



Warren
Wilson
COLLEGE

FALL 2025

STUDENT
ORIENTATION GUIDE



Welcome!

WWC Orientation

New Student Schedule

Activities
highlighted
in blue are
mandatory.

Orientation (Day 1) Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:15am — 12:15pm • Residential Student Orientation Check-In

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

New students begin by completing check-in at **Canon Lounge in Gladfelter**, where you will finish any necessary forms for Financial Aid, Accounting, and the Health Center. Then you and your family will be directed to your Residence Hall location to move in.

In order to create a smooth process for students and families during New Student Orientation Check-In, students were assigned an arrival time alphabetically based on last name. Please see below to determine your assigned arrival time.

8:15 — 9:15am: Last Name A — H

9:30 — 10:30am: Last Name I — N

10:45 — 11:45am: Last Name O — Z

11:45am — 12:15pm: Day Students (all students who are not living on campus)

8:15am — 1:30pm • Move-in and settle into your new room

Various Residence Halls on Campus

Welcome to living on campus! Once you're cleared during check in, Residence Life will give you keys to your new home.

8:30am — 12:15pm • I-9s & Work Program Documents

Gladfelter, Cowpie Café (lower level)

Each student is required to see the Work Program Office to complete work and tax forms (I-9). Please bring your original, unexpired documents—either 1 List A document or 1 List B and 1 List C document. ***If you have a state-issued driver's license, be sure to bring this with you, along with your other paperwork for Public Safety to keep on record.***

9:00am — 2:00pm • ID Cards

Gladfelter, Mailroom (lower level)

If you did not submit a photo over the summer, be sure to take some time to head down to the mailroom in lower Gladfelter to get your college ID printed.

10:30am — 12:00pm • Banking Session for Students

Log Cabin

A representative from Truist Bank will be available to discuss how students can set up a FREE student account.

11:30am — 12:00pm • Disability Access and Support Meeting

Boon 110

A meeting for students and their family members who may be requesting academic accommodations. Individual appointments can be set up ahead of time or at the end of this session. Please contact Deb Braden at dbraden@warren-wilson.edu.

11:30am — 1:30pm • Lunch

Gladfelter

Students and families are welcome to enjoy all-you-can-eat dining at Gladfelter.

11:45am — 12:15pm • Day Student Orientation Check-In

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Day students (folks who are commuting to campus and will not be living on campus) begin by completing check-in at Canon Lounge in Gladfelter, where they will finish any necessary forms for Financial Aid, Accounting, and the Health Center.

12:15pm — 5:00pm • Information Tent

Sunderland Lawn

Have a question? Not sure where to go next? Stop by the Information Tent for assistance from our Orientation volunteers.

1:30pm — 2:15pm • Welcome from the President & Orientation Kick-Off

Chapel

President Damián J. Fernández, alongside college administrators, will formally welcome the new Class of 2029 and transfer students at the Orientation Kick-off in the Chapel. Join your classmates as we celebrate the start of your Orientation adventure and meet your Orientation Week Leaders (OWLs).

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

Various Locations

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

Orientation (Day 1) Thursday, August 21, 2025, *continued*

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)

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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 you can 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 • Kickback: Welcome Home

Gladfelter Patio

Join us for a Warren Wilson College Hootenanny to kick off your experience as an Owl. Amanda Morales, Assistant Director of Student Success & Family Connections, will have a variety of fun and engaging activities for folks to participate in! Venture around to connect with your new classmates and enjoy the activities! Join us for an evening of fun and games.

8:30pm — 10:00pm • Night Hike

Meet outside Bryson Gym

Enjoy a great night hike run by the Adventure Programs Crew. Get to learn the trails on campus with experienced crew members!

Orientation (Day 2)

Friday, August 22, 2025

8:15am — 9:00am • Breakfast at the Pavilion

Pavilion

Service Day starts with meeting your First Year Seminar for a continental breakfast at the Pavilion! Plan to arrive by 8:30am, and don't forget to wear your Service Day T-Shirt and closed-toed shoes!

9:00am — 3:00pm • Service Day

Meet at Pavilion

Kickstart your WWC Community Engagement commitment with your First Year Seminar by spending the day off-campus with one of our local partner organizations. Bring your water bottle, close-toed shoes, and your dedication to making a difference. Lunch will be provided on site.

3:00pm — 3:30pm • Service Day Reflection and Ice Cream

Pavilion

Celebrate the great work we achieved as a campus community and enjoy some Ultimate Ice Cream!

3:30pm — 5:00pm • Break/Time to freshen up

Campus offices are open to handle any remaining school business or answer questions.

5:00pm — 6:30pm • Dinner

Gladfelter

6:45pm — 8:00pm • Real Talk: Community Standards, Code of Conduct, and the Wilson Experience

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

The departments of Facilities, Public Safety, Residence Life, Spiritual Life, and Wellness will engage with you about community standards, policies, and values at WWC. This session will also talk about campus culture and navigating campus resources.



EVENING ACTIVITIES

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8:00pm — 9:00pm • Shabbat

Ransom House

Join us for Shabbat led by a member of our Spiritual Life Crew. This gathering is open to all, yet will be centered in the Jewish tradition of sacred story-telling, prayer, and song.

8:00pm — 9:00pm • Athletics—Tie Dye

DeVries Patio

Join us for a fun and colorful tie-dye shirt activity hosted by the professional staff from Athletics! It's a great chance to get creative, connect with the team, and walk away with a one-of-a-kind shirt. Don't miss out on the good vibes and vibrant designs!



Orientation (Day 3)

Saturday, August 23, 2025

7:30am — 9:00 am • Breakfast

Gladfelter

9:00am — 9:30am • Orientation Small Group Time

Meet at Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Check in with your Orientation small group to talk about how your experience is going. OWLs are here to help with any transition needs!

9:45am — 10:15am • Inclusive Excellence at Warren Wilson College

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Join Evan Snelling, Director of Inclusive Excellence, for an informative session on Warren Wilson College's vision for fostering inclusion and how you can contribute to this vital work on campus. You'll learn about the various areas across campus that offer programming and support systems, helping students explore and celebrate their faith, spirituality, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and gender identity. The session will also cover the important work of the Land Acknowledgement Committee, highlighting its role in fostering respect and awareness of the land we occupy and our community's commitment to Indigenous peoples.

10:30am — 11:00am • Warren Wilson Working Lands Talk

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Warren Wilson College is nationally recognized for its commitment to environmental sustainability, and Dr. Dave Ellum will highlight a new initiative, the Center for Working Lands. This session will explore programs and opportunities focused on climate and agriculture, food justice, land and habitat conservation, ecological landscape design, and sustainability leadership. Additionally, you'll learn crucial bear safety strategies, including how to prevent encounters, what to do if you spot a bear, and how to respect wildlife while enjoying the natural beauty of our campus and surrounding areas.

11:00am — 11:45am • WWC Library & Info Session

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Discover all that the WWC Library has to offer! Join us for an engaging session to learn about research tools, study spaces, and the many academic resources available to support your success. Whether you're looking for quiet study spots, helpful databases, or expert guidance, the library is here to help. Don't miss this opportunity to make the most of your academic journey!

12:00pm — 1:00pm • Lunch with your Orientation Group

Gladfelter

12:00pm — 1:00pm • All Fall Sports Mandatory Athletics Meeting (lunch included)

DeVries Athletics Center

1:15pm — 3:15pm • Explore the Warren Wilson Trails

Meet at Bryson Gym

Join the Adventure Programs Crew to navigate some of the awesome trails surrounding your new home! Meet in front of Bryson Gym to get started on your exploration.

3:30pm — 4:30pm • Rising to Meet Challenges

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

At WWC, we believe in empowering students to lean into discomfort as a pathway to growth and self-discovery. Resiliency is a vital skill, and this session will provide tools and insights to help you navigate challenges with confidence. By exploring your values, purpose, and inner strength, you'll learn how to turn adversity into opportunity. Join us as we dive deeper into what it means to thrive, not just survive, during your time here.

5:00pm — 6:30pm • Dinner with your Orientation Week Leader (OWL)

Gladfelter

6:30pm — 7:00pm • Title IX Information Session

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

In this session, the Associate Vice President of Student Engagement, along with other college personnel, will guide students through Warren Wilson College's Title IX policy. They will provide an overview of the Title IX process, define key terms related to the policy, and highlight on-campus resources available to support students.

7:00pm — 8:00pm • Let's Talk About Sex, Drugs, and Rockin' Consent

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Yes, you read that correctly! At Warren Wilson College, we want all of your relationships to be healthy. We also believe in clear communication, so let's talk it out and get on the same page as far as understanding safer sex and substance use! Sex Ed as you've never seen it before with our Counseling and Wellness staff and the Orientation Week Leaders!

Orientation (Day 3) Saturday, August 23, 2025, *continued*

EVENING ACTIVITIES

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8:00pm — 9:30pm • Ecstatic Dance: Orienting

Pavilion

We welcome all who want to explore this form of dance. No experience necessary. We invite you to play, dance, get loose, ease your thinking cap, and enjoy free-expression and beautiful sound. Warm up at 8:00, Opening Circle and Dance begins at 8:30.

8:00pm — 9:30pm • Bouquet Making Workshop

Warren Wilson Garden

Stop and smell the roses—literally! Join the Garden Crew for a hands-on Bouquet Making Workshop where you'll create your own beautiful floral arrangement and learn a few flower arranging tips along the way. It's the perfect way to relax, get creative, and take home something special!



Orientation (Day 4)

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00am — 9:30am • Breakfast

Gladfelter

9:30am — 10:30am • Welcome and Affirming Congregation

Pavilion

Come join us for the Welcome and Affirming Congregation service—a space dedicated to inclusivity, support, and community. This service offers a chance to learn more about what it means to be part of an affirming faith community that celebrates all identities. Whether you're curious, seeking connection, or simply want to learn more, everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

10:30am — 11:30am • How Peer Coaching Can Help Me Succeed

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Curious about how to make the most of your college experience? Join us to learn how Peer Coaches, trained student coaches in the Career & Internship Office, can help you get involved at WWC in intentional ways, build experience that prepares you for work after graduation, and choose and pursue meaningful work.

11:30am — 12:00pm • Meet Your Academic Advisor

Canon Lounge, Gladfelter & Various Locations

Your Academic Advisor will support you in registering for the fall semester, assist with any final changes to your fall schedule, and answer any academic questions in between. At this time, you will break into groups and be escorted to meet your assigned advisor so you know where to find them when you need them.

12:00pm — 1:15pm • Lunch

Gladfelter

1:15pm — 2:30pm • Transfer Students Success, Time with Faculty

Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

Transfer students will hear from faculty members and have time to ask questions about the academic experience at Warren Wilson!

1:15pm — 2:30pm • First Year Seminar (FYS) Class Time (Groups 1—13)

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2:45pm — 3:00pm • Students Gather for Convocation Processional

Outside Canon Lounge, Gladfelter

Students will gather to be organized into groups and begin processing to the Chapel for the New Student Matriculation Ceremony.

3:00pm — 4:15pm • Convocation

Chapel

Provost and Dean of the Faculty, Jay Roberts, alongside other campus leaders, will welcome the Class of 2029 and new transfer students as they embark on their academic journey at Warren Wilson College. The session will feature Dr. Jill Overholt, the 2025 Teaching Excellence Award winner, as the keynote speaker.

4:30pm — 5:00pm • Orientation Small Group

Various Locations

Meet with your Orientation Week Leaders to connect, ask questions, and start building community at WWC. They're here to support you, share their experiences, and help you navigate your first days on campus with confidence. Don't miss this chance to get to know them and your fellow classmates!

5:00pm — 7:00pm • Welcome Back Bash

Central campus green between Sunderland & Gladfelter

Don't miss out on the Welcome Back Bash, a lively, community-wide celebration to kick off your journey at Warren Wilson College! This large-scale cookout and festival-style event will feature food, music, creative activities, and plenty of opportunities to connect with fellow students and the wider campus community. Anchored by our beloved mascot, Hootie the Owl, this event highlights our commitment to your holistic development by promoting fun, belonging, health, and engagement—values that will shape your academic and co-curricular experience throughout the year. Come join us and start your college experience with excitement, purpose, and a sense of connection.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

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7:00pm — 8:00pm • Athletics Welcome Back Event (Required for Athletes only)

DeVries Athletics Center

7:00pm — 8:30pm • Broom Making Workshop

Gladfelter, Cowpie Sunroom (Lower Level)

Join Tommy Wilder, alum and husband of Melanie Wilder (our Fiber Arts Instructor), in the Cowpie Sunroom to learn how to make your very own broom, which you will be able to take home with you. This event is free for students and staff but is first-come, first-served and has limited spots!





PARKING

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BUILDINGS

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