

## **Pop Tab Project**

This year, Omega Phi Alpha will be collecting Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House! This is the first sorority wide service project of the year and it will run from now until Monday, February 28th. All members (active and alumni) can participate by collecting pop tabs. Pop tabs by themselves might not mean much, but when collected they add up to a valuable donation to the Ronald McDonald House. Aluminum pop tabs from any container (soda can, seltzer can, soup can, pet food, etc.) get weighed at a local recycler and turned into cash which helps provide for local families.

As Service Directors, you will be responsible for coordinating this project within your chapter and assisting other officers with anything they may need to help (Alumni Liaison, Active District Officer, etc.). In lue of District Summits this year, I highly encourage chapters to get together with the other chapters in their district to organize a Pop Tab collecting day that allows you all to get together to perform this service project and get to know each other. Ideally, this would take place around February and would be open to all actives, potential new members, chapter alumni, and other alumni local to your chapter.

The hours for this project will be collected in the Spring semester. We strongly encourage you to begin collecting tabs, contacting alumni, and planning your collection events now but the hours will all be contained in the Spring 2022 semester. This is a great way to knock out two 60% projects and a sisterhood event if you get a lot of sisters involved!

All active chapters may participate in this project as both a members of the sorority and community-at-large project for their chapter. Details about tracking service hours have been provided below and in <a href="mailto:this overview">this overview</a> document. Please reach out to <a href="mailto:chapterservice@omegaphialpha.org">chapterservice@omegaphialpha.org</a> with any questions.

I will be periodically asking for updates on how the project is going and if the information is provided to me, I will be tracking who has collected the most Pop Tabs. Let's see which chapter is able to get the most Pop Tabs!

# **Timeline**

September 2021 - Begin collecting Pop Tabs and contacting alumni to participate

November 2021 - "Pop into Zoom" event to check in with actives and alumni

February 2021 - Host event to collect tabs



### Pop Tab Hours

Hours for this project will fall under one of two categories: Members of the Sorority or Community at Large.

**Note:** The hours may be divided between these two areas as specified below OR all of the hours can count for one of the areas - whichever helps your chapter the most is the option you will go with! Sisters may receive up to 7 (potentially 8) hours for participating in all areas of this project.

### **Members of the Sorority**

- 1 hour for planning/organizing the event to collect the pop tabs
  - Aiming for this to be around summit time (sometime in the month of February)
  - Event is optional but encouraged
- 1 hour for driving to pick up a sister's or alumni's tabs
  - The person requesting a pick-up must live within a 30 minute radius of the chapter they are requesting pick-up from
- 1 hour for collecting, organizing, and cataloging the pop tabs at the collection event
  - Being at the event alone does not count for hours; sisters receiving hours must be at a
    designated place for sisters and alumni to drop off tabs and must be prepared to work with the
    tabs
- 1 hour for collecting, organizing, and cataloging the pop tabs received via mail (if applicable)

<u>Note</u>: Giving a hand-written (and maybe hand-crafted?) 'Thank You' note to alumni signed by members of the chapter would be a cute touch! Could take place when tabs are picked up, at the collection event, or sent via the mail. Also potentially another way to get an hour for members of the sorority - 1 hour for hand-crafting the 'Thank You' card and getting members of the chapter to sign it.

#### **Community at Large**

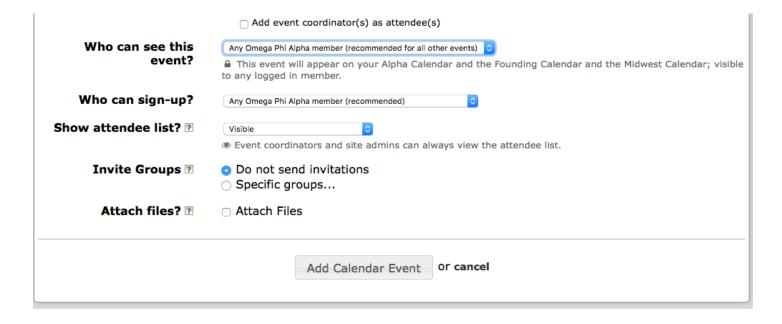
- 1 hour for collecting at least 50 grams (1.76 ounces) of Pop Tabs
  - Remind sisters that tabs can be collected personally and by friends/families/acquaintances
  - o 1 pop tab = 0.3 grams = 0.0104 ounces
- 1 hour for \$10 donation to Ronald McDonal House
- 1 hour for delivering the pop tabs to the nearest Ronald McDonal House OR mailing the tabs



## **Getting Local Alumni Involved**

All alumni will be invited and encouraged to participate with their home or local active chapter. Pop tabs from alumni will be mailed to the chapter (please provide an address in the event description), picked up by an active member, or dropped off during scheduled collection times. Each chapter should reach out to all of their alumni by using the email feature in OPAportal.

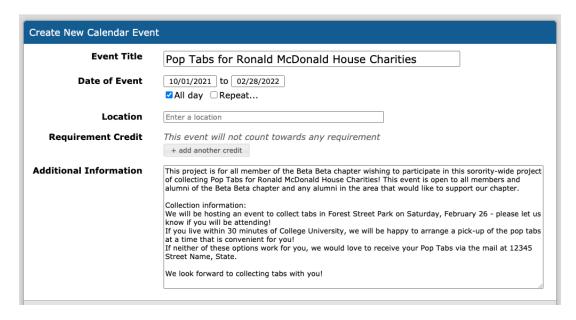
Chapters should also create the service project event on OPAportal and open signups to **all members of Omega Phi Alpha** (see below). Doing this allows any member (both alumni of the chapter and those local to the chapter) to sign up to participate in the project. This will help the chapter know who to reach out to and collect tabs from.



Note: You can set this event to run from your chosen start date to February 28, 2022 (the event will appear every day on your chapter calendar) OR you can create an event on February 28, 2022 that you provide instructions to all actives and alumni to attend (the event will only appear on that day). If you choose the latter, I recommend making one event per month to remind individuals that the project is ongoing. An example of both of these event tactics are shown below.



An event that is repeating until the end of the project is set up in the following way:

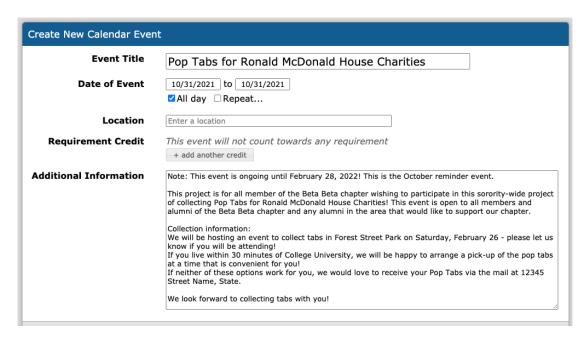


And will appear on your Chapter calendar like this:





An event that is only scheduled for one day is set up in the following way:



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