

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

August 24 | 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 3rd**



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



**\$50 per night if submitted by 8/22; \$100 per night if after 8/22. 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 9



**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 9 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 9



## UNDERGRADUATE UNLOADING ZONES FOR NEW STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 | Head to these unloading zones for your 25-minute move-in appointment.

RESIDENCE HALL / RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE	UNLOADING ZONE	ADDRESS FOR GPS	NOTES
584 Lincoln	Parkin Lot	2247 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201	Look for a purple sign reading Northwestern Entrance N
826 Emerson	University Place Lot	750 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208	Unload from the parking spaces or along the curb near your building
830 Emerson	University Place Lot	750 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208	Unload from the parking spaces or along the curb near your building
836 Emerson	University Place Lot	750 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208	Unload from the parking spaces or along the curb near your building
840 Emerson	University Place Lot	750 University Place, Evanston, IL 60208	Unload from the parking spaces or along the curb near your building





# What Move In Looks Like

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↑  
CAMPUS DRIVE  
UNLOADING

→  
PATTEN LOT,  
SARGENT LOT,  
SOUTH CAMPUS

←  
RYAN FIELD LOT



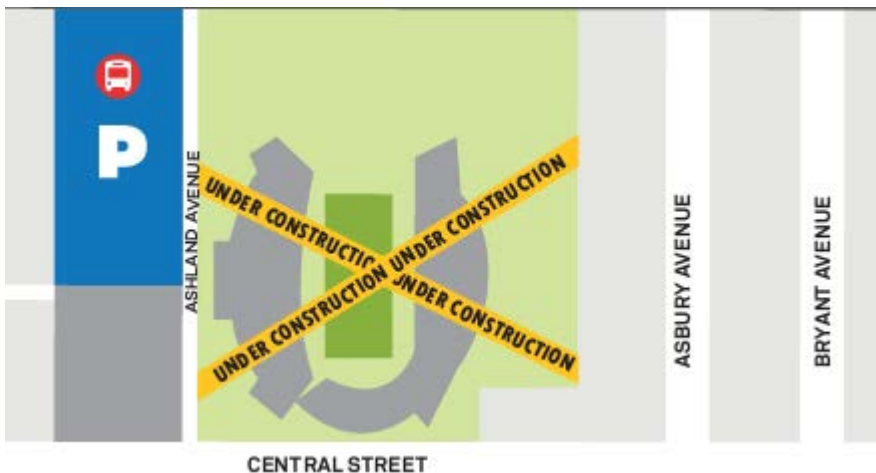
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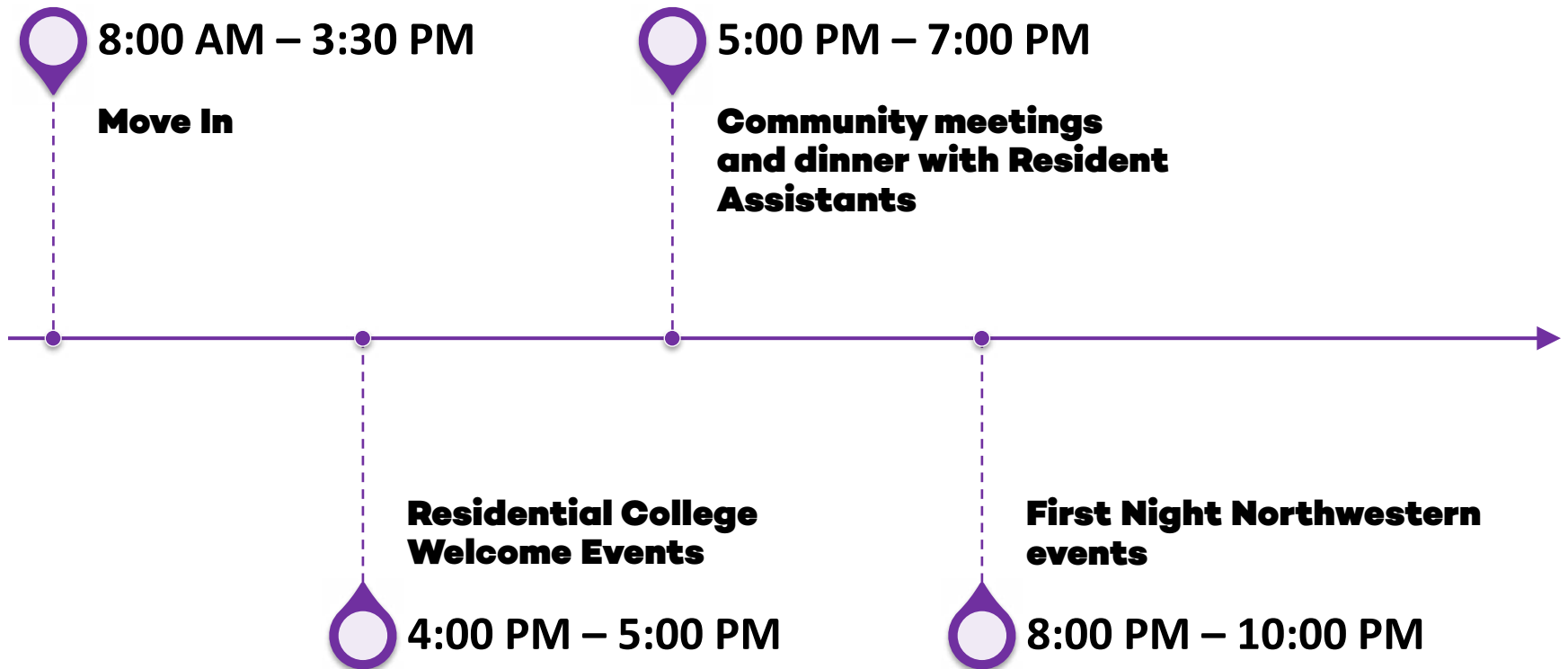


# Parking after unloading

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



# 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 9th (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 2 using the address format on our website

Use the addresses provided on our website and on your unloading permit for GPS on Sep 9

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

<https://tinyurl.com/NUNewStudentMoveIn2025>

# Wildcat Welcome



# Orientation Overview

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## Purple Prep

- **May -September 8, 2025**
- Foundational orientation tasks to mark your start as a Wildcat.
- Modality: Virtual

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## Before the Arch

- **July 8 -September 8, 2025**
- Optional opportunities to learn from current students about the emotional and social aspects of your transition
- Modality: Virtual

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## Wildcat Welcome

- **September 9-15, 2025**
- *International Students:*  
*September 7-9*
- Take part in campus traditions, build connections, learn to navigate campus, and register for fall classes.
- Modality: In-person, on-campus

# 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 9

## All together

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

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

9am - 5pm: Check into Wildcat Welcome Center

10am-3pm: Gender & Sexuality Resource Center Open House  
Multicultural Center Open House

12-3pm: Northwestern Medicine Student Health Open House

Students	Families
1 - 3:30pm: FGLI Welcome Kit Pick Up	4 - 5pm: President's Welcome
4 - 5pm: Residential College Welcomes	5 - 6:30pm: 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 10

## 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 – 3:30pm: True Northwestern Dialogue	1:30 – 3:30pm: Family Resource Fair
4 – 5pm: Academic School Programming	3:30 – 5pm : “A Year in the Life” skits
5 – 7pm: Dinner and Wellness Break	
7 – 9pm: CIC Night Market	

# Wildcat Welcome Schedule



- **The full, official Wildcat Welcome schedule will be released tomorrow (August 25) on the incoming student Canvas Course.**
- **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**

# Parent & Family Orientation

# Parent & Family Orientation Program

Tuesday, September 9- Wednesday, September 10



**To view the program schedule and register go to [bit.ly](https://bit.ly/DEMO-NU-PFO)  [NU-PFO](https://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 2025



OCTOBER 17 –  
OCTOBER 19

- **Registration is open!** [Tentative program schedule](#) is online, 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 2029**

**Purple Prep for Transfer Students**

**Student Transition Experiences**  
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**Dining**  
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# Go 'Cats!

