

Bulldog Days Hosting Guidelines

Bulldog Days is the most important time of the year for the Admissions Office and admitted students. After the last in-person Bulldog Days, over 85% of admitted students surveyed 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, to adhere to all state, city, and Yale undergraduate regulations and policies, and to exercise common sense to ensure admitted students have a safe and fun Bulldog Days.

1. Remember that admitted students are still high school students. You may be close to admitted students 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 admitted students 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 admitted students know where to find you. They 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 admitted students throughout their time on campus.
- Look out for your admitted students. We don’t expect you to spend 24 hours a day with them, but be sure your admitted students always has people to hang with and places to explore, particularly between 9am and 10pm.
- Share your experiences and interests with your admitted students but understand that your admitted students 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 an admitted student discover Yale for themselves – not to create a new Yale in your image.
- Be sure your admitted students knows where they are going and how to get back to your suite.

3. Be Safe

- Adhere to all campus and Bulldog Days COVID-19 guidelines. Encourage proper masking and the prompt reporting of any symptoms to a member of the admissions team.
- Bulldog Days is a dry campus event, and the legal drinking age is 21. Do not serve alcohol to admitted students. It is against the law, and you can be held liable if your admitted student 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 admitted student’s comfort level and don’t put them into an uncomfortable social situation.
- Do not let your admitted students walk around New Haven alone. Although New Haven is rather small and generally 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 admitted students 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 extremely fun. As a host, you'll be the face of Yale for your admitted students, 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 an admitted member of the Class of 2026. Have a great Bulldog Days!

- Yale Undergraduate Admissions

