

# Housing

Your team will be pre-assigned to a Residential and Hospitality Service residence hall, based on your online Housing Registration submission. It is necessary to assign one person to every available bed in order to accommodate all teams. Most residence hall rooms are suited, with two bedrooms sharing an adjoining bathroom. Suite-mates must be able to share a bathroom.

Most residence hall rooms are double-occupancy; however, some are single and triple occupancy rooms. Beds are single (twin) beds, debunked and with railings. Residence halls are not air-conditioned, so **a fan is recommended**. Telephones are not provided in residence hall rooms.

Residential and Hospitality Services has a limited amount of handicap accessible residence hall rooms. It is very important to contact Residential and Hospitality Services Conference Services at (517) 353-9300 with the team member's information, including needed accommodations. Due to the limited amount of accessible rooms, Residential and Hospitality Services cannot guarantee that these team members will be housed with their team or state.

Each person is provided with a pillow, pillowcase, sheets, blanket, and 2 towels. Daily towel exchanges will be available at the service centers. Your conference card will give your free access to the laundry facilities in the residence halls.

Residence halls will be open from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. You must use the front entrance to enter a building between 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. Team members must scan their conference card to enter, and will only be allowed entrance to the hall where they are housed. Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am daily. Out of respect for other competing teams, please keep noise at a minimum during quiet hours.

One computer lab will be available in each residential neighborhood, for guests to check email. Printing will not be available in these computer labs.

A 24-hour service center will be located in each residence hall area. Service Center staff can exchange towels and provide information regarding housing, dining, and the MSU campus. Coin-operated vending machines with soda, juice, and snacks are available in each hall and in various locations across campus.

Convenience stores are located in some residence halls and across campus. They carry a wide variety of beverages, snacks, MSU souvenirs, laundry supplies, and personal care items. Be sure to look for "Michigan Made" products and displays!

MSU Federal Credit Union has ATMs located in most residence halls and across campus. These machines accept cards using Cirrus, NYCE, and STAR networks. The MSU Federal Credit Union also has a branch office in the MSU Union.

The MSU Union offers many rest and recreation opportunities. You can find Biggby Coffee, MSU Dairy Store, a convenience store, and Spartan Spirit for MSU souvenirs. Make sure to plan a trip to the Union while on campus!

## Residence Education and Housing Services and Culinary Services Policies

- Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed in any Residence Hall building or Dining facility. This includes all public areas.
- 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 the occupant for each removal.
- Participants will not engage in conduct that is disruptive to other participants or University programs. Chaperones are responsible for the conduct of their team at all times. Noise that can be heard outside of a closed door may be considered too loud for your neighbors.
- Any damage to any Residential and Hospitality Services area will be billed to the individual(s) responsible.
- Water guns, ball playing, etc., are not allowed indoors.
- Always lock your door and take your keys even if you leave for “just a minute”. Lost room keys will incur a \$75 fine to the person assigned the key.
- Never leave suitcases/belongings unattended, and make sure your belongings are clearly marked.
- Participants must present their conference card at all meals served in MSU Dining Facilities. Food and beverages may not be carried out of the dining rooms (filling water bottles, coolers, and mugs is not permitted). Shirts and shoes are required in the dining rooms; swimwear and sleepwear are not acceptable attire.
- Pin trading is **not** allowed in the Dining Room and **must not** block egress from any room or building.

## Dining

### Team Dining

You will be assigned to a specific dining center for your meals. All persons who have purchased Odyssey of the Mind housing packages will be issued a color-coded wristband, and conference card, allowing them into the appropriate dining center. To view Odyssey of the Mind menus, please visit <https://eatatstate.com/odyssey2015menus>.

Many special dietary needs (for example, a person with diabetes, or those who prefer a vegetarian diet), can be easily accommodated by choosing appropriately from the wide variety of choices that will be available at each meal. If you have a team member with a medically required dietary need (such as a food allergy), please contact Gina Keilen via email ([keileng@rhs.msu.edu](mailto:keileng@rhs.msu.edu)) or phone (517) 884-6414, with the team member’s information and accommodation needs in advance of their arrival.

### Guest Dining

Off-campus teams as well as guests of those living on campus have various dining service opportunities while on campus competing or encouraging. Guests may dine at the Riverwalk Market, located in Owen Graduate Center. Spectators may also pay at the door at the dining facilities and eat with the team.

Other on campus dining venues available:

#### MSU Union

Union Deli, Union Pizzeria, and Serrano’s

#### International Center

Sparty’s, Subway, Woody’s Oasis, UP Pizzeria at Crossroads, and Panda Express

#### Sparty’s

Visit <https://eatatstate.com/spartys> for locations