

Housing

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/Meals Reservations, please indicate *only medically-required housing and dining needs that may affect placement*. Enjoy your adventure at World 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, most of which will be lofted over room furniture, and a few futon-style beds, and air-conditioned rooms are not guaranteed. Please plan accordingly when making your housing plans.

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 9 persons assigned to rooms with a total of 10 beds, there may be a person from another team of the same gender and similar age assigned to the remaining space. 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. Each person will be provided with a pillow, pillowcase, sheets, blanket, 2 towels, 1 washcloth & soap. Daily towel exchanges will be available at a centralized location. Laundry facilities will be available within the residence area.

SPECIAL HOUSING

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

24-HOUR ASSISTANCE

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 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.

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING

If we exceed the capacity of the residence halls and your team is assigned to off campus housing, you will be provided with regular shuttles to campus and to all World Finals event sites. All teams housed off-campus by the university will be provided breakfast and dinner in their residence, and lunches will be provided in a designated site on campus.

Dining

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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.

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.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Many special dietary needs (e.g., 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), You must list the member's full name, contact telephone number, email address and description of requirement when you submit your Lodging and Meals Reservation.

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.

