



Warren
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ORIENTATION GUIDE

FALL 2026



See you soon!

Welcome to Warren Wilson College!

Welcome to the start of an incredible new chapter. As the Vice President for Student Engagement and Dean of Students, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Warren Wilson College. Right now, you are standing on the threshold of a major life milestone, and our entire community is here to ensure your transition to college life is smooth, fulfilling, and successful.

To help you find your footing, we have designed New Student Orientation with three vital purposes in mind:

- **Connecting to Community:** College is not a journey you take alone. Orientation is your first opportunity to build meaningful relationships with your peers, faculty, staff, and student leaders who will form your campus support system.
- **Navigating Academic and Campus Expectations:** You will get acclimated to our unique experiential learning model, combining rigorous academics, campus work crews, and community engagement, so you feel confident and prepared on day one.
- **Discovering Vital Resources:** From academic advising and wellness services to student activities, you will learn exactly where to go and who to ask whenever you need a helping hand.

This guide is designed to help you prepare for your transition to campus. Inside, you will find a comprehensive packing list of what to bring (and what to leave behind), essential move-in day details, and a schedule of first-day events for both you and your family.

The transition to college is a process of growth, adaptation, and discovery. It is completely normal to feel a mix of excitement and anticipation. Please know, we are invested in your success and are dedicated to helping you make Warren Wilson your new home.

The full orientation schedule will soon be available here: warren-wilson.edu/new-students. If you have not yet registered for orientation, please do so by visiting the website.

Lean into this experience, ask questions, and embrace the journey ahead. We are so proud to have you here!

Live well!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Bluml". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joel" being more prominent than the last name "Bluml".

Joel Bluml
Vice President for Student Engagement and Dean of Students



We look forward to welcoming you to campus on Thursday, August 20, for Move-In and New Student Orientation!

Early Arrival Programs

Please note that all students registered for Early Arrival Programs will have an earlier arrival date and should coordinate directly with their respective program department regarding move-in details.

What to expect when you arrive.

Check in, 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 at Kittredge Theatre and complete any remaining processes with Student Accounts, Financial Aid, the Health Center, and other departments. 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 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.

Make sure to register for Orientation at warren-wilson.edu/new-students. You can also skip the ID Center's long line on Move-In Day by uploading your ID photo by August 7th — an important step since you need your ID to enter your residence hall.



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

WWC Orientation Thursday, August 20

— 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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Kittredge Theatre

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Gladfelter, Lower Level

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Boon Hall 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.

1:30pm — 1:50pm • Meet Your OWL

Gladfelter Lawn

All incoming students are required to come to Gladfelter Lawn to meet their Orientation Week Leader (OWL) and get to know their orientation small group. Small group information can be found on your student name tag.



2:00pm — 3:30pm • Transfer Student Career Launch Session

Boon Hall 110

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.

2:00pm — 3:30pm • First Year Seminar (FYS) Class Time (Groups 1–14)

Various Locations

INSTRUCTOR	SEMINAR TITLE	REGULAR CLASS TIME (During Semester)	ORIENTATION CLASS LOCATION
Julia Haverstock Hannah Pearson	Book Club! Exploring Reading and Literacy in our Community	W 8:30am–10:00am F 8:30am–11:30am	Boon 210
Amy Boyd	Forgotten Pollinators	T R 12:50pm–2:20pm	Morse 209
Langdon Martin	Growing Your Inner Scientist	W 8:30am — 10:00am F 8:30am–11:30am	Morse Lab 110
Delicia Daniels	Putting Yourself on the Canvas — Exploring Jacob Lawrence	W 8:30am–10:00am F 8:30am–11:30am	Jensen 214
Charlotte Taylor	Sustainable Darkroom — Photography in the Garden	W 8:30am — 10:00am F 8:30am — 11:30am	Holden Arts Print Studio (Studio 1)
Wendy Seligmann	Innovating for Change	T R 12:50pm — 2:20pm	Boon 208
Jill Overholt	Nurturing Nature & Spirituality	W 8:30am — 10:00am F 8:30am — 11:30am	Jensen 216
Beck Banks	The Music Video	T R 12:50pm — 2:20pm	Jensen Lecture Hall 315
Paula Garrett	The Disneyfication of American Culture	W 8:30am — 10:00am F 8:30am — 11:30am	Jensen 217
Benjamin Feinberg	Latin America Through Film	W 8:30am — 10:00am F 8:30am — 11:30am	Jensen Lecture Hall 315
Shannon Spencer	Dialogue Across Difference	T R 12:50pm — 2:20pm	Lower Fellowship Hall 105
Cris Culton	Utopia	T R 12:50pm — 2:20pm	Jensen 314
Lindsey Kass-Green	Memento Mori — Living on Purpose	T R 12:50pm — 2:20pm	Jensen 113
Renee Mazurek	Storytelling for the Earth: and Her People	T R 12:50pm — 2:20pm	Morse Lab

3:30pm — 4:00pm • Transition to Convocation

Chapel

First Year Seminar instructors and OWLS will walk students to the Chapel. Students will sign the tree poster on their way into the Chapel.

4:00pm — 5:00pm • Convocation & Orientation Kick-Off

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5:15pm — 5:25pm • Rooted Beginnings

Starting at Chapel

At the conclusion of the farewell, OWLs (Orientation Week Leaders) will lead students past the newly planted tree on their way to Gladfelter, where they will have the opportunity to place their written intentions, or, if they choose, compost them into the hole surrounding the tree as a symbolic beginning to their journey at Warren Wilson College.

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

Gladfelter

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

6:45pm — 7:45pm • 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.

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1:30pm — 2:00pm • Welcome for Families

Canon Lounge, Gladfelter

Families are invited to attend a special welcome session featuring remarks from the Vice President for Student Engagement, who will share the College's commitment to student success and provide helpful information, resources, and guidance to support families as their students begin their college journey.

2:00pm — 3:15pm • Campus Resources Panel: Your Partners in Student Success

Canon Lounge, Gladfelter

Meet representatives from key campus departments, including Work Program, Housing, Academic Engagement, Counseling, and Public Safety, as they introduce their offices and the services they provide to support students. Panelists will share how their teams contribute to student success, well-being, and campus life while highlighting resources available throughout the academic year. This session is a great opportunity to become familiar with the people and offices that help students thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

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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!

October 2 – 4.

Registration will open mid to late August.

warren-wilson.edu/family-weekend/



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Campus Map

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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 21st**. 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 20th**:

- ☐ 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. Your extended orientation continues beyond Move-In Week! Here are some of the highlights you'll experience during your first eight weeks of school:

On Campus:

- Lawn Game Tournaments
- Arts and Crafts
- Night Hikes
- Speakeasy Open Mic Night
- Club Fair
- Game Nights
- Dance Party

Trips:

- Outdoor Excursions
- Blue Ridge Pride Festival
- Asheville Tourists Baseball
- Swimming/Tubing
- Downtown Asheville
- Black Mountain

Remember...

1. **Bringing a car to campus?** Make sure to swing by the Public Safety table in Kittredge during check-in or the Public Safety Office in Ogg during your first week on campus to fill out your Parking Permit Application and pick up your permit — it's a quick and easy first step to getting settled! All vehicles must have a valid parking permit by the end of the first week of classes.
2. **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. **Check your Warren Wilson email frequently** — that is our campus-wide form of communication, and you'll get lots of emails!
4. **Want your family to have access?** If you would like to give your parents access to your billing and/or academic information (bills, grades, transcripts, etc.), stop by the FERPA table during check in or go into myWWC and click the Billing & Aid section, then Parent/Family Access.





Here are some general notes:

Ordering Textbooks

To find out what books have been adopted for each of your courses, go to your course schedule on myWWC. To the left of each course listing that requires books is a little “+” sign. Click on it to view what textbooks have been adopted, if any. If there is no “+” then a textbook probably has not been adopted; it is wise, however, to double-check with your professor to confirm. You can then order required books through your preferred bookseller.

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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