fee (all week)		\$60.00		
Daily Registration Fee	Wednesday	\$20.00		
	Thursday	\$20.00		
	Friday	\$20.00		
	Saturday	\$20.00		
Late Registration Fee <small>(after 6/15/07)</small>		\$25.00		
Closing Banquet (Chart House)		\$50.00		

Fees Total

Banquet:

Please choose one main course (by placing an X) from the following 4 options: **	All 4 entrees will include: a wonderful salad bar, bread & butter, garlic mashed potatoes, and assorted beverages.
Herb Crusted Chicken	
Orange Basil Salmon	
Prime Rib or Beef	
Vegetarian	

<i>T-Shirts***</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i># Needed</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
Small	\$12.00		
Medium	\$12.00		
Large	\$12.00		
X-Large	\$12.00		
2X-Large	\$14.00		
3X-Large	\$15.00		

T-Shirt Total

Hotel Total

Fees Total

TOTAL COST

\* If you plan to attend convention the whole time sign up for the \$60.00 all week registration fee. If you can only attend on certain days, then sign up per day. Guests do not need to register but will need to be included in the quantity if coming to banquet to be included in the quantity if coming to banquet.

\*\* If a non-OPA Sister (i.e. husband, child, etc.) will be joining you for banquet please include the total number under attending and mark a X for each person's food choice. (You + 2 Guests = 3 X's)

\*\*\*Anyone who registers and pays prior to May 25th will receive a free convention T-shirt so you can put a 0 for t-shirt total if you register before this date. If a member of your chapter not attending convention would like a T-shirt, please have them email [convention@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:convention@omegaphialpha.org) for details. All shirt orders have to be in by July, 11th.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WITHIN 3 DAYS OF REGISTERING BY EMAIL PLEASE EMAIL [convention@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:convention@omegaphialpha.org)

**Email completed forms to:  
[conv\\_registration@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:conv_registration@omegaphialpha.org)**

**OR**

**USPS mail to:  
Pamela McEwen  
108 Bluewater Cir.  
Nashville, TN 37217**

**Payments can be submitted online or by check**

\*Go to “payments” link on the convention web page to submit paypal payments  
or

\*Mail check to above address made to Omega Phi Alpha,  
and be sure your name is noted in the memo line on the check

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Hello Ladies! The following information should address questions you may have regarding convention. If you have any more questions, don't hesitate to email [convention@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:convention@omegaphialpha.org).

Our home for Convention 2007 will be the Wyndham on the Jacksonville Riverwalk. It is located 20 minutes from the airport and has recently been renovated. The hotel is located on the Riverwalk of the St. John's River in downtown Jacksonville. It is across the river from Jacksonville's famous Landing, which is full of shops and restaurants. Hotel amenities include high speed internet access, hairdryers, daily newspapers, room service, an outdoor swimming pool and fitness center. To get free wireless internet access you can join Wyndham ByRequest for free at Wyndham's website. The hotel is also handicap accessible. Our meeting rooms will be on the first floor.

This year is the 40th anniversary of Omega Phi Alpha, and we are hoping to have the best turnout ever at convention! As an incentive, those that register and pay before May 15th will receive a free convention T-shirt, designed by Epsilon sister, Mandi Humphrey. The shirts will be red short-sleeved with dark brown writing. To coincide with the theme "Service is our Greatest Treasure," the shirts will feature a treasure map on the back, with service being the ultimate treasure. The final T-shirt design is on our website, so go check it out!

Since we are turning the big 4-0, 2007 Convention's focus will be on improving ourselves and our chapters in every sense. Not that we aren't doing a great job, but every year there is more for us to learn and Convention provides the perfect setting for us to learn from each other and gives the chapters an opportunity to discuss what has been successful for them. Over time things change, and we need to be willing to accept these changes and follow. In light of this, we will be hosting workshops that will provide the delegates with valuable information to take back to their chapters regarding rush, membership, service, district cooperation, and more. The Council Meetings and dinner will prepare officers to return to their chapters in the Fall with great new ideas.

As far as improving ourselves, we will have a Women's Health workshop that will address issues specifically related to us girls. This will also provide an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions in a comfortable environment. We are also hoping to set up Yoga at least twice during convention with the yoga studio just blocks from our hotel. Since we can't guarantee a rate just yet, it's not included on the registration form, but look for a sign up when you arrive in Jacksonville.

(Fees should be around \$6) If you think you would be interested in participating, please email [convention@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:convention@omegaphialpha.org). Once we know the details for a service project, which we hope to arrange with the Jacksonville Women's Center to tie in with our President's Project of Women's Health, we will provide them via the national website.

We also want to honor our wonderful alumnae during convention and to do so will be having an alumna lunch reception on Saturday afternoon. This reception will be for all convention attendees, active and alumna. We hope to have a wonderful turnout to help us recognize those alumnae that have helped create and shape our organization. Without them we wouldn't be the organization we've become. We know most alumnae must work during the week, so we hope by having the luncheon on Saturday they can attend. The luncheon is included in the registration fee, so there is no additional charge.

Our hotel is located on the beautiful St. John's River within a lively business district with numerous restaurants within a few blocks of the hotel. Since it is a business area, many places close at 5:00 pm. However, there are options across the river for dinner. Since everyone will not have transportation in Jacksonville, there are 2 ways of getting across the river. The first is the Skyway, which is cheap at only \$.35 each way. But does take approximately 12 minutes to get across the river, and then you will walk to your final destination. The other route is the river taxi, though it is a bit more expensive at \$5 per round trip. It provides a peaceful and short ride, taking only 3-4 minutes to get across the river. You will be dropped off at Jacksonville Landing, containing great shopping and restaurants, with over 8 places to dine.

This year's Banquet will be done a little differently since we received feedback last year that attendees would like banquet to be offsite. It's no coincidence that the Wyndham is located on the same grounds as the famous Chart House restaurant (<http://www.chart-house.com/>). This restaurant offers a fine dining experience and a breathtaking view of the St John's River. For \$50 you will be able to experience one of the entrees (listed on the registration form) as well as bread and butter, garlic mashed potatoes, and access to the Chart House's incredible Salad Bar. After this gourmet dinner, we'll return to the hotel for an awards reception where desserts and drinks will be served. The reception costs are included in the Banquet fee.

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During the course of Convention there will be many opportunities to get out and explore Jacksonville. These activities may be of interest. Since some of them require a definite number of people to get a set price, which we can't guarantee until convention, we are unable to include them on the registration form. If you are interested in any of the activities, please email [convention@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:convention@omegaphialpha.org) In order to secure Yoga or the River Cruise we need to know there's an interest. For all activities we'll have sign-ups on the first night of convention at which time you will pay. All events will be held during Free Time.

## St. John's River Cruise

Join your sisters as we cruise down the St. John's River. Flowing North (yes North!) this 30 minute or 1 hour river cruise will give you the opportunity to see downtown Jacksonville and the Riverwalk while relaxing and enjoying the sisterhood. Departing from the Wyndham, this cruise option will be between \$10.00 and \$25.00 per person. Free time will be given to those who choose not to attend.



## Yoga

One of the main interests of convention attendees last year was doing Yoga, and what better time to do it then when we are focusing on Women's Health. It just so happens that less than half a mile from our hotel is a business called Yoga Fusion. They have a set schedule for classes listed on their website, but we are currently working to set up a class special for OPA's. Each class can hold approximately 40 people, so if you are interested please email [convention@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:convention@omegaphialpha.org). We are hoping to hold classes Thursday and Friday evening. Yoga Fusion also offers many different types of classes, but we will probably stick with Yoga 101 so anyone can join in. On Fridays they have a donation based class entitled Solid Citizen Yoga where 100% of the donations will be given to a nonprofit organization.



<http://www.yogafusionofsanmarco.com/gallery.ht>

## MOSH

For those interested in an educational experience while visiting, less than a half mile from our hotel is Jacksonville's beautiful Museum of Science and History, known as the MOSH. The MOSH offers a wide variety of exhibits, educational programs and even a planetarium. For only \$8 per adult the MOSH offers hours of fun.



<http://www.themosh.org/general/index.asp>

## Jacksonville Landing

Located directly across the river from our hotel, this gem of North Florida, is the ultimate place to live life to the fullest. From elegant river view dining, to exclusive nightclubs buzzing with excitement, to outdoor concerts to shopping for the entire family, The Landing has it all.



<http://www.jacksonvillelanding.com/>

## Eateries (within half a mile of the Wyndham)



Fresh food, friendly atmosphere.

<http://www.tidbitsfood.com/index.html>



<http://www.tropicalsmoothie.com/>



For a comprehensive list of all the eateries, shopping, and activities available in the downtown area check out the following website:

[http://www.downtownjacksonville.org/content/?page\\_id=2](http://www.downtownjacksonville.org/content/?page_id=2)

Also available: BB's Restaurant, Morton's Steakhouse, Panera Bread Co., Gino's Pizza, LaNopalera Mexican, and Quizno's Subs/Salads