



BETA THETA PI

— MEN OF PRINCIPLE —

New Member Education: Local Ritual v. Leadership/Team-Building Activity

Purpose of Document: Clarify the distinction between a “local ritual” versus a “leadership/team-building activity” when submitted as part of a New Member Education plan. This document will serve to help delineate the meaning of the two types of programs and outline next steps for chapter members. Neither category should conflict with Beta values, history or lore.

LOCAL RITUAL	LEADERSHIP/TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITY
<p><i>Purpose:</i> To convey a secret principle or concept that only initiated members of Beta Theta Pi see, hear or know</p>	<p><i>Purpose:</i> To share in a developmental activity and generally open to anyone</p>
<p><i>Looks like:</i> If a non-member could not attend, it definitely falls into this category. However, note that some rituals are intentionally “open”. (ie, Founders Day Ritual)</p> <p>-based on ritualistic work and lore -sometimes, but not always, Beta’s history and values</p>	<p><i>Looks like:</i> If a non-member could attend, it probably falls into this category.</p> <p>-based on learning a leadership skill or bonding -based on inclusivity by sufficient reason not exclusivity by necessity</p>
<p><i>Process:</i> - Per the Code (Chapter X Ritual, page 28-29), all local ritual ceremonies must be submitted in writing and pre-approved by the District Chief. -If approved, the DC shall submit their approval through this form. (If not approved, can be appealed to the General Secretary or Board of Trustees.) -A copy of the approval form should then be submitted with the new member education materials.</p>	<p><i>Process:</i> -The chapter should include details outlining the details of the activity and the role it plays in the new member process with their new member education materials.</p>