

2025 Yale Conferences & Events Residential College Guidelines

Yale's residential colleges are central to campus life, providing students with a unique community environment. In the summer, these colleges welcome students from summer programs, giving them a taste of Yale's residential experience. To ensure a respectful and enjoyable stay for all, please review the following guidelines.

Residential College Community

Each residential college has a distinct character and is home to a community of year-round residents, including a Head of College and Dean, who live within the college with their families. This vibrant setup enriches the residential experience and fosters a strong sense of community. Please be mindful of the presence of these residents and their families throughout your stay.

Available Common Spaces

During the summer, program participants may have access to certain common spaces, such as the Common Room, Library, Game Room (Buttery), Gym (for adult use only), and Courtyard. Access to these spaces may be limited by construction or other university priorities. If such limitations arise, YC&E will provide a minimum of 14 days' notice before your program start date.

Shared Space Use

Common spaces within the residential colleges are shared among all summer programs and the full-time residents living in the college. These spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved. We ask all participants to use these spaces respectfully to maintain a harmonious environment for everyone.

Classroom and Activity Restrictions

Common spaces in the residential colleges are intended for casual and communal use and are not to be used as classrooms or for structured program activities unless YC&E grants prior written approval. This ensures that these spaces remain accessible and comfortable for all users.

Appropriate Use of Spaces

All activities within residential college spaces should be suitable for the setting, avoiding any disruptive or destructive behavior. Please do not move furniture; it should remain in its original configuration to maintain the intended atmosphere and functionality of each space.

Damage Responsibility

Clients are responsible for any damage to residential college spaces or furniture caused during their use. Repair or replacement costs for any damage will be billed to the Client.

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Exclusive Suite Use Only

Programs granted exclusive use of a residential college have exclusivity over bedroom suites only. YC&E may assign other programs to communal areas, including the dining hall or other shared spaces. Additionally, Yale faculty and staff may access certain spaces within the college as needed to support university operations, even during exclusive use periods.

Notice of Changes to Access

In the event of construction or other university needs affecting space availability, YC&E will notify affected programs at least 14 days before the program start date to allow for planning adjustments.

These guidelines are intended to balance the needs of summer program participants with those of the permanent residents who call Yale's residential colleges home year-round. Thank you for helping to maintain the welcoming spirit of these unique living spaces.

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