



PHI ALPHA THETA

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Suggestions for Phi Alpha Theta Chapter Activities

One of the most frequently asked questions from our faculty advisors is how to promote student involvement and make their chapter more active. There are a variety of activities that can be used to foster interest in the Phi Alpha Theta organization, as well as the discipline of history. Below, you will find a list of possible activities, many of which have been used by recipients of our Best Chapter Awards and proven successful in chapter development. If you are interested in having your chapter compete for the next Best Chapter Awards, please see our website at <http://phialphatheta.org/prizesawards>.

Some recommendations:

- Sponsoring annual lecture series, open to the college/university community and televised over cable to general public
- Showing films on historical topics followed by panel discussions
- Attending Phi Alpha Theta regional meetings and winning student paper prizes
- Organizing and hosting Phi Alpha Theta regional meetings
- Sending students and Faculty Advisors to the Biennial Convention
- Presenting papers at national and regional conferences such as the Southwest Social Sciences Association
- Publishing student history journals
- Publishing chapter newsletters
- Raising funds by selling books, baked goods, etc.
- Sponsoring pizza parties for history majors that double as a means of informing students about Phi Alpha Theta
- Hosting “back to school” picnics for all history majors and minors, faculty, and staff
- Holding annual picnics and holiday socials for the chapter
- Inducting new members
- Encouraging Phi Alpha Theta membership among faculty
- Holding chapter business meetings that are widely advertised
- Holding an anniversary banquet to commemorate the founding of the chapter
- Conducting food or toy drives for charitable causes
- Receiving honors from the university or college as “Club of the Year”
- Participating in campus-wide workshops
- Holding tutoring days
- Cooperating with other campus honor societies to sponsor activities
- Touring historical sites/museums
- Participating in local historical societies

If you have any other recommendations for successful and engaging activities, please let us know.

We hope you will take an active role in encouraging your students to be fully involved in Phi Alpha Theta at the national, as well as local level.

Thank you for your service to Phi Alpha Theta!