

Bulldog Days Hosting Guidelines

Bulldog Days is the most important time of the year for the Admissions Office and admitted students. Last year, over 85% of prefrosh surveyed after Bulldog Days thought it was either “better” or “much better” than other admitted student programs, and over 85% of students gave top ratings for their hosting experience.



By agreeing to host, you agree to follow these guidelines, adhere to all state, city, and undergraduate regulations and policies, and exercise common sense to ensure prefrosh have a safe and fun Bulldog Days.

1. Remember that prefrosh are still high school students.

You may be close to prefrosh in age, but you are worlds away in terms of life experience and ability to exercise good judgment. As a host, you should help prevent your prefrosh from exercising poor judgment while on campus. It is your responsibility to help them avoid off-campus events, alcohol, drugs, sexual misconduct, or anything that could prevent a student from leaving campus happy, healthy, and enthusiastic about Yale.

2. Be Hospitable.

- **Exchange cell phone numbers and let your prefrosh know where to find you.** He/she will have access to your residential college gate but will need to be let into your entryway and suite. It is **critical** that you be available for your prefrosh throughout their time on campus.
- **Look out for your prefrosh.** We don't expect you to spend 24 hours a day with your prefrosh, but be sure your prefrosh always has people to hang with and places to explore, particularly between 9am and 10pm.
- **Share your experiences and interests** with your prefrosh, but understand that your prefrosh may have different interests. Be sure to reach out to friends and suitemates who might be a good match. Remember, your goal is to help a prefrosh discover Yale for himself/herself – not to create a new Yalie in your image.
- **Be sure your prefrosh knows where he/she is going** and knows how to get back to your suite.

3. Be Safe.

- **Bulldog Days is a dry campus event** and the legal drinking age is 21. **Do not serve alcohol to prefrosh.** It is against the law and you can be held liable if your prefrosh is intoxicated.
- **Be sure your room is substance free.** Regardless of your own personal choices and behavior, please do not assume that a high school senior will be comfortable with drugs and alcohol. Be sensitive to your prefrosh's comfort level and don't put him or her into an uncomfortable social situation.
- **Do not let your prefrosh walk around New Haven alone.** Although New Haven is small and generally very safe, a first-time visitor who is not used to urban life could easily get lost or find themselves in danger.

4. Be Good Representatives of Yale.

- You will be a great resource for prefrosh who are making very tough college choices. In this role, be tactful and don't bash other colleges – it's just not Yale's style. Feel free to discuss your own decision-making process, but aim to talk Yale up without talking other schools down.
- Do not engage in any behavior that reflects poorly on you and therefore, the Yale community.

5. Have fun.

You are fun. Yale is fun. Bulldog Days is *crazy* fun. As a host, you'll be the face of Yale for your prefrosh, and they will be very grateful for your help.

Finally, as a contact person for your suite it is your responsibility to ensure that all members of your suite understand and adhere to these guidelines. Thank you for hosting. Have a great Bulldog Days.

– The Admissions Office Team