



HOUSING/DINING

Ames and Iowa State are committed to making a great experience for you while you are in our community. As a large campus, we have a variety of housing options that will be used for World Finals teams. Most of our teams will be housed in traditional -style residence hall housing (the majority in double-occupancy rooms), with additional placements in triples, apartment style housing (with kitchenettes equipped with microwaves and stoves/no utensils), and off campus housing in nearby hotels. When completing the Lodging and Meals Reservations, please indicate only *medically-required* housing and dining needs that may affect placement. Enjoy your adventure at Word Finals!

Campus Housing

Most residence rooms are double occupancy rooms; however, there are a few single and triple occupancy rooms. The majority of housing areas have group bathrooms (shared by a floor) located nearby the sleeping rooms; few have suite-style sleeping rooms with several rooms (up to four people) sharing a bathroom. Beds are single (twin) beds; the majority will be lofted over room furniture, and a few futon-style beds. Some residence areas have air-conditioning; however, we will not be able to guarantee air-conditioned lodging. Please plan accordingly.

Your team will be pre-assigned rooms in residence housing on campus. In order to accommodate all teams it will be necessary to assign one person to every available bed. This means that if a team has nine persons assigned to rooms with a total of ten beds, there may be a person from another team of the same gender and similar age assigned to the remaining space in the last room. Males and females may be assigned within the same residence hall room if requested. Males and females may be assigned within the same suite or apartment, but not within the same sleeping room unless requested. Please inform team members of this possibility.

If you have a team member with a *medically-required* special housing assignment need (e.g. "uses wheelchair/quadruplegic & must have wheelchair accessible room and bathroom" or "has broken leg & using crutches/cannot manage a lofted bed/needs minimal stairs"), list the member's full name, contact telephone number, and description of requirement when you submit your Lodging and Meals Reservation.

Each person will be provided with a pillow, pillowcase, sheets, blanket, 2 towels, 1 washcloth and soap. Daily towel exchanges will be available at a centralized location. Laundry facilities will be available within the residence area.

A 24-Hour Conference Desk will be located in each residence area. Guests who have questions about housing or dining should feel free to call or stop by their Conference Desk. The 24-Hour Conference Desks can store medications requiring refrigeration (refrigerators are not supplied in all residence rooms). Bring medications in small, well-labeled containers. Keys must be returned at check-out; charges will be assessed for unreturned keys.

Department of Residence and ISU Dining Rules, Safety, and Courtesy Reminders

- Smoking is prohibited on all university grounds, including parking lots, and in all university-owned or operated buildings, residence halls and apartments.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in any Department of Residence buildings and ISU Dining facilities.
- Water guns, ball playing, etc., are not allowed indoors.



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- Firearms, weapons, ammunition, fireworks, explosives and highly flammable materials are not allowed.
- Tampering with elevators, fire alarms, and other building property is prohibited. Complete evacuation of the building is required in the event of a fire alarm.
- For safety reasons, window screens may not be removed. A charge of \$50 will be assessed to occupant for each removal.
- Guests must present their wristbands at all meals served within the ISU Dining Facilities. Food and beverages may not be carried out of the dining rooms (for example, no filling of water bottles, coolers, and mugs). Shirts and shoes are required in the dining center; swimwear and sleepwear are not acceptable attire.
- Guests shall not engage in conduct which is disruptive to other guests or University programs. Chaperones are responsible for the conduct of minors at all times. Quiet hours are from 11:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m. Noise that can be heard outside of a closed door may be considered too loud for your neighbors at any time.
- Participants are not allowed in Department of Residence areas which are not assigned to their group unless accompanied by a responsible host registered for that area.
- Always lock your door and take your keys even if you leave for "just a minute."
- Never leave suitcases/belongings unattended and make sure your belongings are clearly marked.

Off Campus Housing:

In the event that you are assigned to off campus housing, you will be provided with regular shuttles to campus and to all World Finals event sites. All housed off campus will be provided breakfast and dinner in their residence, and lunches will be provided in a designated site on campus.

Dining

You will be assigned to a specific dining center for your meals. All persons who have purchased Odyssey of the Mind meal packages will be issued a color-coded wristband allowing them into the appropriate dining center. Meals typically include a selection of entrees, hot and cold side dishes, salad bar, fresh fruits and vegetables, and a variety of desserts and beverages. ISU Dining may choose to substitute some meals as pick-up-and-go meals when appropriate (notices to be shared at arrival). Individual guest meals can be purchased at the entrance of the dining center on a cash-only basis.

Many special dietary needs (for example, a person with diabetes, or those who prefer a vegetarian diet), can be accommodated simply by choosing appropriately from the wide variety of choices that will be available at each meal and should *not* be listed on the Lodging and Meals Reservation. If you have a team member with a *medically-required* special diet (such as for a food allergy), list the member's full name, contact telephone number, and description of requirement when you submit your Lodging and Meals Reservation.

Convenience stores are located within the residence facilities and on the ISU campus. They carry a wide variety of beverages, snacks, ISU souvenirs, laundry supplies, and personal care items.

Off Campus Dining:

In addition to the meals offered as part of your package, Ames offers a variety of dining options in the community. If your plans include dining off-campus, visit www.visitames.com for more information on dining options.