Is it Hazing?

• Is it an activity where members are encouraged to attend and where minors are consuming alcohol?
• Will current members refuse to do exactly what new members are asked to do?
• Is there a risk of emotional or physical abuse?
• Is your safety compromised?
• Would you object to a faculty/staff member attending/observing?
• Is it a secret?

Alternatives to Hazing

• Plan an event together—new and active members alike.
• Focus activities around your group’s mission statement and values.
• Discuss activities openly—partner with other groups around a common cause.
• Focus on leadership and personal development of members (vs. breaking people down).
• Build tradition, but don’t develop a culture of “one-upping” last year’s activity.
• Cultivate traditions that honor members rather than humiliating them.
• Foster open and honest communication.
• Ask questions! Ask why?
• Plan activities that highlight your team or organization out in the community—develop team and pride at the same time!

Questions?
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