

Move-In, Wildcat Welcome, and Parent and Family Orientation

August 23 | Final Details

Northwestern

Agenda

- **Move-In**
- **Wildcat Welcome**
- **Parent & Family Orientation**
- **Q & A**
- **Wrap Up**



Move-in Process

Early Arrivals



Must be approved and begin September 9th



Arrive any time 24/7 and in almost all cases move to their Fall Quarter assignment



\$50 per night if submitted by 8/21; \$100 per night if after 8/21. Does not include meals.



Students check in using link provided in email on their arrival date

Stop by your Area Desk if you need a Wildcard, to check out a moving cart, or for general questions

No move-in assistance is available for early arrivals

Move-In Process: September 15



Print the move-in permit and place on your dashboard (if you are driving)



Complete the Self-Check In Form (the link will be emailed to you on the morning of September 15 or use the QR code on your permit)



Arrive to your designated unloading zone at the time on the move-in permit (if driving) or go straight to your building if not in a vehicle

Do not drive to your building - use the address provided for the unloading zone on the move-in permit and on the move-in website

Unloading Zones: September 15



UNDERGRADUATE UNLOADING ZONES FOR NEW STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 | Head to these unloading zones for your 25-minute move-in appointment.

RESIDENCE HALL/ RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE	UNLOADING ZONE	ADDRESS FOR GPS	NOTES
584 Lincoln	Patten	2343 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201	Look for a purple sign reading Northwestern Entrance N
626 Emerson	University Place	700 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208	Unload from the parking spaces or along the curb near your building
630 Emerson	University Place	700 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208	Unload from the parking spaces or along the curb near your building
636 Emerson	University Place	700 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208	Unload from the parking spaces or along the curb near your building

Move-In Day Directions

Directions from Northwestern's South Campus to Ryan Field

Ryan Field West Lot Parking
2742 Ashland Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

Only park in the north end of the lot in areas designed for visitors

Scan the QR code for directions



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What Move In Looks Like



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Complete the self-check in



TAP
CARD



WAIT
45 SECS



TAP
AGAIN

Parking After Unloading

- Only park in the north end of the lot in areas designed for visitors, closer to Isabella Street



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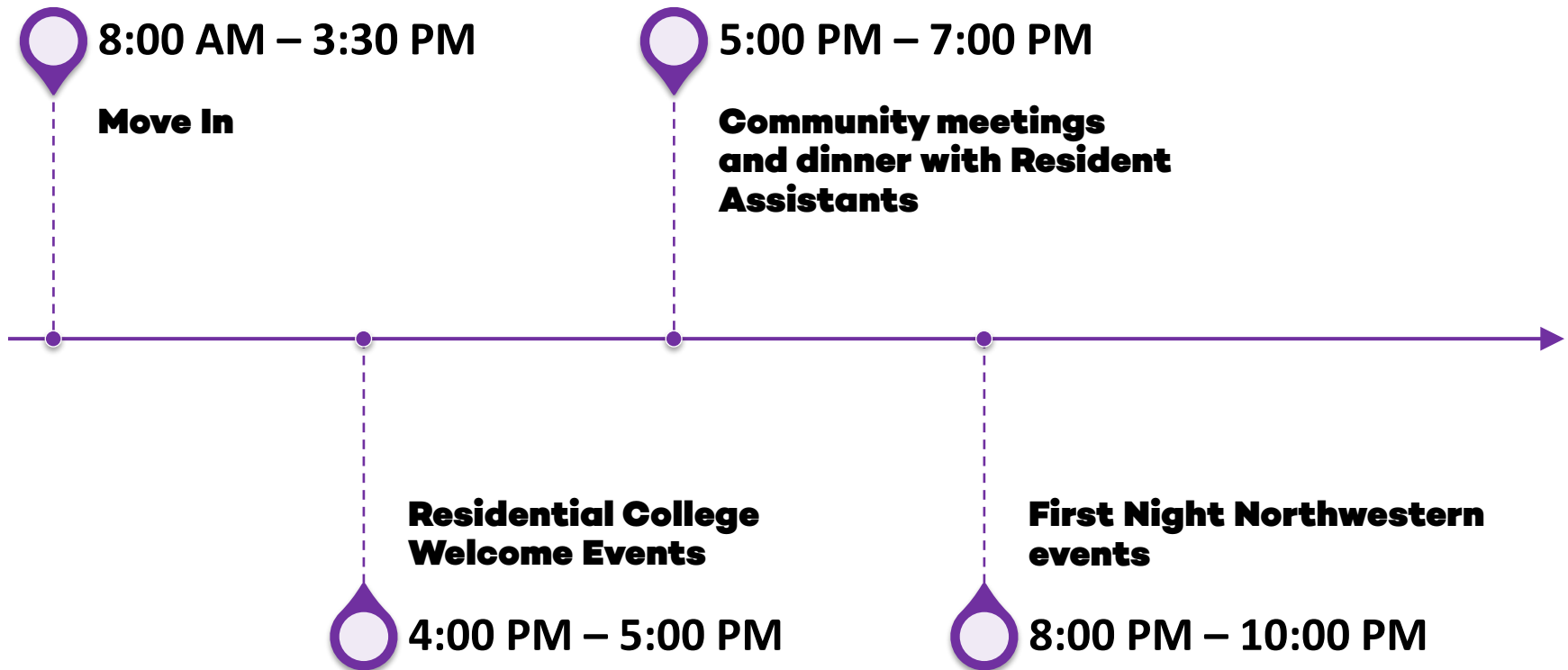
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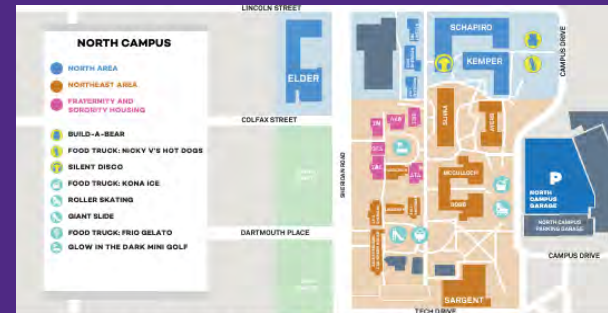
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First Day Residential Programming



First Night Northwestern

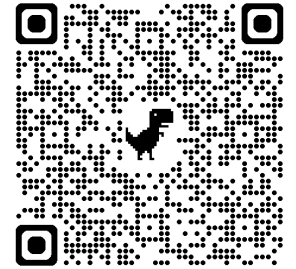


Answers to Pre-Submitted Questions

Family members and friends can assist with move in – no limits on numbers; you can come back to visit (with roommate approval)

No move-in assistance is provided outside of the 15th (moving carts are available); area desks are open 24/7 for assistance

Consider shopping in the area or ship items to arrive on or after September 1 using the address format on our website



Use the addresses provided on our website and on your unloading permit for GPS on Sep 15

Must bring items: a fan, headphones. Visit our "Things to Bring" list on the website.

Storage is not available outside of the student room; summer storage is available through a vendor

Shipping to campus – USS and Litterbox are the only NU vendors who can place items into student rooms prior to arrival

Floor plans not published due to safety and security concerns; cannot tour before move in

Halls are open for Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks, but close for Winter Break except for Continuous Housing.

Wildcat Welcome

Wildcat Welcome

- Reflect on yourself and interests within various orientation meetings
- Receive support from peer mentors:
 - Peer Adviser (PA)
 - International Peer Adviser (IPA)
 - Resident Assistant (RA)
- Build connections through Peer Adviser Group, Residential area, & Social-based programs
- Understand academic requirements through academic advising & fall quarter course registration
- Take part in campus traditions
- Learn to physically navigate campus



The First Two Days

Tuesday, September 15

All together

8am - 3:30pm: Move into campus residence

8:30am - 10:30pm: Move in Shuttles Available

10am - 6pm: Check into Wildcat Welcome Center

11am-3pm: Open Houses (Student Health, Office of Ombuds, Block Museum)

Students	Families
4 - 5pm: Residential College Welcomes	5 - 7pm: President's Reception
5 -7pm: Dinner with RA and Residential Neighbors	7:15 - 8:15pm: Dean of Student's Welcome and Panel
8 - 10pm: First Night Northwestern	8:30 - 10pm: "A Year in the Life" skits
9 - 10pm: Transfer Bonfire	

The First Two Days

Wednesday, September 16

All together

8 – 9am: Native American & Indigenous Student and Family Breakfast

Students	Families
9:15 – 9:30am: Travel with RA	9:30 – 10am: Find spot on March path
9:30 – 10 am: Meet your PA Group	10 – 11:15am: Observe March Through the Arch
10 – 11:15am: March Through the Arch	11:30 – 12:30pm: Academic Welcomes
11:15am – 1:00pm: Lunch on the Lake	12:30 – 3:00pm: Campus Tours
1:30-3:00pm Academic School Programming	1:30 – 3:30pm: Family Resource Fair
3:30-5:00pm: True Northwestern Dialogue	3:30 – 5pm : “A Year in the Life” skits
5 – 7pm: Dinner and Wellness Break	6:30-8:30pm: At Home in Evanston
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8-9:30pm: CIC Night Market	

Wildcat Welcome Schedule



- The full, official Wildcat Welcome schedule will be released by September 1st
- Schedule will be in the  Cats on Campus mobile app
- Students will learn about their specific detailed schedule, including which tracks they may be in throughout orientation week

Supporting your Student



Early stages of transition yields to quicker emotional drain

Wellness Break times listed throughout a student's schedule + an index of recommendations

Required programming does not begin before 9:00 a.m. and ends by 9 p.m.



Building social connections in the first weeks feels challenging

It takes 60 hours to move from acquaintance to casual friendship & 100 hours to call someone a friend

Help manage expectations & utilization of residential area, PA Group, & programs



Join them in navigating & discovering resources

Walk through websites together to help them continue learning how to navigate & access help

While you navigate together, ensure they take the lead to contact for support or with additional questions

Survey of New Students

- Voluntary survey: 15-20 minutes of your time
- First-year students only (not transfers)
- Your input helps shape programs, services, and support systems that impact your student experience
- Survey Topics
 - Your expectations for college
 - How you see yourself as a student
 - Your future goals
 - Admissions experience and background information

Check your email for a link! Or use this QR Code now

Questions? nu-survey@northwestern.edu



Parent & Family Orientation

Parent & Family Orientation Program

Tuesday, September 15- Wednesday, September 16



To view the program schedule and register go to bit.ly/DEMO-NU-PFO

Families should pick up their schedule booklet when their student checks in for Wildcat Welcome in Norris University Center.

Wednesday Lunch Options



Norris University Center offers several dining options on the lower level



Dining is also available on Noyes Street and in downtown Evanston –

<https://demo.downtownevanston.org/demo/eat-drink>

Helpful Resource to Prepare

- **Prep Talk**
 - **Theory of transition, common phases, challenges, worries**
- **Parent & Family Orientation Webinar Series**
 - **Recordings of all webinars with PDF of slides with clickable links**
- **Parent & Family Guide**
 - **Details about how academics work at NU, student lingo, explanation of and contact information for key offices and resources – your go-to resource while your student is at Northwestern**

Family Weekend 2026



OCTOBER 23 –
OCTOBER 25

- **Registration will open on August 31!**
Tentative program schedule will be posted online, August 27 and programming will be added throughout the Fall
- **Official programming starts at 11 am on Friday and ends around 1 pm on Sunday**



Q & A

Questions After the Webinar

Purple Prep for Class of 2030

Purple Prep for Transfer Students

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Go 'Cats!

