Welcome to the Family

Congratulations on making one of the best choices of your Cornell career—living in Risley Residential College! From the moment you arrive you’ll be able to see that Risley is much more than just a community of students; we are a family. Take the time to meet everyone that you can and get involved early on with the awesome programming that occurs. YOU make the community great, so don’t be afraid to get creative and help shape your experience with us. See you in August!

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Don’t Forget…
Ithaca gets cold, and even snows, in the Fall and Spring. Pack some warm clothes!

Save the Date!

August 22nd
8:00a – 5:00p
Move-In Day!
Check into your new home!

August 31st
8:00p; 9:00p
First Theatre Sub-Kommittee; First Kommittee Meeting

December 19th
2:00 p
Residence Halls close for winter break.
Move-In Day

It will sneak up on you and before you know it you’ll be moving into your new home! Here are some tips to help the transition:

Pack Only What You Need
You’re going to be tempted to pack everything you own and bring it with you, but you won’t have space for everything. Pack only what you think you need for the first semester, if possible. You can use breaks as opportunities to trade clothing and other items for changes in needs later. And remember to check with your roommate if you have one for larger items like refrigerators and TVs.

Risley Orientation Committee
If the idea of moving in seems daunting, have no fear, the RisOCs are here! The Risley Orientation Committee members (RisOCs) are here to help. Ten of our returning Risleyites will help you get everything inside and then welcome you to the community with a week of awesome events in addition to Cornell’s fun-packed Orientation events!

Appel Service Center
Risley and the Latino Living Center both receive their smaller pieces of mail in Risley near Risley Theater. Larger mail and packages can be claimed at the Appel Service Center, located just up the hill beyond Balch. Appel also has a gym, an all-you-care-to-eat dining facility and meeting spaces where there are always fun activities to participate in. This is also where you can obtain lock out keys if you should need one (always carry your keys!).

Robert Purcell Community Center
Commonly referred to as RPCC, the Robert Purcell Community Center is home to another all-you-care-to-eat facility, Bear Necessities where you can get snacks and meals, meeting spaces, mail for other buildings, and offices for Housing, Dining, and a few other administrative offices. This is also the North Campus pick-up site for Cornell’s Campus2Campus bus to New York City.
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STEVE
RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR
Get Involved with Risley through Kommittee and Sub-Kommittees!

Most of the programming opportunities at Risley come from one of two sources. The first is Kommittee, or hall council. The second are the Sub-Kommittees. There is T-Sub if you want to be involved in the theatre productions and D-Sub that focuses on dining programming. Kommittee is where all of the programming fees and spaces are allocated to make the programs that YOU want come to life. Risley produces a program almost every night!

To the right are the current officers that have been voted for the fall semester, but there are still many more positions to be elected early on that you could fill. Get involved early and let’s see what we can create!

**Kommittee Staff**
- El Presidente for Life (Chair) – Laurel Moffat
- Grand Vizier – Jillian Holch
- Building Technical Director – Cameron Krane
- Minister of Letters* - Leon Davis
- Propagandist* - Naomi Morrison
- Artist Liaison* – Christian Brickhouse
*Positions that change at the beginning of the year

**T-Sub Big Staff**
- General Manager – Jillian Holch
- Technical Director – Christian Brickhouse
- Secretary – Sean Doolittle
- Production Liaison – Megan Rossetti

**D-Sub Information**
Contact Laurel Moffat at lfm53@cornell.edu

Meet Freeway

Freeway lives in the “Chamber of Secrets” (RHD Apartment), but no need to be afraid

Freeway is a Corgi mix, with the “mix” being a little bit of a mystery. He moved into Risley in 2012 from Cayuga Dog Rescue, and before that, he came from Kentucky. He doesn’t share the secret of his missing eye with anyone, but embraces his pirate-like appearance with cute skull and crossbones accessories.

He can often be found in the RHD office, waiting to meet you! He is super nice and almost never barks, so if you see him, say hi!
Faculty Fellows

Graeme Bailey
Graeme is a professor of Computer Science in the College of Engineering. He is often found eating in Risley Dining with students, but also enjoys reading books aloud with his alluring English accent, playing cello in Cornell productions, motorcycles, and hockey.

Tom Hill
Tom is a professor in the English department within the College of Arts and Sciences. His academic research interests are Medieval texts, but around Risley, he is more commonly known for his extensive knowledge of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. You definitely won’t want to miss his dinners!

Antonia Ruppel
Antonia is a senior lecturer in Classics. She loves languages that many would consider “dead,” especially Latin and Sanskrit. Additionally, Antonia is quite the photographer. Her photographs, aside from beautiful, have won awards around campus. She too enjoys Risley Dining and can’t wait to meet you!

Ritch Savin-Williams
Ritch is a professor of Human Development in the College of Human Ecology. Ritch’s program, “Sex on the Table,” has offered seminars on human sexuality over dinner and last year earned “Faculty Program of the Year” from the Cornell Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.
ABCs: Acronyms, Building Space, and Community

Living in Risley, you will hear a lot of terms that you’ve probably never heard of before. Here’s a quick guide to help you out!

AIR – Artist-in-Residence
ARHD – Assistant Residence Hall Director
Building Care – Help us keep Risley clean and orderly
Charter – The governing document for Kommittee
CLR – Central Living Room; room in the middle on the first floor
Cowcliffes – Room on the left on the first floor
Faculty Fellow – Faculty that program at Risley that do not live in the building
Kommittee – Risley’s Hall Council

Music Room – Room where many music rehearsals occur though technically a dance studio
RA – Resident Advisor
RHD – Residence Hall Director
RP – Residential Programs
Shop Manager – Skilled artisan that manages a shop and holds hours where students can learn how to use them
T-Sub – Theatre Sub-Kommittee
TVR – TV Room; room on the right on the first floor

What is a Program House? Are there others?

Program Houses – or themed residence halls – offer the chance to develop and immerse yourself in interests within a community of like-minded students. These close-knit communities tend to have a higher level of community engagement than non-themed halls, with regular events, programming, and outreach opportunities, often in collaboration with related academic departments. Here are the other Program Houses within Residential Programs:

• **Akwe:kon** – the nation's first university residence established to celebrate American Indian culture and heritage
• **Ecology House** – focused on environmentally sustainable practices and educational outreach, plus outdoor activities like hiking and camping trips
• **Holland International Living center (HILC)** – a diverse community of both international students and American students interested in cross-cultural experiences and learning
• **Just About Music (JAM)** – a music-lover’s dream home with a concert stage, a recording studio, classical practice rooms, and countless performance and listening opportunities
• **Latino Living Center (LLC)** – celebrating Latino heritage and culture, with regular collaboration with the Latino Studies Program to organize events and discussion series
• **Multicultural Living Learning Unit (McLLU)** – a global community of backgrounds and ethnicities, all committed to celebrating difference and promoting acceptance
• **Ujamaa Residential College** – celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of Black people in the United States, the Caribbean, and Africa
• **Language House** – Cornell's language immersion residence, a part of Alice Cook House in the West Campus House System (only open to upperlevel students)
Join the Community!

The 2014-2015 residents of Risley are on Facebook! Join the group below to meet your fellow Risleyites, ask questions about move-in, the community, programs, how to get involved, and anything else you can think of. The returning Risleyites are excited to meet you and help make your transition to Risley as awesome as possible—so don’t be shy! Here is the link:

http://tinyurl.com/Risley2014

See you soon!

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