

2017 Summer Pre-Law Program Arkansas “SPPARK” Participant Information

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Welcome to the 2017 SPPARK Program at the University of Arkansas School of Law! Below you will find pertinent information that will help you prepare for your trip. This information also will be provided on our group Facebook page “SPPARK 2017”.

Communication

GroupMe App: This is a group text app that will make it easy for us to send timely notifications to each other during the program. Dean Lewis will add you with the phone number you provided on your application.

Guidebook: This will be your home base for all information about the program. Please download the Guidebook app to your mobile device and search for 2017 SPPARK – Summer Pre-Law Program Arkansas.

Check-In/Check-Out

Students will be housed in the **Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE)** fraternity house located at 320 Arkansas Avenue, Fayetteville, AR. The only residents at the house during the program will be SPPARK participants.

Check-in will take place at PIKE on **Monday, May 22**, from **9:00 a.m.** until **3:00 p.m.** and will be conducted on a rolling basis. Please do not arrive for check-in later than **3:00 p.m.**, to allow time for completion of required forms, to receive a University photo ID card, and to take a campus tour.

Check-out will be held at PIKE from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9.**



Program staff will conduct a final housing inspection, prior to check-out (**12:00 p.m.**). Individual rooms and PIKE common areas will be inspected for cleanliness and damage. Students will be expected to pay for any expenses incurred from extra room cleaning or repairing damaged items.

On May 22, each student will meet individually with a SPPARK staff member to discuss what you hope to gain from your program experience. Boxed meals and drinks will be available for you to eat at your leisure. **Orientation** and the welcome pizza party will start at 5:30pm back at PIKE.

Shuttle Service: We will provide transportation from Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA) to campus from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22.** We cannot guarantee transportation for participants who plan to arrive outside of this timeframe, in which case you may need to secure your own transportation to campus.

Housing

SPPARK participants must reside on campus in PIKE for the duration of the program (**May 22- June 9**) unless prior arrangements have been made with Dean Lewis. No exceptions.

***Note:** Outside guests will not be permitted to stay in PIKE.

Double rooms will be provided along with linen service (sheets, blanket, pillow, pillowcase, towels, and washcloths). Participants will have access to onsite laundry machines at no additional cost. The program will supply laundry detergent and cleaning supplies.

Roommates: Roommates will be assigned; we will provide the name and email address of your roommate prior to the start of the program.

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Parking

If you plan to park on campus, you **must** purchase a parking permit to park in the lot behind the PIKE house. The cost is \$15/spot for each week. Please indicate whether you will need a

What to Bring

Supplies

- [laptop and charger](#)
- [school supplies](#) (pens, pencils, paper, flash drive)
- [personal items](#) (backpack, cell phone, camera, hat, sunglasses, water bottle)
- [residence hall supplies](#) (alarm clock, shower shoes, shower caddy, toiletries)

Financials

- [ATM card/credit card](#)
- [cash](#) (housing, dining, and SPPARK off-site visit expenses are covered – though not required, you may wish to bring money for personal spending during the program)

Clothing

- [business casual attire](#) (6 to 8 outfits) for class presentations and off-site visits to courts, law firms, or corporations
- [clothing for hot weather](#) (shorts and t-shirts - Arkansas weather tends to hot and humid during the summer)
- [comfortable shoes](#) for walking or hiking
- [athletic clothes for university recreation facilities](#)
- [swimsuit](#) (one or two pieces with full front and back coverage)



parking permit on the Travel Plans survey. A permit will be provided during check-in. Please provide payment check-in.

Parking regulations are strictly enforced at all times; secure a parking permit to avoid these [fines](#).

Dining

Pre-paid food service will be provided at the Arkansas Union for lunch and dinner on most days, or will be provided by SPPARK. If you prefer other dining options, on-campus options include the Union Food Court, Au Bon Pain, and Union Freshens. For additional dining information, visit <http://www.dineoncampus.com/razorbacks/>.

Campus Transportation

[Razorback Transit](#) services operate fare-free on a reduced schedule from **7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, Monday through Friday.

Textbooks and Program Materials

We will provide reading materials for all courses and professional development activities. Printers will be available for participant use in PIKE and designated law school classrooms.

Please bring your laptop or tablet. Participants will be able to access class materials as well as the wider UA wireless network with more convenience on your own personal device. **If you do not have a laptop**, please inform Dean Lewis as soon as possible to reserve a laptop.

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Dress Code

All participants **must** dress in a respectable manner. As a reminder, the School of Law and other sites you will visit are professional environments where you will interact with law professors, instructors, and attorneys. More conservative dress is the norm in these settings.

The SPPARK program dress code will be strictly enforced.

Participants who do not follow the dress code will be counseled and asked to change to appropriate clothing. Further action will be taken, if necessary.

Casual clothing is permitted during regularly scheduled classes.

Unacceptable attire for either gender includes: rumpled or ripped clothing, tube-tops, miniskirts, low cut tops, skirts with high splits (or any other inappropriately revealing attire), high platform shoes, or shoes with excessively high heels.

Business Casual Attire will be required for all field and enrichment experiences, which includes law firm visits, court visits, and networking events. If you are unfamiliar with business casual dress, the following descriptions may be helpful:

Men: A nice pair of dress pants such as khaki, black or navy slacks; a button-down dress shirt and blazer or jacket; a pair of dress shoes, dark brown or black (not sneakers); ties are optional (you do not need to bring one but, if you want to, you will not feel out of place).

Women: A nice pair of slacks in a neutral color; a skirt or dress is also fine, but make sure the skirt is not more than 1 inch above the knee; no spaghetti straps or strapless tops or dresses; a button down blouse and a light sweater, a blazer or jacket are options to mix and match; shoes can range from one to two inch heels to professional looking flats (shoes with chunky heels or high heels higher than three inches are not acceptable).