



New Student Orientation Guide August 2010

Welcome to Warren Wilson. We are thrilled that you have chosen to join our special community. This fall you will have the opportunity to begin your educational journey with us through New Student Orientation. This program is designed to introduce you to the many people and programs that make the Warren Wilson experience unique, and to help you be successful as a student.

During Orientation, which begins on August 16th, you will learn more about the academic mission, your role in the campus work program and our commitment to service-learning, environmental responsibility, cross-cultural experiences and living together in community. Members of the faculty and staff, as well as student peer group leaders and residence life staff, will be here to welcome you and help you transition to Warren Wilson. This program is filled with essential information sessions, opportunities to meet fellow students, and fun activities. It is required that all new students attend. While this guide, set up in a frequently asked questions format, should answer any questions that you may have, feel free to call the Student Life Office (828)771-3800 or email us at studentlife@warren-wilson.edu if you have questions, concerns, or need to speak with us.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Deb Myers
Dean of Students

Arriving at Warren Wilson

When should I plan to arrive? New students should make plans to arrive on campus by **Monday, August 16th**. Orientation check-in begins at 8:00am that day in the DeVries Athletic Center. For your convenience, we allow, and strongly encourage, residential students to begin moving their belongings into their residence hall rooms on Sunday, August 15th, between 1 and 5pm. While you can begin to get your belongings settled, please note that you will not be able to stay in your residence hall room Sunday night, and due to the preparedness of our staff and buildings, it is not possible to move anything into the residence halls before 1pm on Sunday, August 15th.

Where can we stay when my family arrives the Sunday before orientation begins? The following hotels are within three miles of campus, just off I-40 at Exit 55. Ask for the Warren Wilson rate.

Days Inn	(828)298-4000
Holiday Inn	(828)298-5611
Quality Inn	(828)298-5519

A list of other local accommodations may be viewed at <http://www.warren-wilson.edu/admission/visit/index.php#where>

Getting to campus

Can someone pick me up at the bus station or the ASHEVILLE airport? We would be glad to pick you up Sunday or Monday morning. Call (828)771-3025 or email shuttle@warren-wilson.edu BEFORE August 12th with your time of arrival and flight number. If you experience difficulties related to the arrival times, please

contact the Housing Office at (828)771-2071 or housing@warren-wilson.edu.

The other transportation options are a cab—approx. \$20-30 from the bus station and \$50-60 from the airport. Unfortunately there are no convenient/reasonably priced options for public transportation from Charlotte or Greenville airport and/or train stations.

I am driving in with my family/friends. How do I get to campus? Directions to campus are available on our website. <http://www.warren-wilson.edu/admission/visit/directions.php>

Orientation

Is Orientation really required of all new students? YES! This is a time for you to meet other students, but most importantly to learn about the Warren Wilson culture, academic program, work and service commitments. Like any other cross-cultural experience, it is best to engage in an orientation before jumping into the new lifestyle—learn the cultural taboos, language, food, work ethic and general belief systems before becoming a part of your new community. A tentative schedule will be posted on our website in mid July. http://www.warren-wilson.edu/academics/first_year/

Family at Orientation

Are there any orientation meetings for my family? YES! The first day of Orientation provides an opportunity for your parents or family members to become more familiar with the Warren Wilson community. Families will have the opportunity to learn more about life at WWC, the services available to you as a student, and what to expect once you have left home. In addition, they will be able to meet with College administrators, faculty, staff and other parents to ask questions about financial aid, housing, academic requirements, the work program, health and safety and other concerns. After the first day, it will be time for your family to say goodbye and return home as you will be busy with other Orientation activities.

What to Bring

How much stuff do most students bring with them? The College ethos is to underplay possessions and to live simply. Residence Hall rooms are s-m-a-l-l, shared spaces and storage is very limited. Also, keep in mind that over Winter Break, graduate students and faculty in the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing live in our residence halls. Students will

be asked to clear one side of their rooms can be used to house the MFA program.

For health and safety reasons, these things are not allowed in residence halls -- air conditioners, candles, incense, oil lamps, open element appliances, camping fuel or space heaters. Only heavy duty fusible multi-outlet strips (look for the U/L symbol) are permitted. While refrigerators up to 5 cubic feet are allowed, we strongly discourage them because of their high energy use.

Check list of things you might want to bring:

- Plate, bowl, cup and one silverware setting
- Work gloves (plenty of work and service to be done!)
- Hiking boots to get you around our 25 miles of trails.
- A warm jacket—cold nights come often in the mountains.
- Egg-crate or memory foam mattress – twin size.
- Bathroom slippers. (flip-flops will do)
- Large travel mug (with a lid) and a Nalgene bottle
- A good raincoat
- Computer...it is helpful (but there are 2 labs if you can't) There are some wireless areas on campus, but high speed Ethernet access is available in most residence hall rooms. Contact the computing services help desk @ (828)771-3094 for more information.
- A supply of laundry detergent
- Flashlight
- Clothes hangers
- Towels (at least 2)
- Land-line phone
- Extra long twin sheets, pillow, blanket/comforter
- Personal medication and prescription
- Toiletry items (contact lens solution, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
- Posters (sticky tack available for mounting)
- Photos, artwork
- Rug
- Desk lamp (CFLs recommended)
- Alarm clock
- Fun stuff (bike, kayak, knitting needles, games, etc.)



Transportation

Can first year students have cars on campus?

No, a number of years ago our community made a decision to limit pavement on our beautiful campus and implemented a policy that prohibits first year students from parking cars on campus. Many other WWC students also choose not to have a vehicle. There are other available options for transportation:

- Student Services provides transportation in emergencies, and to and from the airport and bus station at the beginning and end of breaks.
- The Health Center provides transportation for scheduled medical appointments.
- There is a "ride-offered/ride wanted" bulletin board in Gladfelder.
- An Asheville city bus is your free ride into town. Show your Warren Wilson College ID to the driver. The bus runs Monday through Thursday 4-9pm, Friday 4pm-1am, and Saturday 1pm-1am.
- The Service Learning Program provides transportation for several ongoing service projects in the Asheville and Black Mountain areas.
- Outdoor Programs provides transportation for weekend camping, climbing, hiking, and paddling trips.
- Returning and transfer students are permitted to keep one car, truck, or motorcycle on campus. Parking permits are \$50.

Mail and Contact Information

How do I get my gear to WWC or get care packages from home? The simplest way to send packages is via UPS. Use this address:

Your name
 CPO# (your box number)
 Warren Wilson College
 701 Warren Wilson Road
 Swannanoa, NC 28778

Send all letters via the US Post Office:

Your name
 CPO # (your box number)
 Warren Wilson College
 P.O. Box 9000
 Asheville, NC 28815-9000

- The student services FAX number is: (828)299-4841.
- Every student has a free campus e-mail account. Your e-mail address will be in this form: username@warren-wilson.edu. You will need to check this account often to receive campus communications. You will receive your WWC e-mail address in your Orientation packet at check-in.
- The residence halls have a telephone/voice mail system. A direct line telephone number will be issued to you with your housing assignment. With this number, you can call and receive both intra-campus and outside calls. You can use any calling card or 1-800-service for long distance calls. Calling Cards are available in the WWC Bookstore.
- Cell phone service can be unreliable due to our mountain location. Many students use both a landline and cell phone for this reason. Check with your cell phone service provider to make sure you can get service in Swannanoa.

How can my family reach me in an emergency?

During business hours they can call the main college number (828)298-3325 or the Student Life Office (828)771-3800. After-hours the Public Safety emergency number is (828)230-4592. Other important contact numbers are listed on the website: <http://www.warren-wilson.edu/info/contacts.php>

Finances

How do students handle personal finances?

In terms of amount of money needed, there's no simple answer to this question. Some students seem to have unlimited allowances, while others manage on almost nothing. Most day-to-day expenses are covered through college billing, with the exception of books at the start of each semester which can run \$300-\$400. Used books are available. Taking advantage of all that Asheville offers will sometimes require some resources – movies cost \$8-9, covers at music clubs can be \$5-15 and there is huge selection of great restaurants with meals costing \$8-25. We have the typical chain stores, lots of independently owned shops and great thrift stores.

On campus, most events are free including movies, concerts, lectures, poetry slams and even a circus. Contra dancing every Thursday is \$1 for students. The Recycling Crew operates a free store where you can find everything from

room decorations and clothes to school supplies and appliances. It is recycled and free!

- There is an ATM machine on campus operated by BB&T bank. A \$5.00 transaction fee is charged for non BB&T customers. Other ATMs are available at many of the bus stops.
- Asheville is a tourist town. Most businesses accept out-of-state checks, but a local bank account can be helpful. Many provide student account specials.
- WWC Bookstore accepts checks and credit cards (in your own name) and will cash checks up to \$50.
- We strongly advise new students against working off-campus during the academic year. Classes plus 15 hours in the work program and the service requirement is a full load.
- Students who need or wish to stay on campus over breaks may apply for a work contract. The college pays slightly above minimum wage and charges a subsidized rate for room and board. The Work Program Office publicizes the dates for sign-up.

Health and Safety

What should I do about Health Insurance?

We encourage all students to have at least basic health insurance coverage. If you are not covered by a parent's policy we offer a plan through First Agency (1stagency.com).



What about insurance for athletes? Any student interested in participating in collegiate athletics (basketball, soccer, swimming, cross country, cycling and paddling) needs to have health insurance. Proof of primary insurance coverage is mandatory for all student-athletes. If you do not have primary insurance, the Athletic Department offers an insurance policy through First Agency of Michigan. This health insurance policy covers injuries related to WWC athletics.

If you have questions, please call Stacey Enos, Athletic Director, at (828)771-3737 or email at senos@warren-wilson.edu.

Does WWC really need my immunization records? North Carolina law requires that all students prove they have received certain immunizations. ***You cannot register for classes if you are not in compliance.*** If you have not already submitted the online health form, please do so NOW. Be sure it's complete: the day, month, and year of each immunization must be noted. <http://www.warren-wilson.edu/admission/forms/>

What if I am on medication or need to see a doctor? If you take medicine for a chronic or recurring condition (e.g. depression, diabetes, seizures, etc.), arrange to have your current prescriptions with you when you arrive. If you need a local doctor or therapist, the College's nurse or a counselor can make a referral. If you want to arrange things before school starts, leave a message at the Health Center (828) 771-2053) or the Counseling Center (828) 771-3773).

I need accommodations for special needs. What should I do? Students needing accommodations and/or support services under the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 must provide documentation of the existence of a disability which substantially limits a major life activity. Check on-line at <http://www.warren-wilson.edu/info/accommodations.php> for documentation requirements or contact the Educational Access Coordinator, Deborah Braden at (828) 771-3791, or email dbraden@warren-wilson.edu. Deborah will be available to meet with new students during orientation by individual appointments. If you will need books on tape, or special housing accommodations, let us know now.

How safe is the campus? While "crimes against people" such as robbery or assault by strangers have not been an issue, we have had "missing" bicycles, money and CDs from unlocked residence hall rooms. You are encouraged to lock your door, not to prop entry doors, and report suspicious behavior to Public Safety. There is time during Orientation to meet the public safety staff, find the location of the emergency blue light phones, and learn about fire safety and the WWC Sexual Misconduct Policy and the college's expectations for sexual communication, responsibility and respect.

Check to see if your belongings are covered by your parent's insurance; the College is not responsible for theft of or damage to your property. You might want to consider taking out an insurance policy for your valuables. National Student Services, Inc. offers student personal property plans that are affordable. Apply on-line at www.nssi.com.

What programs and services are available to help maintain personal wellness? Developing a balanced, healthy lifestyle is an important part of your education at Warren Wilson. The College's Wellness Program is dedicated to providing you with tools and resources that promote physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The Wellness Crew coordinates a variety of non-credit courses, such as yoga, Pilates, dance and workshops in herbal remedies, massage, and meditation. Many of these activities are chosen largely by the request and interest of the campus community. If you have an idea for a program, stop by the Wellness office in Vining C.

The Wellness Crew will have several activities during Orientation. Also, we encourage you to use your break times wisely. It is tempting to spend that time socializing with your new friends and neighbors. While we want you to meet new friends, it is important to take care of yourself, too.

The Wellness Residence Hall (Ballfield C) is home to students who wish to live with others who share a commitment to an alcohol/tobacco/and other drug free living environment. If this interests you and you have not already indicated Wellness on your housing form, call or email the Housing Office (828)771-2071 housing@warren-wilson.edu ASAP.

What about tobacco, alcohol and other drugs? Warren Wilson is committed to a healthy campus and to observing all state and local laws. Our focus with regard to substance use is on education and prevention. The College offers professional drug and alcohol screening, counseling, educational programs, and many alternative activities. In addition, the college offers a smoking cessation program through the Wellness Program.

- On central campus smoking is permitted only in designated areas. On the other parts of campus, smoking is permitted in areas that are more than 25 feet from buildings.

- The legal drinking age in North Carolina is 21. If you are under the age of 21 you may not consume or possess alcohol anywhere on campus. Alcohol is not allowed in the public areas of residences or elsewhere on campus except at approved events for people of legal age.
- Illegal drugs are not allowed anywhere, at anytime, for any reason.

A progressive system of sanctions is used when the College's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Policy is violated. Initially the focus is on education and intervention, but disciplinary probation, housing suspension and suspension are the consequences for serious or repeated violations of the law or college policy. For more information about these and other college policies, refer to the Student Handbook, on-line at http://www.warren-wilson.edu/admission/student_life.php

Advice from Those Who Know Best **The Inside Scoop from current students.**

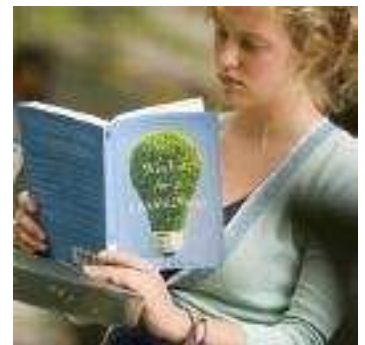
While there are dozens of "How to Succeed in College" books with entertaining and useful information, the generic doesn't always apply to life at WWC. Student Caucus (student government) members and friends suggest the following:

Be Yourself

- Don't do what others are doing just because others are doing it.
- Discover and do your favorite things...but don't forget to study.
- Follow your dreams.
- People here respect people who stand up for their beliefs.

Academics

- The Writing Center is a lifesaver, use it!
- Try to trade textbooks with friends before using the bookstore.
- Don't take 18 credits first semester; it takes time to adjust to the Triad.
- Have fun and study; time management is key.



- Read – use the library and remember not to limit your thoughts to those presented in the classroom.

Ask for Help

- Ask questions, even if they seem silly; that's how you learn.
- The Student Life office has candy and answers to most questions.
- Ask returning students how things are done.
- Our librarians are personable search engines, the couches are great.
- Counselors and health center really do keep things confidential!

Work Hard

- Your work crew is a real job, take it seriously.
- Volunteer on crews to learn more and get a leg up on crew choice.
- Respect your supervisors; they become like family.
- Whatever your task is, do it like you mean it. You are part of making this community a community.

Find Balance

- Make time for spirituality and yourself.
- Unleash your mind.
- Be prepared to do a lot of growing up quickly.
- Limit your commitments. You need time to NOT DO.
- Take time to think, reflect, and relax.
- Simplify your life.

Get Involved

- Join clubs and organizations.
- Read flyers and bulletin boards.
- Attend Student Caucus; make your voice heard!



- Dance.
- Visit Sage Café; great coffee and goodies.
- Pay attention to & participate in events beyond WWC.

- Get involved in Service a.s.a.p.; the crew will help you find your niche!
- Stay informed: use your WWC email account.
- Do what you love but remember to get some sleep.
- Say "Hi" to everyone on campus.
- Learn people's names—meet one new person every day.

Green the Campus

- Recycle & use both sides of the paper.
- Ride your bike.
- Conserve water & electricity.
- Get school supplies and clothes from the recycling crew's Free Store.
- Don't walk on newly planted grass or in the landscaping beds.
- Use the bus. It saves you money and you can have great conversations with the other people who are riding.

Eat Well

- Sit with someone different at every meal.
- Take breaks from the cafeteria; cook with friends and neighbors.
- Don't take Cow Pie's dishes.

Create a Home

- Your residence hall is where you live, take care of it!
- Minimize the amount of stuff you own.
- Furnish your room with indoor plants; it makes a big difference!
- Don't let your door slam.
- Remember that RAs and RDs are here to help you.
- Plan to share things with your roommate to maximize space (phone, stapler, etc).
- Communicate with your roommate; share concerns as they happen.
- Compromise is the key to successful community living.

Explore

- Read the Mountain Express newspaper; you will find great stuff to do.
- Support local businesses, bookstores, coffee houses, galleries.
- Walk around town to learn the streets and your favorite places.
- Go Outside
- Hike all the trails.
- Swing on the rope swing, swim in the pond.
- Visit the farm and garden.

Don't Forget

- Everyone sometimes has doubts about being in school.
- Realize that college is a privilege.
- Think for yourself. Speak from your heart. Live with passion.
- Create community around you; don't expect it to come find you.
- WWC isn't camp or an alternative to college; IT IS COLLEGE.
- Give family/friends your campus address; packages are lifesavers.
- You're on your own now. Be careful, be responsible.
- Respect others' beliefs even if you disagree with them.
- This place is wonderful—not perfect—it stays wonderful through hard work, discussion, responsibility and respect for each other.

Nuts & Bolts

When will I get more information?

- Bills: All charges [tuition, fees, room & board] are due by July 1st.
- Most new student information can be found by exploring the website: http://www.warren-wilson.edu/academics/first_year/
- When you arrive on campus, you will receive your CampusWeb PIN and email account information in your Orientation packet.
- You will receive a mailing shortly after July 19th with your room assignment and phone number and who your roommate is. Housing assignments are made on a space available basis and the Housing Form you submitted on-line is used for roommate pairings. Be sure to submit your form by July 1st so that information can be considering in your assignment. For more information on housing, visit our website: <http://www.warren-wilson.edu/~housing/>
- Also when you arrive, you will receive information on your academic advising time, your peer group, and your campus mailbox number.

Where can I find the Student Handbook and College Catalog?

- Student Handbook: http://www.warren-wilson.edu/admission/student_life.php (available in August)
- College Catalog: <http://www.warren-wilson.edu/academics/catalog/catalog2.php> (available in August)

Academic Calendar – Fall Semester 2010

- Aug. 15 – New Students Early Move In
- Aug. 16 – 22 New Student Orientation
- Aug. 18 – 19 - Online Registration for new students
- Aug. 23 - Classes Begin Semester 1/Term 1 (Triad Day)
- Aug. 26 - Deadline for Term 1 add/drop
- Sept. 17 – Deadline to withdraw w/ pass from Term 1 course
- Sept. 30 – Oct. 3 - Homecoming/Family Weekend
- Oct. 15 - Last day of class Term 1
- Oct. 16 – Residence Halls close at 1pm
- Oct. 16 – 24 - Fall Break
- Oct. 24 – Residence Halls re-open at 1pm
- Oct. 25 – Classes Begin Term 2
- Oct. 28 – Deadline for Term 2 add/drop
- Oct. 29 – Deadline to withdraw w/ pass for Semester 1 course
- Nov. 8 – 12 – Registration for Spring 2010
- Nov. 19 – Deadline for withdraw w/ pass from Term 2 course
- Nov. 24 – 28 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 17 – Last day of class Semester 1 Term 2
- Dec. 18 – Jan. 16 Winter Break
- Dec. 18 – Residence Halls close at 1pm
- Jan. 15 – Residence Halls open at 1pm for continuing students (meal plan begins 5pm on Sunday, Jan. 16)