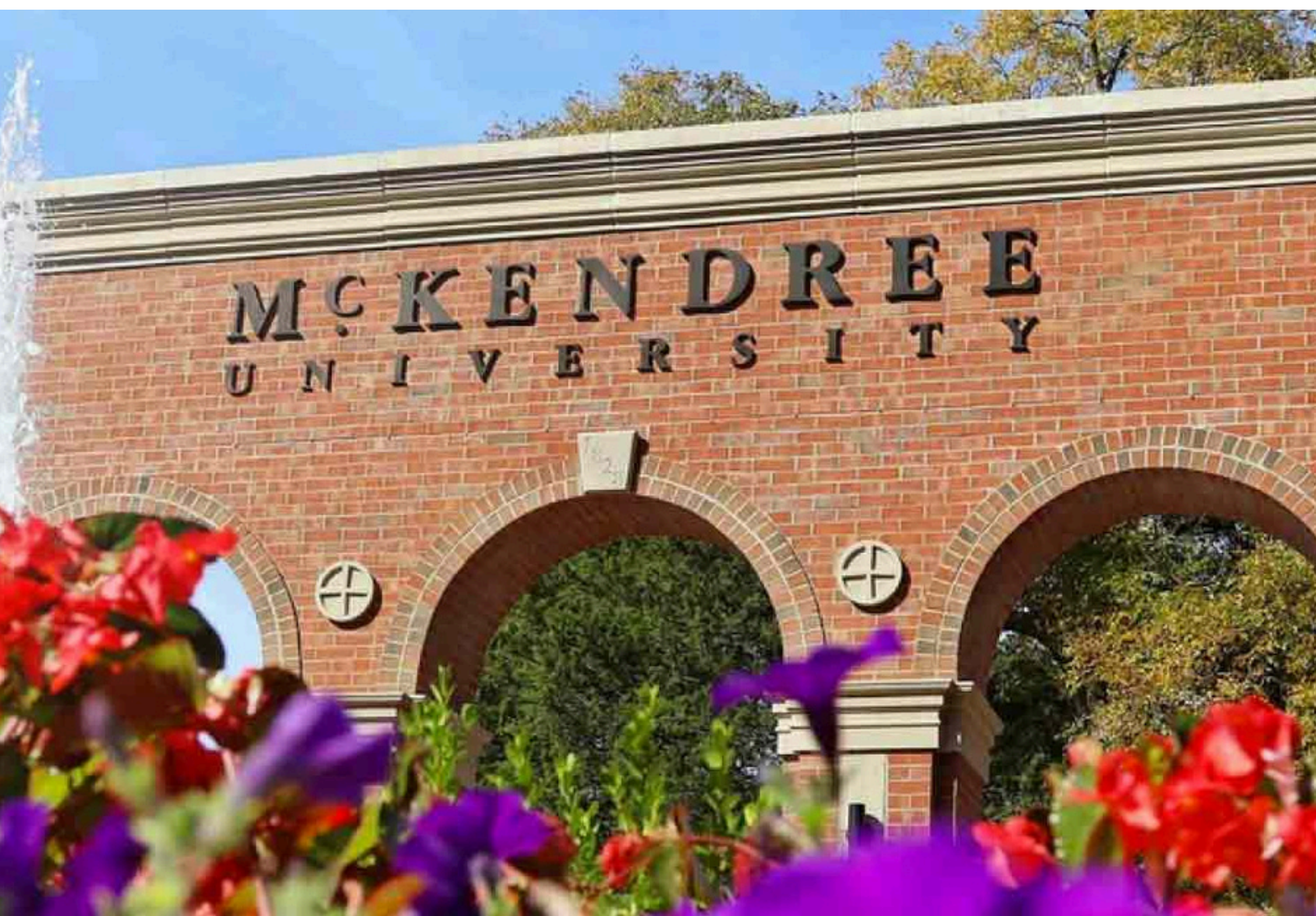


MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY | 2026-2027

MOVE-IN GUIDE



WELCOME HOME
BEARCATS!



PRIOR TO MOVE-IN CHECKLIST

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Complete your Housing Application.

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Complete the Confidential Medical History and Immunization Record by July 31st, Found on the ResLife Portal which is accessible through your MyMcK Page.

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For new first-year or transfer students, you will also need to register for New Student Orientation (NSO). Please work with your Admission Counselor to do this as it must be completed before you can select a move-in appointment.

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Check your email for your Fall Housing Selection Process. Housing selection for incoming students began June 15. If you completed your Housing Application and have not received a housing appointment, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 618-537-6855.

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Contact your roommate(s) to get to know them and discuss who will bring specific items for the room. Residence Life will only provide your roommate's McK email. If you have not heard back from your roommate(s) after a couple of weeks, then feel free to reach out to the Office of Residence Life and we will contact the roommate(s).

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Sign up for a FAST Forward Academic Check-in time. First-year and transfer students will be able to do this once their NSO Registration is complete, starting in July. International students should give their arrival information to their Admissions Counselor. Returning students can do this in July provided they have selected their housing assignment for the next term.

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Familiarize yourself with the information covered in the McK Student Handbook. Students are held accountable to the Code of Student Conduct and are expected to know this.

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Begin packing your belongings. Use our Tips & Tricks for a more seamless moving process.

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Relax and enjoy your summer!

MOVE-IN DATES

STANDARD STUDENT MOVE-IN

New Students (First-Year and Transfer Students) - Piper Academic Center
Thursday, August 20, 2026 - for those who are not Fall early arrivals, listed below

Returning Students - Clark Hall Lobby
Friday, August 21, 2026 to Sunday, August 23, 2026

FALL EARLY ARRIVAL MOVE-IN

Saturday, August 1, 2026- Piper Academic Center

- Football

Saturday, August 8, 2026- Piper Academic Center

- Cheer Team
- Dance Team
- Women's and Men's Soccer
- Women's Indoor Volleyball

Wednesday, August 12, 2026- The Lair

- Men's Water Polo

Monday, August 17, 2026- Piper Academic Center

- Women's and Men's Cross Country
- Bearcat Sound Machine
- Approved Move-In Helpers



New first-year and transfer international students should give their arrival information to their Admission Counselor as soon as possible.



NEW STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY INSTRUCTIONS

1

ARRIVAL TO CAMPUS & PARKING

Plan accordingly for traffic if traveling through urban areas. Be aware of weather changes including rain, thunderstorms, or other inclement weather.

Arriving early can be nice, but you will still need to wait until your FAST Forward Check-In Appointment.

2

CHECKING-IN

Enter Parking Lot C and from Alton St. and walk over to Piper Academic Center (PAC) (Building 29) for the FAST Forward Check-In. This check-in will include offices such as: Student Success, Health Services, Public Safety, Residence Life, etc. in order for students to provide any necessary paperwork, schedule fixes, obtain parking permits, receive keys, etc.

3

LOCATE YOUR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

Once finished at the FAST Forward Check-In, use the campus map to locate your hall/area for move-in. Follow campus signage to your residential area.

4

MOVE INTO YOUR ROOM

Locate your room and create a game plan for unloading/unpacking your belongings. Make sure to complete your Room Condition Report on your ResLife Portal!

5

UNLOAD YOUR VEHICLE

Unload your belongings from your vehicle in the designated unloading zones. After you have unloaded, you **MUST** move your vehicle to designated parking lots so others can unload.

WHAT IS FAST FORWARD?

So that our students are fully registered and ready to start the year, we have arranged several touchpoints to Facilitate your Arrival, Success, and Transition (FAST). FAST Forward will enable students to sign up for a check-in time and meet with representatives from the student support departments at McKendree. Whether you are an early-arrival athlete, a first-year international student, a commuter student arriving for New Student Orientation, etc., FAST Forward is your first step to a successful academic year.

MOVE-IN DAY TIPS & TRICKS

- Students will have a few hours to go through the check-in process and to unload and move everything into their residential space. The goal is to be prompt without rushing.
- Carry your ID with you at all times and know your student ID number, you will need it to eat, gain access to your building, and many more things. To be extra prepared, take a photo of the front and back of your ID Card in case you forget or misplace it. NEVER give your ID number to anyone but a University employee.
- Label boxes and all items with the student's name, building, and room number - don't forget the bedroom letter if you are in a suite or apartment.
- Remember that one person should stay with the vehicle at all times until it is fully unloaded. Then you move to the proper parking location.
- Wear comfortable clothes and shoes as you will have to park your vehicle in a further parking lot once unloading is completed
- Early Arrivals should not anticipate move-in assistance on their arrival day.
- If you live more than 400 miles away and wish to ship items to McKendree University, work with Mail Services before placing your order by calling them at (618) 537-6927.





MOVE-IN DAY LOGISTICS

Unloading Zones

20-minutes or less and then move to long-term parking

Baker (#5 on map) Unloading Zones

-Lot C and Fountain Drive

Walton (42) Unloading Zones

-Lot C

Barnett (6) Unloading Zones

-Lot J and Stanton Street Parking

Summerfield Suites (38) Unloading Zones

-Lot F

Residence Halls East/West (34-35)

Unloading Zones

-Lot I and Stanton Street Parking

Hunter St. Apartments (45)

-There is no unloading zone. Residents are asked to be cognizant of time, parking space availability, and other residents.

McK West Apartments (47 and 48)

-There is no unloading zone. Residents are asked to leave the spaces by the main entrance clear during the move-in days so other residents can move their property in easier.

See our Campus Map



Long-Term Parking Lots

-Lots D & E

-Back rows of Lot C

-Lots H near MPCC

You must park your vehicle here after unloading

Questions during Move-In?

Call the Area Duty Phone:

- Baker/Barnett/Walton:
(618) 975-4388
- Residence Hall East & West,
Summerfield Suites, & Hunter St.
Apartments: (618) 304-6366
- McKendree West: (618) 975-4386

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

1

BRINGING PROHIBITED ITEMS

Please read the list on the right to understand what items are allowed and prohibited. Additionally, refer to the Student Handbook for additional information about prohibited items.

2

USING COMMAND STRIPS

Unlike the commercials suggest, Command Strips and other wall adhesives destroy paint upon removal. Students are charged for this damage. McK recommends sticky tack, masking tape, or painter's tape!

3

BRINGING MORE THAN ONE MINI-FRIDGE OR MICROWAVE

Only one mini-fridge and one microwave per bedroom are allowed.

4

BRINGING SUPPORT ANIMALS

Unless you have submitted the correct paperwork and been approved by Accessibility Services AND Residence Life for a service/support animal, ALL animals except for goldfish are PROHIBITED, and violation of this will result in conduct documentation and possible fine.

5

NOT COMMUNICATING WITH ROOMMATE PRIOR

Please communicate with your roommate(s) prior to move-in. You don't need two of everything!



WHAT TO BRING

- Trash Can and Trash Bags
- Cleaning Supplies
- Clothes, Hangers & Laundry Supplies
- Computer/Laptop
- Pillows & bedding
- School Supplies
- Shower Shoes & Shower Caddy
- Toiletries
- Area Rug if you desire
- Microwave (one per room)
- Mini-refrigerator (one per room)
- Power Strips (UL approved)
- Quarters for Laundry or use the App
- Bike Lock if you bring a Bike
- First Aid items, Thermometer
- TV & gaming consoles
- Mattress Pad
- Personal Decor Items

Suggested items for apartment living:

- Dishes & Eating utensils
- Living room furniture
- Pots & Pans
- Shower Curtains
- Toilet Paper

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcohol
- Animals
- Candles/Incense
- Drugs
- Weapons
- Toasters/Toaster Oven
- Bass Stereo Equipment
- Crock Pots
- Hot Plate
- Air Fryers

See a full list on our website:

https://www.mckendree.edu/student-life/res-life/life/Residential_Safety_and_Prohibited_Items_List.php

HOTELS & FOOD

NEARBY

HOTELS

Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis

1118 Central Park
O'Fallon, IL 62269
Phone: (618) 624-2211

Hilton Garden Inn O'Fallon

360 Regency Park
O'Fallon, IL 62269
Phone: (618) 624-4499

Best Western Plus Mascoutah

9730 Hayden Dr,
Mascoutah, IL 62258
Phone: (618) 808-0280

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

3396 Green Mount Crossing Drive
Shiloh, IL 62269
Phone: (618) 632-0400

FOOD

Brewers Bar & Grill

227 W. Saint Louis St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

Lebanon Fish and Chicken

321 S. Madison St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

McDonald's

713 S. Madison St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

Domino's Pizza

9785 Hayden Dr.
Mascoutah, IL 62258

Pizza Hut

729 W. Hwy 50
O'Fallon, IL 62269

DQ Grill & Chill

412 S. Madison St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

The Lantern

220 W. St. Louis St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

Subway

224 S. Madison St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

The Gasthaus

115 West St. Louis St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

Mexico Tipico

501 Madison St.
Lebanon, IL 62254
(A Bearcat Favorite!)

SHOPPING NEARBY

GROCERIES & NECESSITIES

Dollar General

707 S. Madison St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

Schnucks Groceries

907 E. Hwy 50
O'Fallon, IL 62269

ALDI

1635 West US Highway 50
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

Don's IGA

651 S. Madison St.
Lebanon, IL 62254

Target

3400 Green Mt. Crossing Dr.
Shiloh, IL 62269

Walmart Center Center

Lincoln Crossing 1530 US-50
O'Fallon IL, 62269

DRUG STORES & PHARMACIES

CVS

753 W Hwy 50
O'Fallon, IL 62269

Walgreens

704 Cambridge Blvd
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CLOTHING & OTHER SHOPPING

St. Clair Square Mall

134 St. Clair Square
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Old Navy

6015 N. Illinois St.
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

TJ Maxx

10850 Lincoln Trail
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Marshalls

5935 N. Illinois St.
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Ross Dress for Less

6005 N. Illinois St.
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Goodwill

125 Commerce Lane
Fairview Heights, IL 62208