

SAMPLE SPS CHAPTER PROGRAM

There can be no “standard” program for a SPS chapter. Each chapter is very individualized by the interests of its members, the campus atmosphere, and the geographical setting. Chapter officers can consider this sample chapter program as a reference for planning programs for their own chapters. The “Principles for Maintaining an Active Chapter” can give additional inspiration, and there are always novel and innovative ideas for activities from the chapter officers and members. The best results will be obtained with good, long-range planning.

<i>Beginning of Fall Semester</i>	◆	Membership Drive: Participate in Freshman Orientation Program to acquaint freshmen with SPS chapter and its activities.
	◆	Visit introductory physics classes.
	◆	Put up SPS posters and meeting announcements.
<i>September</i>	◆	Kick-off Social Event: Faculty-Student Picnic or other get-acquainted event.
	◆	Fund Raiser: Sale of CRC Handbooks, books donated by faculty, bumper stickers, chapter designed T-shirts, car wash, etc.
	◆	Planning for program of outreach, Marsh W. White Award, and Sigma Pi Sigma Undergraduate Research Award proposals.
<i>October</i>	◆	Talk by outside lecturer at monthly meeting.
	◆	Show physics film.
	◆	Attend SPS Zone Meeting.
	◆	Submit chapter proposal for Marsh W. White Award.
	◆	Submit student proposals for Sigma Pi Sigma Undergraduate Research Award.
<i>November</i>	◆	Talk by outside lecturer at monthly meeting.
	◆	Tour of physics research laboratory (industrial, government, or academic).
<i>December</i>	◆	Business Meeting: Nomination of chapter member as candidate for Associate Zone Councilor, program planning for spring.
	◆	Social Event: Holiday Party.
	◆	Submit chapter proposal for Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Award.
<i>January</i>	◆	Submit student proposals for SPS summer internships.
<i>February</i>	◆	Talk by faculty member at monthly meeting.
	◆	Show physics film.
<i>March</i>	◆	Talk by outside lecturer at monthly meeting.
	◆	Tour of physics research laboratory (industrial, government, or academic).
	◆	Sponsor Physics Department Open House.
	◆	Business Meeting: Cast chapter vote in SPS elections.
	◆	Business Meeting: Nomination of chapter officers for next academic year.
<i>April</i>	◆	Sigma Pi Sigma reception and banquet.
	◆	Talk by outside lecturer at monthly meeting.
	◆	Attend SPS Zone meeting.
	◆	Business Meeting: Election of chapter officers for next academic year, preliminary planning for chapter program for next academic year. Submit new officers to SPS National link.
<i>May</i>	◆	Social Event: Faculty-Student Picnic and Softball Game.
	◆	Submit annual report.