



THE RED CARPET SOCIETY

OVERNIGHT HOSTING EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT

What you need to KNOW

About Cornell...

- The Cornell University campus is big! Be sure to wear/bring comfortable walking shoes.
- The weather in Ithaca often changes quickly and can vary quite a bit during the day. You should bring clothing for warm and cold weather, and don't forget an umbrella.

About Parking...

- If arriving on campus between 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, you may stop at one of the Visitor Parking and Information Booths, located at each main campus entrance, to receive a permit and parking instructions. On-campus parking is by permit only, except in metered and time-zone areas, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. In addition, parking in some areas is restricted during evening hours and/or seven days a week.
- If you plan to attend any of the admissions information sessions offered on campus please stop at one of the Visitor Information and Parking Booths. Prospective students attending an information session may request a Guest of Admissions Permit for parking. Personnel who staff the booth will provide you with directions to the information session and parking options that best fit your needs. The Undergraduate Admissions Office, located at 410 Thurston Avenue, offers a limited number of visitor parking spaces. You must register your vehicle with the receptionist.
- On weekends, some parking areas of campus are permit restricted between 7:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. Student resident lots are restricted at all times. However, weekend parking is available without charge in the parking garage. Please read all posted signs carefully when parking.
- You should allow yourself at least 30 minutes for parking before any tour, information session, or other activity you plan to attend.

About your Overnight visit...

- You are responsible for bringing personal items (i.e. sleeping bag, pillow, towel, toiletries, etc.) related to your visit. Your host is not expected to give up their bed for you.
- You are expected to pay for your own meals, souvenirs, transportation, and activities. All campus dining halls accept cash or credit cards.
- Your host is a student volunteer, and you need to respect his or her personal property and time (especially sleep and study time).

- While you are being hosted, you must stay on campus. Fraternities, sororities, private apartments, and places outside the boundaries of campus are off-limits. Feel free, however, to visit restaurants and businesses located in Collegetown, at the south end of campus.
- You should anticipate spending some time exploring campus on your own, since your host may have classes and/or meetings to attend, and homework to do.

About our expectations for your host...

- They will honor all commitments made to you, especially regarding meeting times and places.
- They will provide you with their contact information.
- They will answer your questions honestly; introduce you to other students, staff, or faculty; and refer you to people, places, and classes of interest even if they cannot accompany you.
- They will comply with all University, state, and federal rules and laws. They will not possess, consume, or offer you alcohol or illegal/controlled substances.
- They will make every effort to provide clean and safe accommodations for you.
- They will not take you off campus, or anywhere in a private vehicle.
- They will help you explore campus and make the most of your time at Cornell, though they are not expected or required to spend the entirety of your visit with you.

What you need to DO

- Complete and return a [Medical Authorization Form](#). You must either fax or mail a copy of the medical authorization form to the Undergraduate Admissions Office at least 2 business days before your visit. You must carry a copy of the form with you at all times while you are on the Cornell campus. If you do not have the form with you, you will not be allowed to stay on campus. Please fax the form to: (607) 255-0659, or mail to: Cornell University, Undergraduate Admissions Office, 410 Thurston Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850, ATTN: Red Carpet Society
- Contact your host. As soon as you receive your host's contact information and your travel plans are set, get in touch with your host. The two of you are expected to set a mutually agreeable time and place to meet on campus. Keep in mind that your host may be in class for some or most of the day. Exchange contact information in case you get lost or either of you is running late. If you cannot reach your host, please call the Undergraduate Admissions Office at (607) 255-3447 at least two days in advance of your visit.
- Comply with all University, state, and federal rules and laws including refraining from illegal or risky behavior. Drug and alcohol use are absolutely prohibited during your visit.
- Plan ahead! To get the most out of your visit, think about what you want to see and do while on campus. Do you want to spend time in one of the libraries? Observe a class? Attend an information session? Eat in a dining hall? Take a campus tour? See an athletic event? Participate in some student activities? Let your host know what your plans are before you visit.

***Thanks again for your interest in Cornell University and the Red Carpet Society!
We hope you enjoy your stay.***