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ORIENTATION GUIDE

FALL 2025



See you soon!

Welcome to Warren Wilson College!

Your journey of purpose and discovery awaits!

This is an extraordinary time in your life as you begin a transformative journey that extends far beyond traditional classroom walls. At Warren Wilson College, you won't just expand your knowledge—you'll discover your purpose through meaningful, hands-on experiences that shape who you're becoming. Through your academic pursuits, work crew responsibilities, community engagement opportunities, student organizations, residence hall connections, and the relationships you'll build, you'll uncover what truly matters to you and how you want to make your mark on the world.

Warren Wilson's unique approach challenges you to think critically while growing as a whole person through experiential learning that connects mind, heart, and hands. Every experience on our campus is designed to help you find meaning and develop the skills to create positive change. You'll discover that learning happens everywhere: in the garden, workshop, classroom, and through service to others.

New Student Orientation will immerse you in the Warren Wilson way from day one, providing all the resources and connections you need to thrive. Our schedule weaves together Academic, Community, and Social experiences through both large gatherings and small group activities. This intentional blend ensures you'll meet classmates, upperclass mentors, faculty, and staff who will walk alongside you as you discover your passions and purpose.

By the end of Orientation, you'll have experienced firsthand what makes our community so special: learning is active, relationships are authentic, belonging is valued, and every person is empowered to find their unique way of contributing to the world. We'll answer your questions, ease your concerns about starting college, and, most importantly, help you see the incredible potential that lies ahead.

This guide will help you prepare for move-in day and understand what to expect. We've included the first day's schedule for both you and your support network. Remember, transitioning to college is a team effort—it includes parents, grandparents, siblings, chosen family, and others who have supported your journey. This milestone belongs to all of you, and we're honored to celebrate it together as you begin this meaningful chapter of growth, discovery, and purpose-driven learning.

To assist you, we will include any updates, the full Orientation schedule, and any new information on the New Student webpage: [**warren-wilson.edu/new-student**](https://warren-wilson.edu/new-student). Please check it, especially as it gets closer to move-in day. If you have not yet registered for orientation, please sign up on that page, too.

See you soon!



Gilbert Hinga
Vice President, Student Engagement



We look forward to welcoming you to campus on Thursday, August 21, for Move-In and New Student Orientation!

COVID-19 Update

Face masks are optional for both indoor and outdoor spaces while on campus. For questions about COVID policies, please reach out to Student Engagement at studentengagement@warren-wilson.edu.

Pre-Orientation Programs

Please note that all students registered for Pre-Orientation Programs should plan to move in early on Saturday, August 16th. Check-In for Pre-Orientation will take place on the 16th from 1:00pm — 3:00pm.

What to expect when you arrive.

Unpack the car, find your room, meet new friends and families — Move-In Day is exciting! Let's talk about specifics of what you'll be doing on this special day. Students will check in with the New Student Orientation team and complete any remaining processes with Student Accounts, Financial Aid, and the Health Center. Once you have checked in, you will pick up your keys from Residence Life and be directed to a drop-off location near your residence hall.

Move-In crew volunteers will be there to help you get all of your belongings out of your vehicle. You will follow the move-in crew to your new room to unlock the door and unload. Your family in the car will then be directed to a parking space. Golf carts will be available to help families get back to the residence hall. We want to make this process easy. Returning students, faculty, and staff will be buzzing around all day. Please stop anyone in a blue Move-In Day shirt, and they will be glad to help you in any way!

Your other important activities on that first day include turning in your Health and Immunization Form. The Work Program Office will hold sessions where you will need to bring your completed I-9 Form along with accompanying documents and state issued driver's license if you have one.

Students who register for orientation will be able to upload a photo for their WVVC ID this summer before you get to campus! Skip the ID Center line on Move-In Day by registering for orientation at warren-wilson.edu/new-students and uploading your ID photo by August 8th. All other students will need to stop by the ID Center and get their ID made during Move-In.



Friendly reminder: If you haven't done so already, please be sure to pay your bill before traveling to campus.

WWC Orientation Thursday, August 21

— New Student Schedule

Pro Tip: Deborah Braden is your source for academic support, tutoring, and more:

Deborah Braden, Director of Academic Engagement and Disability Access
Phone: 828.771.3791
Email: dbraden@warren-wilson.edu

Please note: Some event locations are subject to change. Students and families will receive digital access to the final schedule prior to arriving and will receive printed copies at Check-In.

Activities highlighted in BLUE are mandatory.

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2:15pm — 3:00pm • Orientation Small Group

Chapel Patio

Students will meet with their Orientation Week Leader (OWL) and get to know their orientation small group! Small group information can be found on your student name tag. Look for your OWL holding their group sign outside of the Chapel to get to know the rest of your small group peers!

3:00pm — 3:30pm • Transfer Student Career Launch Session

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

This session is designed to help transfer students explore their interests, complete an assessment associated with the Center for Experiential Learning, discuss professional skills, and begin planning for future opportunities.

3:00pm — 4:00pm • First Year Seminar (FYS) Class Time (Groups 1–13)

Various Locations

Your OWL will bring you to the first session of your First Year Seminar Class, where you'll meet your professor.

INSTRUCTOR	SEMINAR TITLE	REGULAR CLASS TIME (During Semester)	ORIENTATION CLASS LOCATION
Gretchen Whipple	Problem Solving	W 8:30am–10:00am F 8:30am–11:30am	Spidel 102
David Gliem	Arts and the Environment	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Jensen 214
Katie Wurst	Built for Movement: Exploring the Science of Kinesiology	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Jensen 217
Langdon Martin	Growing Your Inner Scientist	W 8:30am–10:00am F 8:30am–11:30am	Morse Lab 108
Wendy Seligmann	I Wonder ... Sparking Curiosity	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Boon 208
Alyssa Beckett	Helene was Here: Writing as Resilience	W 8:30am–10:00am F 8:30am–11:30am	Jensen 214
Kim Borges	Marvelous Medicinal Molecules	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Witherspoon Lab 111
Lindsey Kass-Green	Memento Mori: Living On Purpose	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Jensen 216
Jessica White	Printmaking Pathways	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Holden Studio 2
Sarah Sgro	Reading, Writing, and Remaking Waste	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Jensen 215
Jason Miller	Art in Public	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Jensen 213
Jen Mozolic	Healthy People, Healthy Places	W 8:30am–10:00am F 8:30am–11:30am	Boon 108
Shannon Spencer	Spirituality of Imperfection	TR 12:50pm–2:20pm	Lower Fellowship Hall 105

4:00pm — 4:30pm • Community Engagement Orientation

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Learn about WWC's Community Engagement Commitment and opportunities for engaging with the Asheville community during your time at WWC. Community Engagement Office staff will also share details for Service Day on Friday, and pick up your Service Day t-shirt!

4:30pm — 5:00pm • Family Farewell

Chapel Patio

Students are invited to reconnect with their families for a final farewell.

5:00pm — 6:30pm • Dinner with Your OWL

Gladfelter

Join your OWL (Orientation Week Leader) and small group for dinner in Gladfelter!

6:30pm — 7:30pm • First Floor Meeting with your Resident Assistant

Various Locations

You will meet with your floor and building-mates, which will include connecting with your Resident Assistant (RA), a current student who is a mentor and guide for Housing policies and Residence Life.

6:30pm — 7:30pm • Day Student Social

Cowpie Patio

Planning to live off campus? Join fellow day students for some connection and camaraderie before you wrap up your first day!

7:30pm — 8:30pm • Group Socials

Various Locations

Transfer students, Gap Year students, and First Generation college students are invited to connect at several socials held around campus!

Transfer Student Social — *ANTC*

Gap Year Student Social — *ANTC*

First Generation College Student Social — *Canon Lounge, Gladfelter*

8:30pm — 10:00pm • Evening Activities

Kickback: Welcome Home

Gladfelter Patio

Join us for a Warren Wilson College Hootenanny with a variety of fun activities to kick off your experience as an Owl!

Night Hike

Meet outside Bryson Gym

Enjoy a night hike and learn the trails on campus with experienced Adventure Programs Crew members!

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Pavilion

Family members will have the opportunity to connect with staff and faculty during this time. Stop by the Family Weekend table to learn about the great activities we have planned!



Helpful Hints:

Here's a great resource that we encourage new students and their families to check out as a way to open lines of communication on a variety of topics that students may be confronted with during their college years. Check it out!

www.settogo.org

What to Bring:

Go to the following link to access a list of items that students should pack for college.
warren-wilson.edu/what-to-bring

Family Weekend! September 19–20. Registration is open.

warren-wilson.edu/about/events/family-weekend/

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Campus Map





Service Day

Community Engagement starts during orientation—nearly 300 WWC students, faculty, and staff will engage in service projects throughout the local community on **Friday, August 22nd**. Bring your closed-toe shoes, water bottle, sunscreen, and can-do spirit! This day is an invitation for you to think more intentionally about your new community. You'll have the opportunity as a Warren Wilson student to delve deeper and learn about systemic issues affecting our local and global communities through your First Year Seminar, regular ongoing programs, break trip experiences, community engaged courses, and much more!

Your I-9 form is in this envelope! ————— ↓

Don't leave home without it!

ID for the Work Program

Remember to bring your identification!

In order to participate in our Work Program, you must show us the following original, unexpired forms and documentation (no photocopies accepted) on the first day of Orientation, Thursday, August 21st:

- ☐ I-9 Identification
 - ☐ One List A or
 - ☐ One each List B & C

Bring copies to check-in, if you haven't already mailed them in:

- ☐ Final transcript with proof of graduation
- ☐ Official AP/IB scores
- ☐ Health and Immunization Form

LIST A – Documents that establish both identity and employment authorization

LIST B – Documents that establish identity

LIST C – Documents that establish employment authorization

If you have a valid state-issued driver's license, please bring it with you to Orientation. The College must keep a copy of your license on record, regardless of whether you are bringing a car with you to campus or not.



One of the things that we do best at Warren Wilson College is making sure that you have opportunities to orient yourself to campus throughout your first semester. Here are some of the highlights of your extended orientation, your first eight weeks of school:

On Campus:

- Video Game Tournaments
- Movie Nights
- Arts and Crafts
- Speakeasy Open Mic Night
- Club Fair
- Drag Show

Trips:

- Outdoor Excursions
- Blue Ridge Pride Festival
- Asheville Tourists Baseball
- Asheville Outlets
- River Arts District/West Asheville
- Downtown Asheville
- Black Mountain

Remember...

1. Bringing a car to campus? Make sure to swing by the Public Safety table in Gladfelter during move-in to fill out your Parking Permit Application and pick up your permit—it's a quick and easy first step to getting settled!
2. Remember to fill out your Health and Immunization Form and get your doctor to sign it! You need to be cleared by the Health Center in order to move in for Orientation.
3. Remember to check your **Warren Wilson email** frequently — that is our campus-wide form of communication, and you'll get lots of emails!
4. **STUDENTS** – If you would like to give your parents access to your billing and/or academic information (bills, grades, transcripts, etc.), go into myWWC and click the Billing & Aid section, then Parent/Family Access.





Here are some general notes:

Parking on Campus

REMINDER: All vehicles must have a valid parking permit by the end of the first week of classes. To get yours, stop by the Public Safety table in Gladfelter during move in day or the Public Safety Office in Ogg during your first week on campus to complete the application and pick up your permit.

Ordering Textbooks

All textbooks and other course materials are available only through the online bookstore. Remember to use the ISBN! Find what you'll need here:

www.warrenwilson.bkstr.com

Workout

DeVries Gymnasium is a great area to enhance your physical health by using the weight room, athletic courts, and fields. Every student is required to fill out the following liability form in order to access these facilities:

www.warren-wilson.edu/athletics-waiver

Your new address:

701 Warren Wilson Road • CPO _____
Swannanoa, NC 28778

Your specific mailbox number (CPO) can be found in your myWWC portal – give it to all of your family members!





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