



FAMILY WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2025



Warren Wilson
COLLEGE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Check-in & Registration | Bryson Gym

8:00 am – 11:00 am

Family Weekend registration and check-in will take place in Bryson Gym. Families will complete necessary paperwork and receive their welcome materials upon arrival. Volunteers will be available to assist and answer any questions during the check-in process. Be sure to check out the WWC Pop-Up Shop that will be onsite.

Experience Campus Life: Join Your Student for Class or Study Time!

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Step Into Their World: Professors and crew leaders invite you to experience class, work, or service alongside your student—be sure to ask them about their schedule!

Art Exhibition: Catch & Release | Elizabeth Holden Art Gallery

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Stroll through the campus art gallery to see the Alumni Art and Craft Show exhibition: Catch & Release featuring the work of Jillian Marie Browning. This exhibition of larger-than-life cyanotypes and installations by interdisciplinary artist Jillian Marie Browning, whose nationally exhibited work explores feminism, identity, and the contemporary Black experience.

Student Success: How Families/Parents Can Assist | WWC Chapel

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

This session is an opportunity to discuss ways that families/parents and WWC can partner together to support students to succeed at WWC; facilitated by Dr. Gilbert Hinga, Vice President for Student Engagement.

Lunch | Gladfelter Dining Hall

11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Lunch in Gladfelter will be available. Guests may pay at the door.

FRIDAY, SEPT 19 (CONT.)

Launching from WWC | WWC Chapel

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Curious about the kind of work Warren Wilson graduates do? We will begin by sharing some data on where our graduates land after WWC, and then dive into programs, services, and other ways your students can engage with the Careers & Internships Office as they explore and prepare for internships, work, and life after graduation.

The Courage to Connect | WWC Chapel

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Join us for a heartfelt session designed to bring families and students together in meaningful conversation. Through shared stories, interactive activities, and guided reflection, we'll explore how acts of kindness and empathy build bridges and foster deeper connections on campus and beyond. This session offers tools for exploring feelings of isolation, building the skills to confidently reach out and emphasizes the power of community connections for well-being. Expect an uplifting atmosphere filled with empathy, encouragement, and a renewed sense of belonging.

Climb WWC's Alpine Tower | Next to Soccer Fields

2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Take on the challenge of climbing our Alpine Tower! Located adjacent to the soccer fields, the Gossmann and Cannon Adventure Learning Lab offers participants the opportunity to scale a 50' tall timber structure via climbing holds, hanging logs and vines, a giant ladder, and cargo nets. Choose your challenge from beginner to expert and experience family bonding in a whole new way. Close-toed shoes, a signed waiver, and a willingness to try are all you need! (Ages 8+)

Soapmaking Workshop | Gladfelter, Cowpie Sunroom

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Join Deb Maslowski, the manager of Owl's Nest Cafe, for a fun and creative hands-on workshop where you'll learn the basics of soap-making. Assisted by the Student Activities Crew, participants will discover the craft behind natural soaps and take home their own unique creation!

Get to Know the Faces Behind the WWC Experience | Morris' Community Pavilion

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Kickoff Family Weekend by meeting your student's professors and supervisors and learn more about academics at Warren Wilson. Enjoy small bites and refreshments while taking in the views from the Morris' Community Pavilion.

Dinner | Gladfelter Dining Hall

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Dinner in Gladfelter will be available. Guests may pay at the door.

FRIDAY, SEPT 19 (CONT.)

ALIA Family Reception | Ransom House

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Join the Office of Inclusive Excellence for a warm and welcoming reception to celebrate the arrival of ALIA (African/Latine/Indigenous/Asian) families on campus. This is a great opportunity to connect with the OIE team, learn about their work, and build community. They look forward to meeting you and sharing more about the support and resources available through their office.

Under the Stars Night Hike | Bryson Gym

7:45 pm – 9:15 pm

Join Outdoor Programs for a night hike along Broyles Ridge down to Dogwood for breathtaking stargazing. Discover constellations that illuminate the Warren Wilson valley. Binoculars provided. The hike includes some hilly terrain so be sure to wear comfortable hiking shoes or boots.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Check-In & Registration | Bryson Gym

8:30 am – 11:00 am

Join us at check-in if you weren't able to make it on Friday.

Cattle Move | Dogwood Pasture

9:00 am – 10:00 am

While at Warren Wilson, odds are you get to participate in a cattle drive, and we think Family Weekend is the perfect time to have you join us for this experience! Wear comfortable shoes and get ready to move as the Cattle Crew takes you through their process of moving cattle and rotational grazing.

Warren Wilson Land Tour | Orr Cottage Patio

10:00 am – 11:30 am

You're invited for a campus stroll to learn about sustainable technologies and practices WWC employs every day. Join Dr. Dave Ellum, Dean and Director of the Center for Working Lands, for a discussion highlighting innovations in solar microgrids, agroforestry, regenerative agriculture and composting. All tours start on the Orr Cottage Patio outside Admissions. The tour will stick to campus roads and walkways, which are hilly. Wear comfortable shoes.

Lunch on the Lawn | Morris' Community Pavilion & Formal Gardens

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

All Warren Wilson families are invited to enjoy a complimentary lunch during Family Weekend! This free luncheon is open to families, staff, and faculty so come join the fun and connect with others. Lunch will be provided by Sodexo Dining and is open to all students and guests. There will be lawn games and crate stacking hosted by Outdoor Programs to keep the energy high and the smiles wide. While you're there, don't miss the WWC Pop-Up Shop, which will be set up onsite with great gear and goodies.

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Broyles Ridge Trail Foraging Walk | Sage Circle

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Join Deb Maslowski, the manager of Owl's Nest Cafe, on a foraging walk through the campus trails. In her spare time, Deb is an herbalist and a soap maker. Deb will show participants some of her favorite plants to work with. Participants will learn about medicinal plants, and also some that are edible and useful, including mushrooms!

Families & Staff vs. Students Dodgeball Showdown | DeVries Gymnasium

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Get ready to dodge, duck, dip, and dive. Family Weekend just got a whole lot more exciting! Join us in DeVries for dodgeball! Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just in it for the laughs, this is your chance to bond, compete, and create unforgettable memories with your student. Come for the friendly rivalry, stay for the high-energy fun and community spirit!

Hit the Hotspots: Campus & City Favorites with Your Student

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Families can use this time to explore downtown Asheville or Black Mountain, take a tour, do errand runs to Target, visit River Arts District, etc. We will provide some suggestions and leave it up to the student to show off their favorite spots on campus and in the city.

Climbing Wall | Bryson Gym

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Adventure Programs invites you to try out the climbing wall inside Bryson Gym. Climbing shoes and gear provided. No experience is necessary. Participants under 18 years must sign a waiver and medical form.

Dinner | Gladfelter Dining Hall

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dinner in Gladfelter will be available, guests may pay at the door.

Trivia Night | Gladfelter, Canon Lounge

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Don't miss Trivia Night—a fun-filled evening that takes trivia to the next level! We'll be diving into WWC-themed questions, mid-2000s pop culture, and plenty of other entertaining topics. Bring your competitive spirit, team up with your student, and get ready for some laughs and surprises!