



Admitted Student Receptions

2019-20

Many clubs will host receptions for admitted and/or confirmed students. These events are encouraged, as many clubs have found them to be worthwhile recruitment activities. The purpose of the receptions is to:

- Provide the students an opportunity to meet other admitted students from the area.
- Allow for time to answer any questions from the admitted students and their parents.
- Promote the unique features and benefits of a Notre Dame education (community, academics, alumni network).

When to Hold a Reception

- **Winter** for Restrictive Early Action admitted students (while current students are on break)
- **April (before May 1)** for Regular Decision admitted students (include REA admits as well)

Depending on your club's size and the number of admitted students, you may wish to hold a reception at one or all of these times.

Best Practices

- Make the event a club function and invite the entire club.
- Possibly combine activities with other nearby clubs to maximize resources.
- Personal invitations should be sent to admitted students and their parents (including transfer students), current undergraduates, and the parents of current students and/or recent graduates.
- A centrally located home, park, or restaurant is always a good choice of venues. Be sensitive that a venue like a country club may be too formal or a church

too uncomfortable for some of your students and families. Neutral sites work best.

- Events should be casual and informal (e.g. dessert and coffee, ice cream social, pizza party, picnic).
- Encourage conversations between admitted students with current students & alums; admitted student parents with current parents.
- Suggested format: 45 minutes to an hour for/arrival/ mingling; club president or AVC welcome the attendees; admits introduce themselves and parents; current students and/or parents introduce themselves; alumni introduce themselves (at very least have young alums introduced)
- Question and answer sessions are always helpful.
- Some clubs have found it to be more productive to split the party into two groups: alumni and current parents conduct a Q&A session for the parents of admitted students while young alumni and current students speak with the admitted students.
- Nametags can be used to differentiate the attendees (admitted students and their parents, current students and their parents, alumni, former parents, other club members).
- Notify parents how they will be contacted regarding future club events.

Suggested Topics for Conversation

- What prompted them to apply to ND?
- Has student been to campus?
- What other colleges are they seriously considering?
- Try to sense out possible concerns; put them in touch with admissions counselor if you can't address them.

