

2022 Welcome Weekend Schedule

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

Welcome to Anderson University! We're so excited for you to join our Raven family. As you move to campus and settle in before the start of classes, we've scheduled some activities to help you get acquainted with campus and learn more about what it means to be a student here at AU.

All incoming freshmen, regardless of whether they are living on campus or commuting, are required to be a part of Welcome Weekend activities, serving as the official start of the year for incoming first-year students. Please make arrangements now for work, family outings, etc. If unable to attend any part of the weekend due to extenuating circumstances (e.g., family wedding, family emergency, etc.), let your resident assistant (RA) and peer mentor know during move-in day.

For our commuters, we will provide meals from Thursday evening through Sunday brunch for those who don't have a meal plan (a temporary meal card will be provided during the Commuter Gathering on Thursday). During the weekend you'll have access to the designated commuter space in the library to leave your personal items if you choose and rest during free time.

Transfer students who have 23 or fewer credit hours of post-high school, face-to-face coursework from a regionally accredited traditional college campus will also be required to participate in Welcome Weekend activities. Those transfer students who have 24 or more post-high school credit hours will have the option to "opt-in" to Welcome Weekend activities. We strongly encourage all undergraduate transfer students to be a part of the Welcome Weekend activities! Opt-in [here](#).

Early Move-Ins

Monday, August 8th	All Football Move-In
Wednesday, August 17th	Men's Soccer, All Women's Soccer
Thursday, August 18th	Men's Soccer, All Volleyball
Thursday, August 18th	Dance
Saturday, August 20th	Men and Women's Cross Country, Women's Golf, Women's Tennis
Monday, August 21st	Music

*Specific communication regarding times and move-in locations will be sent via coaches and group leads

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** **International Student Arrival Window**
- 2 p.m.** **Airport Shuttle Departure**
- 3:30 p.m.** **International Student Move-In**
- 6 p.m.** **International Student Dinner**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH

- 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** **First-Year Student Move-In**
In late July/early August, students will sign up for a designated time to move on August 25 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Please do not arrive prior to 9am. We strongly encourage all students and families to arrive during this window. However, if you're unable to, please let the admissions team know ahead of time. If you arrive after 12, you'll go straight to your residence hall to check-in. While there is no limit to the amount of family who can come help a student move-in, we just ask you to be mindful of space. We will have move-in volunteers to help take luggage and items from cars to students' rooms. More specific details will come in an upcoming following email.
- 9-10 a.m.** **Alpha-designated students, 1st Generation students, 21 Century Scholars**
- 10-11 a.m.** **Honors students, General student move-in**
- 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** **General student move-in**
- **Honors Program Schedule**
 - **10-11 a.m.** Honors Students Move-In
 - **1-2:30 p.m.** Honors Orientation
 - **Alpha Program Schedule**
(contact Dianna Stankiewicz at djstankiewicz@anderson.edu for more details)
 - **9 a.m.** Alpha Students Move-In
 - **11-11:50 a.m.** Alpha Program lunch
 - **12-2 p.m.** Alpha Program Orientation
 - **2 p.m.** EQ Assessment
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** **International Student Orientation**
Led by Center for Intercultural Engagement Office
- 12-1 p.m.** **First Generation/21st Century Celebration Luncheon**
- 12-4 p.m.** **Down Time**
We intentionally created space in our day for students and families to rest, run to the store, pick up student IDs/parking passes, and spend some quality time together. For those not involved in specific programming, lunch is not provided (but dinner will be), so feel free to enjoy one of our several local restaurants!

- 1-2:30 p.m. Honors Students Orientation (Decker 133)**
- 2:45-3 p.m. Commuter Gathering Check-In (Library Atrium)**
- 3-3:45 p.m. Commuter Gathering (Library Atrium)**
This is a **required** session for commuters and their families to learn more about commuting to campus, best practices, our new commuter lounge, and to go through the Welcome Weekend schedule. **Commuters are expected to participate in all Welcome Weekend activities** and will receive their weekend meal cards during this gathering.
- 4-4:45 p.m. Family Member Gathering (Reardon Auditorium)**
This is a brief gathering and celebration for family members of new students! Hear from President John Pistole and other Center for Student Life staff. There will be an opportunity to receive information about important AU resources, events, etc.
- 4:30-6:15 p.m. Picnic in the Valley**
A time for new students and their families, faculty, and staff to share a meal together in our beautiful AU Valley.
- 6:15-6:40 p.m. Walk to the Rock**
Each year, incoming freshmen gather and trek across campus to place their hands on a large rock — Pioneer Rock, as it's called here. The large rock serves as a physical reminder that the AU grounds were dedicated to God over a century ago.
- 6:45-7:45 p.m. President's New Student Ceremony (Reardon Auditorium)**
The President's New Student Ceremony serves as the official introduction to the academic life and traditions at Anderson University for students and families. The program features a variety of individuals including our president, dean of students, campus pastor, student body president, and many others.
- 7:45-8 p.m. Final Goodbyes (Reardon Auditorium)**
The "final goodbye" for students and their families.
- 8-8:15 p.m. All Student Gathering (Reardon Auditorium)**
- 8:20-8:55 p.m. Connect Group Gathering (Various Classrooms)**
Students will meet and gather with their First-Year Connect Groups. These gatherings will be facilitated by connect group leaders and peer mentors.
- 9-9:45 p.m. Individual Residence Hall Gatherings**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH

- 7:30-8:50 a.m. Breakfast with Connect Groups (Marketplace)**
- 9-10:45 a.m. Raven Life 101 (Location TBD)**
A great session for students filled with a variety of great information and a fun surprise.
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. SWAGG: "Skills We All Gotta Get" (Location TBD)**
A fun and engaging session on interpersonal skills needed to navigate life and college created and led by our Department of Psychology.

- 12-1:20 p.m. Lunch/Free Time**
- 1:30-2:20 p.m. First-Year Seminar (LART 1050)/Honors Gathering (Various Classrooms)**
This is the first official class of the semester. Led by their connect group leaders and peer mentors, students will learn more about the overall first-year experience and receive important "Day 1" information for navigating the academic landscape.
- 2:10-3 p.m. Break**
- 3-3:45 p.m. Departmental Gatherings (Various Locations)**
A special time, led by our academic departments, for students and faculty to meet, get to know each other, and develop relationships with other students within their academic interest area.
- 3:45-7:45 p.m. Rest & Dinner**
- 8-9:30 p.m. 3rd Annual Raven Rumble**
Shhh.... It's a surprise! But don't worry, incoming students won't be disappointed.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

- 7:30-8:50 a.m. Breakfast with Connect Groups (Marketplace)**
- 9-9:50 a.m. First Year Chapel (Reardon)**
Experience chapel before the school year begins! Meet your campus pastor and director of spiritual formation, Josh Tandy and Becca Palmer.
- 9:50-10:30 a.m. Search Your Schedule**
A designated time for students to "walk their schedule" before the school year starts, as well as visit some favorite spots on campus.
- 10:35-11:30 a.m. Thank You Letter Writing (Various Classrooms)**
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch**
- 12:30-12:45 p.m. Service Project Check-in/Transportation**
- 12:45-2:45 p.m. Service Project: Mounds State Park with Community Builders**
It's a long-standing tradition at AU to start off the year by serving. This year we're partnering Mounds State Park for a revitalization project, in partnership with AU's campus ministry, Community Builders.
- 2:45-4:45 p.m. Rest & Free Time**
- 4:45-5:30 p.m. Optional: "Gimme the Tea" - Student Only Panel**
The adults are officially out of the room! This time is created for students, by students. Students will have the chance to ask whatever questions they want to our student leaders on campus.

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner (Marketplace)

7-9 p.m.

The Haven Hangout! (The Haven)

We're bringing the party to The Haven (the bottom floor of Olt Student Center). There will be music, games, karaoke, and more!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sunday Service (Off Campus)

Time for students to attend a local church. Students are encouraged to carpool with other students in their residence hall.

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Brunch at the Marketplace

10:30-11:30 a.m.

International Student Brunch

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Connect Group Leader "Home" Visits

An opportunity for connect group leaders to host an informal hangout in their home or designated space.

Have a great start to the semester!