

HOUSING

Ames and ISU are committed to making a great experience for you while you are in our community. As a large campus, we offer a variety of housing options for World Finals teams. Most teams will be housed in traditional residence hall housing (the majority in double-occupancy rooms), with additional placements in triples, apartment style housing (with kitchenettes equipped with microwaves and stoves; no utensils), and off-campus housing in nearby hotels. When completing the Lodging/Meals Reservations, please indicate ***only medically-required housing and dining needs that may affect placement***. Enjoy your adventure at World Finals!

CAMPUS HOUSING

Most residence rooms are double occupancy rooms; however, there are a few single and triple occupancy rooms. The majority of housing areas have group bathrooms (shared by a floor) located nearby the sleeping rooms. Few have suite-style sleeping rooms with several rooms (up to four people) sharing a bathroom. Beds are single (twin) beds, most of which will be lofted over room furniture. Air-conditioned rooms are ***not*** guaranteed. Please plan accordingly when making your housing plans.

Your team will be pre-assigned rooms in residence housing on campus. In order to accommodate all teams it will be necessary to assign one person to every available bed. This means that if a team has 9 persons assigned to rooms with a total of 10 beds, there may be a person from another team of the same gender and similar age assigned to the remaining space. Males and females may be assigned within the same residence hall room if requested. Males and females may be assigned within the same suite or apartment, but not within the same sleeping room unless requested. Please inform team members of this possibility. Each person will be provided with a pillow, pillowcase, sheets, blanket, 2 towels, 1 washcloth & soap. Daily towel exchanges will be available at a centralized location. Laundry facilities will be available within the residence area.

SPECIAL HOUSING

If you have a team member with a ***medically-required*** special housing assignment need (e.g., “uses wheelchair/quadruplegic and must have wheelchair accessible room & bathroom” or “has broken leg and using crutches/cannot manage a lofted bed/needs minimal stairs”), list the member’s full name, contact telephone number, email address and description of requirement when you submit your Lodging/Meals Reservation.

LOST KEYS

Be sure to keep track of your keys! At check in, you will receive an envelope with all your keys, use this as a handy resource to gather them all to turn in at check out. ***Keys must be returned at check-out; charges will be assessed for unreturned keys (up to \$175).*** If lost keys are found, turn them in to one of the 24- hour residence hall desks or to the Odyssey information desk.

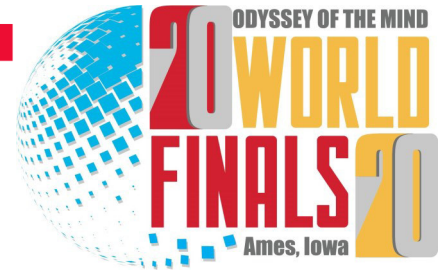
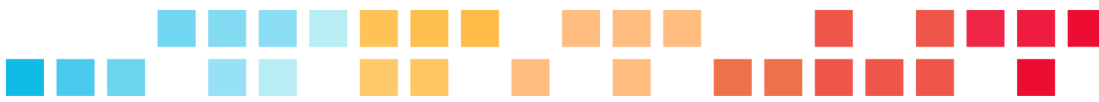
OFF CAMPUS HOUSING

Some teams may be assigned to off-campus housing. These locations will have regular shuttles to campus and to all World Finals event sites. All teams housed off-campus by the university will be provided breakfast onsite at the hotel, and lunch and dinner assignments will be communicated at registration.

24-HOUR ASSISTANCE

A 24-hour Conference Desk will be located in each residence area. Guests who have questions about housing or dining should feel free to call or stop by their Conference Desk. The 24-hour Desks can store medications requiring refrigeration (refrigerators are not supplied in all rooms). Bring medications in small, well-labeled containers.





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You will be assigned to a specific dining center for your meals. All persons who have purchased Odyssey of the Mind meal packages will be issued a color-coded wristband allowing them into the appropriate dining center. Meals typically include a selection of entrees, hot and cold side dishes, salad bar, fresh fruits and vegetables, and a variety of desserts and beverages. Individual guest meals can be purchased at the entrance of the dining center on a cash-only basis.

Markets (convenience stores) are located within the residence facilities and on the ISU campus. They are ideal for guests who want a light snack or forgot a personal care item. They carry items you would find in a typical convenience store. You can find everything from soft drinks and chips to cards for residence hall washers and dryers, laundry supplies, toothpaste, and more. Whirlybirds in the Memorial Union Market & Cafe even offers smoothies and shakes! If you're searching for a sweet treat or a "pick-me-up", The Roasterie Café at the Hub offers espresso, iced coffee, Italian sodas, teas, and Nitro Coffee, as well as an assortment of pastries and homemade gelato.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Most of our dining centers are able to accommodate individuals with these allergens: dairy, egg, fish, shellfish, wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, and soy. When registering, if anyone in your group has food allergies, please list the member's full name, contact telephone number, email address and list the allergens (see above list) for the **medically-required** dietary needs on the Lodging & Meals reservation. If you are requesting Halal or Kosher diets, please complete the form using the same process as above. Those who are unable to self-manage their special dietary needs, such as Celiac Disease, will be assigned to a specific dining area.

Many other dietary needs or preferences (such as for those who are diabetic, vegetarians, etc.) can be accommodated simply by choosing appropriately from the wide variety of choices that will be available at each meal. These types of needs should **not** be listed on the Lodging and Meals reservation.

Please note, ingredients used in our recipes may be produced in a facility that may contain common food allergens such as, but not limited to: dairy, egg, fish, shellfish, wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, and soy. Food served in our facilities may not be allergen free even if they are initially made with products that don't contain the allergen.

OFF-CAMPUS DINING

In addition to the meals offered as part of your package, Ames offers a variety of dining options in the community. If your plans include dining off-campus, visit ThinkAmes.com for more information on dining options.

