What is Tiger Stay?

Tiger Stay is a program that provides dormitory housing on campus for family members of graduating seniors during the three days of Commencement (Sunday night, May 31 through Wednesday at noon, June 3). The University has a limited number of beds that can be allocated to the program, and housing is not guaranteed. We strongly encourage families to take advantage of the many hotels available along the Route 1 corridor as they are the experts in providing hotel accommodations and amenities to short term guests. For a list of accommodations in the area please visit this website https://commencement.princeton.edu/plan-your-visit/where-stay

What are the typical accommodations like?

Typical accommodations are DORMITORY rooms, which may accommodate one to four guests.

A large number of the rooms available are single rooms, and it is possible that parents may be assigned to two different rooms. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BEDS ARE TWIN-SIZE; THERE ARE NO FULL, QUEEN, OR KING-SIZE BEDS. Each guest will be provided an extra-long twin bed and a linen package. A linen package includes two sheets, one pillow, one pillowcase, one blanket, and two towels. Tiger Stay guests will use common bathrooms. Guests should not expect private baths to be available during this period. In addition, New Jersey can be hot in late spring and we cannot guarantee that your room will have air conditioning.

How do I sign up?

Only senior students can sign up for Tiger Stay. Only one registration request per student is permitted. Online registration will begin at 12:00 pm EST Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019, and run through Friday, February 14th, 2020, at 5:00 pm EST or until the program cap is reached, whichever comes first. Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. If space is available, the student’s account will be charged shortly after registration closes and will appear on the student’s next statement. The student will be notified if the program cap is reached and there are no beds available.

How much does it cost?

The fee to stay on campus in a dormitory room is $120 per person per bed non-refundable, regardless of how many nights the room is needed. This fee is NON-REFUNDABLE. Accommodations are only available Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights, May 31, June 1, and 2. The $120 fee includes linens. A linen package includes two sheets, one pillow, one pillowcase, one blanket, and two towels. Any keycard not returned by June 15th will result in a $35 charge per keycard.

How do I pay for it?

The student’s University account will be charged after registration closes.
If I cancel my reservation, will I get my money back?

No. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer refunds once you have submitted your application.

Can I transfer my reservations to my friends?

No, only those family members registered will receive keycards to their assigned rooms. Proper identification will be required for those picking up keycards.

How many family members can take advantage of Tiger Stay?

Each student is allowed to sign up a maximum of six (6) family members for Tiger Stay. Family members may be assigned to multiple rooms depending on availability of spaces. Small children (age 2 and under) who may sleep in a pak-n-play alongside the bed and do not require a bed should not be included in the student’s guest count. Should guests choose not to get the additional bed(s) enough space cannot be guaranteed for the additional children.

Do I need to bring my own linens?

No. They will be provided upon arrival and are included in the $120 fee. A linen package includes two sheets, one pillow, one pillowcase, one blanket, and two towels.

Are there handicapped-accessible dorms available?

We cannot guarantee handicapped accessible accommodations. The University has a limited number of accessible rooms in its inventory. Not all rooms have accessible bathrooms. Please note special needs on the registration form. However, it is strongly encouraged that families with special needs members reserve hotel rooms in the surrounding area, since most dormitories are not well equipped for disabled access. We cannot guarantee air conditioning, handicapped access or a private bathroom to our guests during Tiger Stay.

How will I get confirmation that I am signed up?

You will receive an email after the online form is successfully submitted informing you that your request has been received and will be processed. You will receive a final confirmation shortly after the website closes in February.

When will my family find out about room assignments?

Tiger Stay room assignments will be issued the day guests check in.
When can my family move in?

Tiger Stay keycard pick up begins at **6:00 pm on the Sunday of Baccalaureate** (May 31st) and continues until 9:00 pm. Graduating students or their family members should plan to pick keycards up during this time period. For those who arrive later, Tiger Stay will have the following hours during Commencement for keycard pick-up.

- Sunday, May 31: 6:00-9:00 pm
- Monday, June 1: 2:00-3:30 pm

**Keycard pick up and room access is not available prior to 6pm on Sunday, May 31.** Information for keycard pick up and keycard and linen returns will be available in mid-May.

When does my family need to move out?

All guests must vacate the rooms and return keycards and linens by Wednesday, June 3rd, at noon. Information on where to return keycards and linens will be available in mid-May. All keycards not returned by June 15th will result in a $35 charge.

Who do I contact with any more questions?

Email tigerstay@princeton.edu with any additional questions. You should receive a response within three business days.