

FALL KICK-OFF CALENDAR *for* SPS CHAPTERS



Not sure how to start off the semester with your chapter?

Check out this calendar to get an idea for some activities and programs your chapter may wish to do throughout the academic year. This is not an exhaustive list—be creative and have fun!



Beginning of Semester	September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment! Participate in the activities or club fair your school hosts at the beginning of the semester to grow your numbers and meet first-year students Have a booth to encourage bulk registration for SPS membership Post SPS posters and meeting announcements to get the word out Request the SPS outreach kit (SOCK) Plan biweekly meetings for the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick-off social event (Ex. dinner and game night) Host a fundraiser! Sell books donated by faculty or used textbooks, bumper stickers, chapter-designed T-shirts, raffle tickets, car wash, etc. Plan an outreach event Hang fall mailer materials Collect dues and fill out the group membership forms for SPS discount If you haven't, hold annual elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host an outside speaker/lecturer Bad physics movie night (Check out <i>The Core</i> or <i>Armageddon!</i>) Register for your SPS Zone Meeting Arrange to attend a national research meeting (Abstract submissions for poster presentations close much earlier than you think!) Halloween-themed physics outreach event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a proposal for Marsh W. White Award & Future Face of Physics Award Submit a proposal for SPS Chapter Research Award Submit a proposal for the Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Award Start your SPS Internship Application Tour a physics/astronomy research laboratory (industrial, government, or academic) Thanksgiving potluck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business meeting: Nomination of chapter member as a candidate for associate zone councilor Program planning for spring social events (set date, budget, etc.) Host an end-of-the-semester party Identify a spring tour at a nearby, company, or observatory