

2012 Housing Contract Renewal

The Department of Residence Life is excited to offer easy, online housing renewal for the upcoming academic year. The Renewal Portal opens on February 1, 2012 to begin your application and to request and confirm roommates. The Room Selection tab opens on March 21, 2012. No payment is required from you to reserve your room.

On Page 2, you will find important dates for renewal. Depending on which day you choose to renew, you will have different options to choose from. You can choose to renew your current space, or any available space on campus. It's easy, you make the choice.

Private rooms will not be available until after the halls open in August. If you are interested in securing a private room for next year, please visit with your hall staff during Fall check-in.

If you fail to renew a space in housing by April 20, 2012, you may be placed on a non-guaranteed waiting list. Remember, it's first come / first served, so make your plans now.

To renew online, simply go to the MySam Portal. Choose Students tab, and Apply for Housing.

CONTRACT INFORMATION

Students who renew their housing contract should remember that all housing contracts **are for the entire academic year (both Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 terms)**.

Residence Life does not offer contracts for one term only.

What's New for Fall 2012

"CONFIRM" A ROOMMATE AND RENEW TOGETHER

Students now have the ability to choose another returning student as their roommate for the 2012 Summer or Fall terms. During room selection, either student will have the ability to renew a whole room for them and their "confirmed" roommate. See Page 2 for more details on how to "confirm" a roommate in the housing application.

SAM HOUSTON VILLAGE RE-OPENS AFTER EXTENSIVE RENOVATION

Sam Houston Village is currently closed for an extensive renovation to repair the HVAC system in the student rooms, and for structural repairs to the parking garage. Current on-campus residents have the first option to choose a room at SHV for the 2012-2013 academic year. Sam Houston Village will be open to all classifications.

ROOM SWAP FEATURE

Students who renew a housing assignment now have the option to log into MySam and change their assignment until shortly before the halls open in August. Students can check for vacancies in other buildings without losing their current booking. See Page 2 for additional details.

KING HALL TO BE OFFLINE FOR FALL 2012

King Hall is scheduled to be offline for Fall 2012. Current students living in King who want to renew housing will be able to choose any available space beginning March 27, 2012.

Beginning Your Application

February 1, 2012 – Housing Application Opens to returning students who wish to live on-campus for the 2012-2013 Academic Year and for the 2012 Summer Term. At this time, only the Personal and Contact Details, Medical information, Questionnaire, Roommate Search tabs are available.

February 1, 2012 - Roommate Selection Opens - Students who have applied for housing may search for a roommate. The following conditions must exist before a roommate request can be honored: (1) both students must be SHSU students who currently live on-campus, (2) both students must have begun a housing application on file for the same term, (3) both students must request and confirm each other online and (4) during room selection a double occupancy room must exist.

Returning students may search and confirm other returning students to be their roommates through the MySam Housing Portal from February 1, 2012 – March 26, 2012. This will ensure that the roommate pair will be able to renew to any available space on March 27, 2012 when general room selection opens. Roommate requests are not guaranteed and it is the student's responsibility to ensure that when selecting a room, if they have a confirmed roommate request, that the roommate is also placed in the room. Requesting a roommate after you have chosen a room will not automatically pull the person into that room.

Room Selection for 2012-2013 Academic Year

March 21 – 22, 2012 – Renew current bed. At this time, returning students may renew their current bed for the next academic year. This process closes at 5 pm on March 22, 2012.

March 27, 2012 General Room Selection begins for returning students to select any available space on-campus. Students who have confirmed roommates will be able to pull the roommate into an empty room.

Room Swap – Once a student has a housing assignment, this tab will be available to monitor other open spaces. Through this tab a student can “swap” their room assignment. It will only move them and not their roommate, regardless if they are confirmed or not.

April 20, 2012—General Room Selection ends. Students who have selected a room can swap their room until July 27, 2012. All other students who have not selected a room and still wish to live on-campus will be placed on a “non guarantee” waiting list that is managed by the Residence Life Front Desk (936-294-1812).

Room Selection for 2012 Summer Terms

March 27, 2012 Room Selection begins for returning students. Students who have confirmed roommates will be able to pull the roommate into an empty room.

Room Swap – Once a student has a housing assignment, this tab will be available to monitor other open spaces. Through this tab a student can “swap” their room assignment. It will only move them and not their roommate, regardless if they are confirmed or not.

May 18, 2012 – Self Select Ends - Room selection for the Summer 2012 term will close at 5 pm on May 18, 2012. Applicants applying after that date will be assigned by the Residence Life Department.

How do I renew online?

From the SHSU home page, choose MySam → Students → Apply for Housing. From the Housing Portal, choose Application and select the appropriate term. Page 2 opposite this page lists detailed information regarding important dates to remember.

Do I need to pay any money to reserve a space?

No. Your housing deposit that is currently on file will transfer to a future term, and you do not need to pay another housing deposit.

What is the cost to live on-campus next year?

Housing and Dining rates will be published on the SHSU Residence Life website when they are approved in late February, 2012.

What if the building that I want is full?

During general room selection, students have the opportunity to choose from all the available beds before new students who are not currently on-campus can choose a space. If the building that you want is full, please choose another room. You can re-enter the Housing Portal Room Swap tab at any time to look for vacancies in the building that you wish to live without losing your current reservation.

When do I renew if I am displaced?

Students currently living in King, Randel and Vick houses are considered displaced and cannot renew to that building during “current room selection.” If you currently live in these buildings, you can renew to any available space beginning March 27, 2012.

Can I get a dining plan for next year?

Yes. Students may sign up for a dining plan when class registration opens.

Can I renew a space for my roommate?

Yes. Page 2 of this packet details how to request and confirm a roommate. Students who want to live with a specific person are encouraged to request and confirm their roommate before general room selection opens on March 27, 2012. Once roommates have confirmed each other, either student may enter the portal and reserve a room for both students.

How do I change rooms after I pick a space?

Once a student has a housing assignment, the Room Swap tab will be available to monitor other open spaces (beginning March 27, 2012). Through this tab a student can “swap” their room assignment. It will only move them and not their roommate, regardless if they are confirmed or not.

What are the academic areas on campus?

SHSU offers academic areas, or 24 hour quiet areas on campus to encourage a study environment. If you wish to live in an academic area, choose Belvin Ground Floor, Elliott Hall 3rd Floor, Spivey House (must be in Honors Program), and Raven Village 4th Floor.

What buildings are available for Summer 2012?

Summer facilities include Bearkat Village (Bldgs A, B, C, D), White Hall, and Parkhill House.

What if I miss online renewal?

If you miss online renewal after April 20, 2012, it is possible that we will be full and may not be able to offer you housing. If that happens, we can place you on a waiting list for housing, but we cannot guarantee you housing. To be placed on a waiting list, contact the Residence Life Front Desk at 936-294-1812.

If you make a reservation for the 2012-2013 Academic Year or the 2012 Summer Term and you would like to cancel your reservation, please refer to the guidelines below.

Cancellation of reservation for 2012-2013 Academic Year

- Cancel by July 1, 2012—receive \$190 deposit refund
- Cancel by August 16, 2012—receive \$100 deposit refund
- Cancel after August 16, 2012—no refund

Cancellation of reservation for Summer Terms

- 2012 Summer 1 Term or 1&2 Term—cancel by May 20, 2012—receive \$190 deposit refund
- 2012 Summer 2 Term—cancel by July 1, 2012—receive \$190 deposit refund

To cancel online, go to MySam → Students → Housing Portal → Application and go to the Cancel Application tab to complete your cancellation.

Waiting List

(no guarantee housing)

Students who renew online during Room Selection will be guaranteed housing for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

If you miss online renewal, you may be placed on a waiting list beginning April 20, 2012. We will make every effort to place you on-campus, but you are not guaranteed housing.

Contact Us

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Unpaid Accounts

Students who have a past due account for housing will be removed from the 2012-2013 reservation roster at the end of the Spring 2012 term. Your room deposit will be applied to your unpaid balance and a refund will be issued, if applicable.

Summer

Renovations

In addition to the major repairs at Sam Houston Village, below are other scheduled repairs to the residence halls:

- Elliott Hall will undergo plumbing repairs
- Water storage tanks will be replaced at Jackson-Shaver Hall
- All rooms in Baldwin, Crawford, Baldwin, Mallon and Randel Houses will be repainted
- Randel and Vick Houses will receive new carpet in public areas