



AUGUST 16-20, 2023

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:
STUDENT/FAMILY SCHEDULE**

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

***Please note that some events and activities are subject to change.**

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

- **RESIDENT STUDENTS: **FAST FORWARD Initiative:****

- Piper Academic Center

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, shall visit listed 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**

- Bearcat Statue Area

The New Student Orientation staff welcomes all first-year RESIDENT students to McKendree! Meet us at the Bearcat Statue area 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 may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS: COMMUTER STUDENTS

- **COMMUTER STUDENTS: **FAST FORWARD Initiative:****

- Piper Academic Center

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

- Bearcat Statue Area

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

2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. STUDENT GROUP MEETING 1 **(REQUIRED)**

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

2:30 P.M. – 3:10 P.M. Safety at McKendree University: **FAMILY MEMBER SESSION** Hettenhausen Center for the Arts

Meet Larry Hundsdorfer, Interim Director of Public Safety and David Roth, City of Lebanon Police Chief as they 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. General Q&A following the session.

3:00 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. Ceremony will be available via live stream.**

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).**

5:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. COMMUTER STUDENT MEET AND GREET 1828 Café

Meet new and current commuter students! Find out what activities and resources are available for commuter students.

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 bring their Student ID to swipe in. Commuter students and students without meal plans may purchase dinner with cash, credit/debit, Flex Dollars, or Munch Money.

7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. MOVIE: PITCH PERFECT **(OPTIONAL)** Hettenhausen Center for the Arts

New Student Orientation invites all new students to enjoy a movie at The Hett. Tonight's featured movie is "Pitch Perfect". The Barden Bellas are a collegiate, all-girls a cappella singing group thriving on female pop songs and their perfect looks. After a disastrous failing at last year's finals, they are forced to regroup. Among the new recruits is freshman Beca, an independent, aspiring DJ with no interest in the college life, takes it upon herself to help the Bellas find their new look and sound and get back into the competition.

7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. EVENING PROGRAMMING **(OPTIONAL)**

Various evening events and opportunities for students to socialize.

- Games at MPCC/IM Gym: Basketball, Dodgeball, Bags Tournament, others.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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8:45 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. UNI 101/104 – CLASS MEETING

[Various Locations](#) **(REQUIRED)**

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

9:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. THE BEARCAT WAY - 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!

11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. BE SMART, BE SAFE, BE A BEARCAT

[Hettenhausen Center for the Arts](#) **(REQUIRED)**

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

11:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. BOGEY'S BIG EVENTS 2023-24

[Hettenhausen Center for the Arts](#) **(REQUIRED)**

Get a quick overview of a variety of on campus and local events and activities planned for the academic year!

11:45 A.M. – 1:15 P.M. LUNCH AND FREE TIME

[Ames Dining Hall](#)

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. – 3:45 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. Group meetings and Policy Discussion will immediately follow Sex Signals.**

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. MENTAL HEALTH INFO AND THERAPY DOG SOCIAL

[Quad Area](#) **(OPTIONAL)**

Receive resources and meet members of McKendree's Health and Counseling Services! Need a relaxing moment? Stop by to interact with one of the visiting therapy dogs! ***Rain location TBA.** Event is also available Friday!

5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. FREE TIME AND STUDENT DINNER

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7:45 P.M. – 9:15 P.M. PLAYFAIR **(COMMUTER STUDENTS OPTIONAL)**

[Statham Gymnasium at MPCC](#)

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!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

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8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. CLASS OF 2027 PHOTO
Leemon Field (Required)

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 the sometimes-difficult terrain of multicultural campus relationships. During talk-backs, students can confront the characters and voice their own opinions on issues of *race, sex, sexual orientation, and gender.*

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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! Winners revealed at the end of the Christopher Carter show tonight! **Prizes: (4) \$25 Gift Cards, (1) Bearcat SuperFan Prize Pack, (1) 1828 Café Drink, 2 Hett Event Tickets (best seats)**

*Miss a session? Contact information for facilitators will be available at www.mckendree.edu/orientation on Monday, August 21.

Get PAID: Work Study/Career Services (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)
PAC Room 214

– 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.

Get INVESTED: Community Service, 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! – Student Organizations (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)
PAC Room 115

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!

Get PREPARED: (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)
PAC Room 215

Meet the SAMs and the Student Success Center Staff! The mission of the Student Success and Advising Center is to support a successful transition for undergraduate students into the intellectual, social, and cultural community of McKendree University.

Get Engaged! – Student Government Association (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)
VOS Room 129

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.

Get Invested! - Diversity and Inclusion (1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm)
PAC Room 222

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)
VOS Room 123

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 PM. – 5:15 PM. GTC DRAMATIC DIALOGUES: THE SEX+DRUGS SHOW
Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (REQUIRED)

Presented by GTC Dramatic Dialogues, The Sex+Drugs Show is a multi-issue program that covers the basics of substance abuse, sexual communication, and sexual assault. During this interactive program, students will have the opportunity to discuss types of drinking behavior, the effect of substance abuse on academic performance, what happens when alcohol and sexual communication collide, as well as the difficult subject of sexual assault.

5:15 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. STUDENT DINNER AND FREE TIME
Ames Dining Hall

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7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. MENTALIST, CHRISTOPHER CARTER (REQUIRED)
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.

9:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M. EVENING PROGRAMMING (OPTIONAL)
Various evening events and opportunities for students to socialize.

- Ice Cream Truck in the Quad
- Games at MPCC/IM Gym: Basketball, Dodgeball, Bags Tournament, others
- Karaoke Night in The Quad or Ames Dining Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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**8:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: INTO THE STREETS
(REQUIRED)**

[\(Various Locations\)](#)

- Students will meet at The Hettenhausen Center for the Arts at 8:45am and depart following.
- 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.

12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. STUDENT LUNCH AND FREE TIME

[Ames Dining Hall](#)

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2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Supplies and Shopping Event

[Target – O’Fallon/Shiloh, IL](#)

- Bus will leave Circle Drive at The Hett at 2:30pm
- Bus will leave Target at 4:30pm

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. BEARCAT BOULEVARD SOCIAL

[Parking Lot Area](#)

New Student Orientation and the Department of Athletics invite you to a pre-scrimmage picnic and social! Grab a snack at the food truck and participate in a variety of fun contests, and activities! Following the social, stop by Leemon Field for a McKendree Bearcat Football scrimmage or visit Statham Gymnasium at MPCC for a Bearcat Women’s Volleyball scrimmage!

6:30 P.M. – 8:30PM McKendree Scrimmages: Football/Volleyball

[Leemon Field, MPCC](#)

Come watch pre-season scrimmages of the McKendree Bearcat Women’s Volleyball team and Bearcat Football team! Get insights on their upcoming seasons and cheer on the ‘Cats!

8:45 P.M. – 10:45 P.M. EVENING PROGRAMMING: Paint U Dance Party

[Lair Pit Area \(If Available\)](#)

The Paint U Dance Party event returns to campus with a live DJ, dancing, and neon-colored fun! We recommend wearing clothes you don't mind getting wet from our biodegradable and water-soluble paint.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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10 A.M. – TBA 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](#)

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. CLASSROOM TOURS (OPTIONAL)

Various locations

Meet an Orientation Group Leader for a walking tour around campus to find various class locations.
