



Fall Kick-Off

Calendar for SPS Chapters

There is no standard program for an SPS chapter because each chapter is unique. This calendar provides a guide for activities and programs your chapter may wish to consider throughout the academic year. Not every chapter will choose to engage in every element. Choose those that work best for you!

Beginning of Semester

- Membership Drive: Participate in Freshman Orientation Program to acquaint freshmen with SPS
- Have a booth to encourage bulk registration for national membership
- Post SPS posters and meeting announcements
- Request the SPS outreach kit (SOCK)
- Plan biweekly meetings for the year

September

- Kick-off social (Ex. faculty-student picnic)
- Fundraisers: Sell books donated by faculty or used textbooks, bumper stickers, chapter-designed T-shirts, raffle tickets, car wash, etc)
- Plan for outreach events
- Post fall mailing materials
- Collect dues and fill out the group membership forms for SPS National discount

October

- Host an outside speaker/lecturer at a monthly meeting
- Bad physics movie night

- Register for SPS Zone Meeting
- Arrange to attend a national research meeting
- Halloween-themed physics event
- Check out SPS outreach demos or create your own to upload on the SPS National website

November

- Submit chapter proposal for Marsh W. White Award & Future Face of Physics Award
- Submit student proposals for SPS Chapter Research Award
- Submit a chapter proposal for the Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Award
- Tour of physics/astronomy research laboratory (industrial, government, or academic)
- Thanksgiving potluck

December

- Business meeting: Nomination of chapter member as a candidate for associate zone councilor
- Program planning for spring social event (set date, budget, etc.)
- Host a year-end party
- Identify a spring tour at a nearby lab or facility

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