



AUGUST 17-21, 2022

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: STUDENT/FAMILY SCHEDULE

*All Events for New Student Orientation are required unless specified.

*Please note Arrival and Check-In Time periods for RESIDENT STUDENTS and COMMUTER STUDENTS. All attending may take care of any other campus business required.

*All students will be contacted by their Group Leader (via text/email) with information and links for online sessions. Have you registered for New Student Orientation? Please visit www.mckendree.edu/orientation to register.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME EVENTS, DESCRIPTIONS, AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

FAST FORWARD Initiative:

To ensure that our students are fully registered and ready to start the year, we have arranged several touchpoints to ensure a smooth transition. Each student, and any family they have present, will then head to different classrooms in the Piper Academic Center where they will have the opportunity to meet with a representative from the student support departments from across campus.

- **RESIDENT STUDENTS: Residence Hall Move-In:**

- Your Residence Hall

Welcome to all first-year resident students and their families! **Please see the Office of Residence Life web page (<https://www.mckendree.edu/reslife>) information and move-in process.*

- **RESIDENT STUDENTS: New Student Orientation (NSO) Check In**

- Location Change: Piper Academic Center

The New Student Orientation staff welcomes all first-year RESIDENT students to McKendree! Meet us at Piper Academic Center to confirm your NSO registration and receive necessary information.

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. BRUNCH/LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Various Areas

Students and families are welcome to dine on campus at Ames Dining Hall. Additional dining destinations are available in Lebanon and the local area. Students with a meal plan should be sure to bring their Student IDs to swipe in. Commuter students and students without meal plans may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS: COMMUTER STUDENTS

FAST FORWARD Initiative:

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- Location Change: Piper Academic Center

The New Student Orientation staff welcomes all first-year COMMUTER students to McKendree! Meet us at Piper Academic Center to confirm your NSO registration and receive necessary information. **Please remain on campus for Opening Convocation.**

2:15 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. MEET THE MCKENDREE PARENT ASSOCIATION: **ALL**

STUDENTS

Hettenhausen Center for the Arts

2:45 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. Safety at McKendree University: **FAMILY MEMBER SESSION** Hettenhausen Center for the Arts

Meet Tony Tomlinson, Director of Public Safety, who will share insights on campus safety. Learn about the campus email and text alert systems, local law enforcement, and how students can safeguard their own well-being and that of others.

3:10 P.M. – 3:25 P.M. CONVOCATION LINE-UP: **ALL STUDENTS** Stevenson House Lawn – on the corner of Alton St. and College Rd., directly across from the campus front lawn

Incoming Resident and Commuter students will meet in this location prior to Convocation

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. OPENING CONVOCATION Front Lawn – South Side of Campus

***Student attendance requested for this event.**

The opening of the academic year is of great significance, not only to students, but to staff and faculty, as well. Here you will take part in the signing of the Matricula, an important tradition for all McKendree students. The Matricula is an official University document that signifies the beginning of your academic career and marks your journey as part of a community of students and alums connected by their experiences and education at McKendree. **Business Casual attire is requested for this event. Rain location: Melvin Price Convocation Center (MPCC).**

4:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. STUDENT GROUP MEETING 1 (Required)

This is a brief get together to meet your Group Leader and Group Members following Convocation.

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. STUDENT DINNER AND PARENT GOOD-BYES

Students with a meal plan and eating at Ames Dining Hall should be sure to bring their Student IDs to swipe in. Commuter students and students without meal plans may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

8:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. RES-HALL-APALOOZA EVENTS **(OPTIONAL)**

Various evening events and opportunities for students to socialize. Events will be held in the Quad area and in The Lair.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. UNI 101/102/104 – CLASS MEETING

Various Locations (Required)

This will be your first meeting with your UNI-101, 102, or 104 Faculty, Peer mentor, and students in your group. Please check with your Group Leader for location.

9:45 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. THE BEARCAT WAY - MCKENDREE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)

What expectations do your advisor and other professors have of you as advisees and as students in class? What are various campus policies and community standards that you need to know? Find out here!

10:45 A.M. – 11:15 P.M. BE SMART, BE SAFE, BE A BEARCAT

Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)

Hear from McKendree University's Public Safety officers and City of Lebanon Police Officers, with insights on personal safety in the community, college life and relationships. Learn about the campus email and text alert systems, local law enforcement, and how to safeguard your own well-being and that of others.

11:15 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. HETT EVENTS 2022-23

Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)

11:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. LUNCH AND FREE TIME

Ames Dining Hall

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1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. SEX SIGNALS: DATING, RELATIONSHIPS, AND CHOICES

Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)

Through the use of humor, the show explores how mixed messages, gender role stereotypes, and unrealistic fantasies contribute to misunderstandings between the sexes. Although the message is a serious one, the show uses humor throughout to engage audiences in candid discussions about interpersonal relationships. Seasoned actors and educators, the performers strike a balance between laughing about the differences between men and women, and clearly communicating some serious messages about how we treat one another. **Adult language and content will be used in this program. Content may be sensitive for some viewers. Policy Discussion will immediately follow Sex Signals.**

3:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. FREE TIME AND STUDENT DINNER

Ames Dining Hall

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4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. THERAPY DOG SOCIAL (OPTIONAL)

Quad or Lair

Need a relaxing moment? Stop in to interact with one of the visiting therapy dogs!

6:45 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. GROUP MEETING 2 (Required)

Location TBA

Meet with your group to discuss events of the day and schedule updates. Check with your Group Leader for location.

7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. PLAYFAIR!

Statham Gymnasium (Required)

Take part in this team-building event! It's fun! It's entertainment! It's the perfect way to meet your classmates and to make new campus friendships! Meet with your group leader following Playfair for additional updates!

9:00 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. MENTALIST, CHRISTOPHER CARTER (OPTIONAL)

Hettenhausen Center for the Arts

Christopher Carter's show *Theater of Thoughts* proves to audiences why he is recognized as one of the world's most skilled, creative, and original thought readers. Amazing? Yes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. CLASS OF 2026 PHOTO Leemon Field (Required)

Meet with your New Student Orientation group leader outside the Hettenhausen Center of the Arts. Following the meeting, the Class of 2026 photo will be taken at Leemon Field. If there is bad weather, the photo will be taken at 11:00 am in The Hettenhausen Center for the Arts.

9:15 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. GTC DRAMATIC DIALOGUES: YOU. ME. WE. Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)

You. Me. We. begins with a monologue that exposes the often-unintentional ugliness of prejudice, setting the stage for a lively discussion of diversity. Then, in two scenes, we follow students as they attempt to navigate. During talk-backs, students the sometimes-difficult terrain of multicultural campus relationships. Attendees can confront the characters and voice their own opinions on issues of **race, sex, sexual orientation, and gender.**

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. LUNCH AND FREE TIME Ames Dining Hall

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1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. INTEREST/BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Choose from a variety of 20-30 minute sessions offered throughout the afternoon. Bring your passport and get it punched at each session attended. Each session attended gives you one entry into our NSO prize drawing! *Miss a session? Contact information for facilitators will be available at www.mckendree.edu/orientation on Monday, August 22.

Holman Library (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)

Holman Library

– Visit Holman Library and tour the building to discover how you can connect with various resources.

Work Study/Career Services (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)

PAC Room 116

– Learn information about federal work study and how you can work on campus.
– The Career Services Office provides a number of experiences and opportunities to assist students in achieving their personal and professional goals.

Faith and Spirituality at McKendree (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)

Bothwell Chapel

– We are a diverse learning community of multiple faiths and we welcome those who are non-religious. Within this diversity, we seek to provide a safe, supportive space for growth and development through religious, spiritual, ethical and character development within the McKendree community.

Get Involved! – Campus Activities/Campus Recreation (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)

PAC Room 220

Visit our session to hear about our planned events for the semester! Attendees will also learn how they can help plan activities through Campus Activities Board and Intramural Sports!

1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. INTEREST/BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

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Sports Information (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)

PAC Room 217

The sports information office has a variety of opportunities for students! Find ways that you can get involved and gain experience by helping promote the Bearcats!

Get Involved! – Student Government Association (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)

PAC Room 115

The McKendree University Student Government Association is the officially recognized student organization of McKendree University and the medium through which the student body can provide input on internal policies of McKendree University.

Diversity and Inclusion (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)

PAC Room 216

Meet the Director of Diversity and Inclusion to learn more about how we engage diversity here at McKendree!

Get Involved! – Fraternity and Sorority Life (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)

PAC Room 218

Learn how you can get involved and stay engaged at McKendree! Find out all of the different ways that you can make friends and make the most of your time at McKendree.

3:45 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. TITLE IX – DISCUSSION: FACTS AND MYTHS Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (Required)

Students will learn to decipher facts and myths regarding Title IX, and how to take care of one another. Questions may be submitted via NSO Leaders after the Sex Signals Session on Thursday.

4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. THERAPY DOG SOCIAL (OPTIONAL) Quad or Lair

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4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. STUDENT DINNER AND FREE TIME Ames Dining Hall

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8:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. HEADPHONE DISCO (OPTIONAL) Statham Gymnasium

Imagine a dancefloor where part of the crowd are singing along to country or a Top 40 jam while the other half are raving to Tiesto or Skrillex, to a soundtrack that only they can hear! Bizarre, mind-blowing, but most of all a huge amount of fun.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

7:45 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (OPTIONAL)

Ames Dining Hall

Students are welcome to grab a quick breakfast before departing for Into the Streets.

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: INTO THE STREETS

(REQUIRED)

(Various Locations)

- Students will meet in the gym at MPCC at 9:00am.
 - This annual highlight of Orientation affords students an opportunity to serve our neighbors in our local community. In this experience, you will learn about the diverse populations in the area, deepen new college friendships, and have a lot of fun in the process. This event is sponsored by the Lyn Huxford Center for Community Service.
 - Clothing: Due to the nature of the work, participants should wear an old t-shirt without holes, old blue jeans or shorts, and athletic or hiking shoes. Please **do not** wear sandals, tank tops, or cut-off shorts.
 - Ames Dining Hall will be available (12:00pm-2:00pm) for students with meal plan.
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12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. STUDENT LUNCH AND FREE TIME

Ames Dining Hall

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4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. STUDENT DINNER AND FREE TIME

Quad Area/Ames Dining Hall

Stop by the Quad for a picnic style dinner and a variety of games and activities.

*FOOD SERVICE WILL END AT 6:00PM.

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. Target or Walmart Shopping Event

An opportunity to take care of any last minute shopping. Buses will be available at the Circle Drive near the fountain.

8:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M. EVENING PROGRAMMING

Various evening events and opportunities for students to socialize.

- Outdoor Movie Night in the Quad (The Hett if weather)
- Games at MPCC/IM Gym: Basketball, Dodgeball, Bags Tournament
- Bingo Night at Ames Dining Hall
- Karaoke Night in The Lair (TBA)
- Ice Cream Truck in the Quad

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

10 A.M. – TBA

NSO IN-PERSON WELCOME CHAPEL SERVICE (OPTIONAL)

Bothwell Chapel

Join us for a special NSO Welcome Chapel service.

11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. BRUNCH

Ames Dining Hall

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. CLASSROOM TOURS (OPTIONAL)

Not quite ready for classes on Monday? Meet with NSO staff for a brief tour.

1:00 P.M. – TBA

McKendree Football Scrimmage (OPTIONAL)

Leemon Field

Come watch a scrimmage of the McKendree Bearcat Football team and get insights on the upcoming season!