

Warren Wilson College • 2025

Student Engagement & Housing Guide



Welcome to Warren Wilson College!

Dear Incoming Student,

Congratulations on your admission to Warren Wilson College (WWC)! As you read this summer booklet, know that all of us — faculty, staff, and current students — are eagerly anticipating your arrival this fall.

This booklet contains essential information to help you prepare for your journey at Warren Wilson. It will guide you through moving in, highlight activities, and help you learn more about campus. It includes important dates, orientation details, forms that you need to complete, and resources to help ensure a smooth transition. To further assist you, we will include any updates or new information on the New Student webpage: warren-wilson.edu/new-students, so make sure to check it, especially as we get closer to move-in day. The information in this booklet will be helpful for your family members too, so please share freely with each other.

We are so excited to welcome you to campus! At WWC, you'll live out our progressive promise for all. What does this mean? It means that you will be part of a vibrant community dedicated to learning—by—doing, where knowledge extends beyond textbooks and lectures. It means you will collaborate with professors on meaningful projects and connect classroom concepts to real—world challenges. It means you will roll up your sleeves in our Work Program where, among other things, you will develop your career preparation and professional identity. It means that we will encourage and support your journey toward living a meaningful and purposeful life.

At WWC, you are welcome. You belong here. You are part of a community that values high integrity, inclusive excellence, and community engagement. We value learning from one another and from the experiences we have along the way. This means that from day one at WWC, we encourage you to get involved. Join a club, volunteer in a non-profit, attend an event you've never attended before... there are so many possibilities. And as you get involved, if you see ways that we could improve as a community, speak up and make change — help us to get better! Your perspective matters.

Once again, welcome to WWC! Consider this your first step in an experience that has the potential to transform your life in ways that you can only imagine right now! We are excited to see all the ways you will be involved — and to witness the difference you will make at WWC and beyond.

If you have any questions about anything in this booklet, please contact us at **orientation@warren-wilson.edu** or 828–771–3800.

The countdown to your arrival has begun, and we look forward to seeing you on campus this August!

Cordially,

Gilbert Hinga

Vice President, Student Engagement



This packet contains a lot of great information. Here's an overview of all that we've included.

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Tip: Review the entire packet before completing any of the forms. This way, you'll be totally prepared once you get started.

Orientation

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 21-24, 2025

We're excited to welcome you to our community through our Orientation program! Move-In Day is Thursday, August 21st. Bring your family; we have events planned for them as well! Family Orientation will take place in the afternoon of the 21st, and there will be evening programming for students!

Orientation Program:

- Settle into your home away from home.
- Learn more about Warren Wilson traditions and culture.
- Review your course registration.
- Meet faculty members who teach First Year
 Seminar, General Education courses, and Intro to
 Major classes.
- Connect with your classmates through your
 First Year Seminar course, optional events, small group inclusion activities, campus tours, work
 crews, and academic programs.
- Find out how to join clubs, how to utilize the Library, and where to visit for a quick coffee or snack break between classes.
- Get prepared to start the first week of your academic career at Warren Wilson.
- Get all of your questions answered.
- Learn why our Sex, Drugs, and Rockin' Consent session is a favorite of past students.
- Meet new friends, and discover how you fit at Warren Wilson College!

Pre-Orientation Programs

Students who participate in these programs will move in early on Saturday, August 16.

- Art & Craft Immersion
- Backpacking & Rock Climbing Adventure
- Camp & Play Adventure
- Engage Living & Learning
 Community @ Sutton Hall
- Paddling Adventure
- Working Lands

Applications are open! Priority acceptance is May 31, and applications will remain open until all spots are filled. For more information about our programs and the application website link, visit warren-wilson.edu/new-students

Register here: wwcpreorientation.com

Orientation is mandatory for all new students.

An Orientation fee of \$400.00 will be charged to your fall bill. Family members are invited to join us for the Orientation program on Thursday, August 21st. We will provide lunch for family members at Gladfelter Dining Hall!

Visit the New Student webpage at **warren-wilson.edu/new-students** for more information about Orientation. For questions, contact: **orientation@warren-wilson.edu**.

Student Engagement

Pursue your passions and find new ones at Warren Wilson College!

Join one of our current student clubs, or create one of your own. Get involved, make new friends, and explore all there is to offer!

Outdoor Programs

Yep, we get outside. We offer a range of excursions including caving, camping, rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and white water rafting.

Student Activities

We host bands, speakers, and movies on campus. We also coordinate open mic nights, arts & craft socials, video game competitions, game nights, dance parties, and more!

Student Government Association

Our students have a role in shaping campus policies.

Club Sports

Get moving and join one of our recreational clubs: Paddling Club (kayak and canoeing), Climbing Club, Ultimate Frisbee, Ping-Pong Club, Skate Club, and Aerials Club.

Student Interest Clubs

Join a club based on your interests, such as: Mindfulness Circle, Music and Arts Club, Magic the Gathering Club, and The Forum (Philosophy Club)!

Intramurals

Join the Athletics Crew for basketball, soccer, futsal, pickleball, ultimate frisbee, spike ball, corn hole, dodgeball, and volleyball!

CLUB FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, FROM 5-7PM IN CANON LOUNGE.



Student Well-Being & More

Explore and celebrate your faith, spirituality, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and gender identity through our programming and support systems. All are welcome!

Spiritual Life

Warren Wilson students observe many faith traditions. Spirituality and its rituals are meant to help us make sense of the world around us. Join us as we explore traditions that encourage us to see the worth within ourselves as well as the call to work together for a more just world for all living things.

International Programs

Come to the Study Away Fair in the fall, which highlights direct–exchange programs, faculty–led trips, external partners, and domestic options. It's a great time to see what options students have to study away.

WIDE

The WIDE Office, part of the Office of Inclusive Excellence, is devoted to creating and upholding a culture on campus that is sustainable, and the encouragement of individuals striving individually, collectively, and meaningfully towards intercultural ingenuity.

Opportunities with the Office of Inclusive Excellence (OIE)

OIE supports students through points where their ethnicities, genders, (dis)abilities, ages, sexual orientations, religions, and other identities begin or intersect, and is especially intentional about supporting and reaffirming students in our community specifically identifying (generally or in part) as African/Black, Latiné, Indigenous, Asian (ALIA), and/or Multiracial as not only the integral stakeholders who they are, but also as essential shapers of our campus's short– and long–term vision.

Queer Resource Center

See the next page for more information about our Queer Resource Center and the programming and support they offer for LGBTQIA+ students!

OIE identity-based student clubs include:

- Asian Culture Club (ACC)
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Indigenous Student Association (ISA)
- Latinx/é Student Collective (LSC)
- World Wide Club (WWC)
- Southwest Asian and North African Alliance (SWANAA)
- Wilson Alliance for Accessibility (WAFA)

Deepen Your Personal Philosophy

Wellness

Location: Vining C

- A space for nurturing & education
- Safer sex supplies & education
- Monthly movement classes such as yoga
 & pilates
- Programs on self-care, resilience, anxiety reduction, harm reduction, substance abuse prevention, healthy relationships, and more!

Health Center

Location: Murden

The Health Center is staffed by one full-time registered nurse, a part-time registered nurse, and the student crew. An M.D. provides medical supervision. Services provided include healthcare for sickness or injury, referrals—if needed—to other medical practitioners, over-the-counter medications, health education, contraceptives, and STI testing.

Counseling Center

Location: Murden

The Counseling Center offers confidential, short-term individual and couples counseling with licensed social workers and professional counselors, same-day services for students dealing with a crisis or urgent need, consultation to campus groups, and referrals to community providers and off-campus support groups.

All services are provided free of charge to enrolled students during the academic year, with emergency support available during weekends and breaks.

Queer Resource Center

Location: Sunderland 007

The Queer Resource Center (QRC) is committed to building a campus culture at Warren Wilson that honors the dignity and value of people of all genders and sexual orientations. The QRC is a safe space for Queer students to be in community with each other.

- Zine collection
- Resource library
- Queer Assembly meetings
- Gender & Sexuality Workshops
- LGBTQIA+ History Month and GAYpril programming
- Drag performances
- Lavender Graduation celebration
- An inclusive center for lounging, engaging in discussions, and watching Queer cinema!

Residence Life

Location: Dodge House, Lower Level

The Office of Residence Life supports your on-campus living experience. Our Resident Assistants (RAs) are upper-level students who live in-residence, providing support, programming, and events. Programs and events are designed to help you get to know others on your floor and in your building and to gain new skills and perspectives.



Housing Overview

Learn about where you'll live! These buildings are for First Year students.

Sunderland Hall

STATS -

Community: 134 students, co-ed

Support Team: 1 Area Coordinator & 4 RAs

Standard Room Size: 10' by 15'

Sunderland is located in the heart of Central Campus on a hill overlooking the main classroom facilities, the Library, and Gladfelter Student Center. Warren Wilson's largest residence hall, it is a three-story brick structure and is the closest of all the student residences to important College facilities. Sunderland's kitchen and laundry facilities are located in the basement, and there are community bathrooms on each hall. Rooms feature twin beds, desks, and air conditioning during warmer months.

Vining A

STATS -

Community: 50 students, co-ed

Support Team: 2 RAs

- Standard Room Size: 12' by 16'

Located in Central Campus, the Vining complex is made up of three buildings. Of the two residence buildings, Vining A is dedicated to first-year housing, and the other houses upper-level students. The third building hosts a shared kitchen, community lounge, and the Wellness Office.



Living at Warren Wilson

Show me my Roommate

Your housing assignment will become available on myWWC beginning July 8th if you completed the housing application by the June 15th deadline. You'll be able to see not only which building you're living in, but also who your roommate is, which means you two can start making plans right away.



Living Learning Communities and Themed Housing

We encourage you to explore particular interests with our themed housing floors. Themed housing allows students with similar interests to live in community. You can indicate your preference for themed housing when you complete the online Housing Application.

Worldwide Living and Learning Community

The Worldwide LLC fosters cultural exchange between domestic and international students, promoting global awareness, communication skills, and cross-cultural friendships. Participants gain language practice, leadership in intercultural engagement, and a competitive edge in international careers.

WorldWide House is an intentional space for any student interested in internationalism to make connections through shared experiences and interests. The community will engage in intentional community building guided by residents and supported by the Global Engagement Office and in partnership with other campus offices. Worldwide House is broken into suites, but does not follow the suite application process, and will give preference to international students and students with extended international experiences.

EcoDorm

The EcoDorm LLC provides a sustainability—focused living space, aligning with Warren Wilson College's commitment to environmental stewardship. Students develop skills in energy conservation, waste reduction, and eco-conscious living while enhancing their problem—solving abilities in green innovation and environmental advocacy, preparing them for careers in sustainability and conservation fields.

Healthy Lifestyles

This community is for first year students who are dedicated to or are looking to become engaged in a wellness lifestyle. The Healthy Lifestyles themed community is designed to introduce students to a wide range of wellness topics such as substance–free living, physical wellness, emotional wellness, and the spirit–mind–body connection. Residents of this community sign a floor agreement stating that they will not have substances in their rooms at any time, nor will they enter the floor under the influence of any substances.



Engage Living & Learning Community (Sutton Hall)

Every Warren Wilson student should have the community and support that they need to thrive. Students dedicated to advocacy for African, Latiné, Indigenous, and Asian (ALIA) descent communities can grow in their advocacy and leadership in the Engage living and learning community in Sutton dorm. If you join Engage, you will work to support and make a difference for ALIA communities on campus, in the greater Asheville area, and in your communities at home.

First Year Alliance Floor

This community is an intentional and supportive space for all gender and sexual identities including (but not limited to) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and nonbinary. Residents can engage in honest dialogue about gender, gender identity, sexuality, and interpersonal relationships as a means to self-awareness. This community collaborates with the Queer Resource Center on program development, community education, and other activities. The Alliance Floor is equipped with two gender-neutral bathrooms, a common space, a small kitchenette, and 24 bedrooms.



Pet Policy

Warren Wilson College is pet friendly: you can apply to bring your beloved pet from home to campus with you! When completing your tasks on the New Student webpage (warren-wilson.edu/new-students), you will have the option to submit an application to bring a pet to college with you.



Dogs

\$250 per year registration fee. Dogs must weigh less than 40 pounds.

Cats & Medium-Sized Pets (rabbits, ferrets, etc.)

\$150 per year registration fee.

Small Pets (turtles, amphibians, etc.)

\$50 per year registration fee.

Students cannot purchase, adopt, or rescue a new pet to bring to campus. Pets must have been with the student prior to the time that they are coming to WWC. For questions about the new pet policy and application process, please contact housing@warren-wilson.edu.

Renter's Insurance

We highly recommend that all students cover their belongings with a renter's insurance policy. Some parents may be able to claim their students belongings while at college on their homeowner's insurance policies as well.

Food & Housing

All students living on campus are required to have a meal plan.

PLAN	FALL 2025 COST	SPRING 2026 COST	GLADFELTER	COWPIE	HOOT LOOT
Room with PREMIUM Meal Plan	\$6,925/	\$6,925/	Unlimited	1 Scan/	\$240
	semester	semester	Meals	Meal	Loot
Room with PLUS Meal Plan	\$6,815/	\$6,815/	Unlimited	1 Scan/	\$13O
	semester	semester	Meals	Meal	Loot
Room with OPEN DINING Meal Plan	\$6,725/	\$6,725/	Unlimited	1 Scan/	\$40
	semester	semester	Meals	Meal	Loot
Single Room Fee (all halls except for Villages)	\$2,500	\$2,500			
Single Room Fee (Villages only)	\$1,500	\$1,500			

All food and housing costs assume double occupancy. The single occupancy charge is \$1,000 per semester. HOOT LOOT = For use in Gladfelter, Owl's Nest, or Cowpie. Perfect for guests and morning coffee runs.

The meal plan I choose is...

Remember, you'll officially select your plan through our online Housing Application. You can find this application at warren-wilson.edu/new-students

(Milepost One or NC Free recipient? Your estimated charges were based on double-occupancy and our Room with an OPEN DINING Meal Plan.)

Non-residential meal plans are available through dining services.

Information may be found online at: warrenwilson.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan/



Parking on Campus

All vehicles on campus must have a parking permit. To register for a student parking permit, you can find the application on the Public Safety section of the myWWC portal under Campus Life.

Sodexo Dining Services

Your dining experience is more than just great food. It's a community experience centered on fresh and local ingredients, healthy foods, and a shared sense of environmental and social responsibility.

Sodexo Dining Services has been a partner of the College for over 20 years and is an industry leader in sustainability. Sodexo operates three locations on campus that are all centered around our campus farm-to-table program, locally sourced ingredients, and compost and recycling programs.

Gladfelter Dining Hall

Gladfelter is the main dining hall on campus, and students are able to visit as many times as they would like each day. Gladfelter frequently features food from the College Farm and Garden.

Cowpie Café

An all vegetarian and mostly vegan and gluten-free café, the Cowpie was created in 2000 as a result of a student-led initiative. Cowpie focuses on serving as much Warren Wilson Garden produce as possible, as well as other local items such as Smiling Hara Tempeh and Miso Masters Miso. Breads are baked fresh in-house, and the café features homemade kombucha, seitan, hot sauce, desserts, and salad dressings.

The Owl's Nest

The Owl's Nest is a full-service coffee shop and café that was built in 2012. The Owl's Nest offers a wide variety of coffee drinks, smoothies, organic Guayaki Mate, pastries, paninis, bottled drinks, and grab and go snacks. Bulk locally-roasted coffee, locally made GMO-Free Roots Hummus, local apple cider, and other items are available for purchase here.



Overview of Required Forms

1. HOUSING APPLICATION

Required for campus housing

You will complete this application online at warren-wilson.edu/new-students only if you intend to live on campus. Please select your meal plan here as well.

PRIORITY DEADLINE: JUNE 15th

2. STUDENT HEALTH RECORD & IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Required for ALL students, even those who do not plan to live on campus

Per state law, all students must submit the Student Health Form and the Immunization Record. Students who have not submitted a Health Record before the end of week one will have their registration dropped and will not be able to continue at Warren Wilson College. You may access these forms here: warren-wilson.edu/new-students

Completed forms include:

- Personal and Family History
- Immunization Record (signature of provider required)

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1st



Planning Ahead

2025-2026 RESIDENCE HALL CALENDAR

AUGUST 21–24, 2025 • Mandatory

New Student Orientation & move-in

OCTOBER 11, 2025 • 1:00pm

Fall Break! Residence halls close

OCTOBER 19, 2025 • 1:00pm

Residence halls reopen

DECEMBER 17, 2025 • 1:00pm

Residence halls close for the semester

JANUARY 18, 2026 • 1:00pm

Returning student check-in

MARCH 7, 2026 • 1:00pm

Spring Break! Residence halls close

MARCH 15, 2026 • 1:00pm

Residence halls re-open

MAY 7, 2026 • 1:00pm

Residence halls close for the semester

We know. You haven't even gotten here yet, and already we're telling you when you can head back home. But we know that these dates are important in helping you and your family plan. Share this calendar to remind your loved ones of when they'll see your smiling face!

Your Guide to Greater Asheville

Here are some of our favorite spots.

Eat

Breakfast

All Day Darling – American Breakfast & Lunch \$\$
Biscuit Head – Breakfast & Brunch \$\$
HOLE – Coffee, Tea & Donuts \$
Sunny Point Café – Breakfast & Brunch \$\$

Vortex Doughnuts - Coffee, Tea & Donuts \$

Lunch & Dinner

12 Bones Smokehouse – Barbeque \$\$ (South location) **Asheville Pizza & Brewing Co.** – Pizza, Burgers & Movies \$\$

Bee Thai Kitchen+ - Traditional Thai \$\$
Cecilia's Kitchen+ - French Latina cafe \$

Chai Pani+ - Indian Street Food \$\$

Cousin's Cuban Cafe+ - Authentic Cuban cuisine and coffee \$\$

Cúrate - Spanish Tapas \$\$\$

Haywood Lounge+ - Best wings \$

Island Pan+ - Jamaican Caribbean \$\$

Itto Ramen - Noodles & Small Plates \$\$

Little Chango+ - Casual Hispanic kitchen \$

Mamacita's Taqueria - Tacos \$

Mela Indian Restaurant+ - North & South Indian cuisine \$\$

Neng Jr's+ - Filipinx cuisine \$

Rosetta's - Vegan, Vegetarian & Kombucha Bar \$

Stone Bowl+ - Authentic Korean \$\$

Wasabi+ - Japanese & Sushi Bar \$\$

White Duck Taco Shop - Creative Tacos \$

Coffee, Tea & Sweets

Dobra Tea - Tea & Snacks \$

French Broad Chocolate Lounge - Sweet Treats \$\$

Grind AVL+ - More Than Just Coffee \$

Jeremiah's Italian Ice - Frozen treats \$

Pop Bubble Tea+ - Authentic boba \$

Ultimate Ice Cream* - Frozen Desserts \$



Shop

East Fork* - Ceramics & Pottery

Firestorm Books & Coffee - Bookstore

Harvest Records - Music & Vinyl

Horse + Hero – Art Gallery Featuring WWC Alums Wooly Press*

Liberty Bicycles* - Cycling

Malaprop's - Bookstore & Cafe

Morgan's Comics - Nerd Sanctuary

Noir Collective AVL+ - Boutique & gallery

Second Gear* - Second Hand Outdoor Gear

Wedge Studios - Artist Galleries, Brewery & Retail

Woolworth Walk - Art & Craft Gallery

Entertainment

Asheville Pinball Museum - Museum & Arcade

Breakout Games – Escape Rooms

The Carolina Cinemark - Movie Theatre

Fine Arts Theatre - Independent Movie Theatre

The Grey Eagle - Music Venue & Taqueria

LaZoom - Comedy Tours & More

Montford Park Players - Theater in the Park

The Orange Peel - Music Venue

Clayspace Co-op* - Cooperative Ceramic Studio Space

Odyssey ClayWorks* - Educational Pottery Studio

Outdoors & Wellness

Asheville Yoga Center - Wellness

The Blue Ridge Parkway – Hiking & Recreation (some sections temporarily closed)

Climbmax - Climbing & Outdoor Gear

Hickory Nut Gap Farm* - CSA, Farm Tours & Country Store

The North Carolina Arboretum - Gardens & Trails

WNC Nature Center - Animal Sanctuary & Park

Culture

Biltmore Estate - America's Largest Home

Black Mountain College Museum - Art & History

Center for Craft - Art Gallery & Creative Space

Folk Arts Center - Museum of Appalachian Arts & Crafts

The Grove Park Inn - Historic Hotel, Spa & Sunset Terrace

Wortham Center for the Performing Arts – Home of Asheville Symphony

YMI Cultural Center+ – African–American Cultural Venue & Gallery

^{*}Alumni owned and/or operated!

⁺ ALIA (African/Latine/Indigenous/Asian) owned and/or operated



Items to Bring to College:

- A laptop or tablet
- Comforter or blanket XL twin sheets
- Pillow
- Shower caddy/basket something to carry your shower items to the bathroom
- Bathing items you may want to bring some of the following: toothbrush/toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, shampoo/ conditioner, brush, soap, beauty products, lotion, razor, deodorant, sunscreen, contacts, eye care solution, or anything else you use
- Shower shoes
- Towel
- Medication
- Laundry sack
- · Laundry detergent/ fabric softener
- Clothing for cold and warm weather – The temperatures in Asheville vary, so pack for cold, warm, rainy, and snowy weather
- Umbrella/waterproof rain jacket
- · Satchel or backpack
- Reusable water bottle and mug
- Decorations
- Power strip with on/off switch to provide additional outlets in the room or extend distance to outlet

Items Not to Bring:

- Extension cords
- Microwave
- · Kitchen appliances & coffee pots
- · Anything that covers the windows
- Anything that screws into the wall
- · Candles, incense & incense holders
- Curtains (due to fire hazard concerns)
- String lights, lava lamps, nonregulation halogen lamps, lamps with multiple arms & plastic shades & oil lamps
- Kerosene heaters, electrical heaters, space heaters
- Air conditioners (window mounted or floor), appliances with open coil elements (ie: toasters, hot plates, toaster ovens) & large refrigerators
- Dog, cat, rabbit, ferret, or other animal unless it is an approved pet (application required), Service Animal, or Emotional Support Animal (medical documentation required)
- Tapestries larger than 4' by 6'
- Flammable items butane, fireworks, gas
- Weapons knives, guns, bows, ammunition, etc...

Optional Items to Bring to College:

- Mattress pad
- Iron
- Lint brush
- Hand towels
- Robe
- Mini Fridge a communal fridge and microwave are provided in each building if you don't want to bring your own
- **Dishware** mug, bowl, plate, utensils
- Desk supplies stapler, highlighter, index cards, post its, tape, paper clips, calculator, binders, folders, notebooks, white out, rubber bands, ruler, scissors
- Desk lamp
- Journal
- Alarm clock
- · Bulletin board or whiteboard
- Rug
- Fan
- Sewing kit
- · Bike, helmet, and lock
- Outdoor equipment Outdoor Programs Crew offers a variety of trips, but if you think you would like to go on your own trips often and have equipment, bring it
- Snacks
- Additional storage bins you can put them under the bed or in the closet
- First aid kit

Still have questions? We're just a phone call away!

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