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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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### 2023 Fall Orientation Schedule

*For the most up-to-date Fall Orientation schedule, please download the "Guidebook" app on your smartphone and search for the "2023 Furman University Fall Orientation" guide.*

#### **Thursday, August 17**

**9:00AM-3:00PM**      **Residence Hall Move In**

*Please check-in during your assigned time. A team of housing student staff and orientation leaders will be available to assist you. Once your car is unloaded, we ask you move it from the unloading area to a designated parking lot.*

**8:00AM-6:00PM**      **Barnes & Noble Bookstore Open** (Trone Student Center)

*Stop by the bookstore to stock up on your Furman gear, get your textbooks, and grab those last-minute school supplies.*

**8:30AM-5:00PM**      **Enrollment Services Open** (First Floor, Administration Building)

*Questions about tuition, billing, financial aid, student employment, and transfer credit can be answered during this time.*

**11:00-2:00PM**      **Lunch** (Dining Hall)

*Meal plans are in effect, students can access the Dining Hall using their student ID or the GET app on their phone.*

*Parents and families are welcome to enjoy a meal for purchase in the Dining Hall (please note that we only accept credit card at this time).*

**1:00-3:00PM**      **Campus and Community Connections Fair** (Hill Courtyard & Front Patio, Trone Student Center)

*Stop by the Campus and Community Connections Fair to learn more about all various support services and resources offered by Furman and within the Upstate community.*

**1:00-5:00PM**      **IT Service Center Open** (Lower Level, Library)

*Need help configuring your computer to Furman's network? Please [schedule an appointment](#) with the IT Service Center and they will be happy to assist!*

**3:00-4:00PM**      **Commuter Student Meeting** (Thomas Room, Trone Student Center)

*All new commuting students should attend. Orientation leaders will be available to answer your questions and accompany you to the first orientation group meetings. You are also invited to join us for dinner and all meals throughout Fall Orientation!*

*A sensory room is available in the lower level of Hipp Hall, room 010. This room provides a calming environment for guests that may be feeling overwhelmed, overstimulated or just need a break. Ask an Orientation Leader or another staff member for directions. Sponsored by the Student Office for Accessibility Resources.*

**4:00-5:00PM Orientation Group Meeting (Furman Mall)**

*All new students have been assigned to an Orientation Group, which will be led by Furman Orientation Leaders. Your group number can be found on your name tag. Orientation groups will meet on the Furman Mall – just look for a sign with your group number on it! In the case of rain, groups will meet in assigned classrooms.*

**5:00-8:00PM Dinner (Dining Hall)**

*Dinner is available for students only. Students can access the Dining Hall using the GET app on their phone. Please attend dinner with your group.*

**7:00-9:00PM Trivia (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)**

*Two rounds of trivia – play on your own or in teams of up to four. Prizes for winners, as well as raffles for everyone in attendance!*

- 7:00PM – Hamilton theme
- 8:00PM – Pop Culture theme

**7:00-9:00pm S'more Fun! (Hill Courtyard, Trone Student Center)**

*Looking for something a bit more low-key? Stop by the Hill Courtyard – we'll have Nomadik Few Shaved Ice, s'mores, cornhole, and other games.*

**Friday, August 18**

**7:15AM Breakfast (Dining Hall)**

*Students can access the Dining Hall using the GET app on their phone.*

**8:00AM-6:00PM Barnes & Noble Bookstore Open (Trone Student Center)**

**8:30AM-5:00PM Enrollment Services Open (First Floor, Administration Building)**

**9:00AM-5:00PM IT Service Center Open (Lower Level, Library)**

*Please [schedule an appointment](#) with the IT Service Center in advance.*

**10:15-11:15AM Welcome to Furman! (McAlister Auditorium)**

*New students and families should attend as members of the University community welcome you to Furman and we officially start Fall Orientation. The Paladin Regiment marching band will kick things off with a concert, so feel free to head over early!*

**11:00AM-2:00PM Lunch (Dining Hall)**

*Students can access the Dining Hall using the GET app on their phone.*

*Parents and families are welcome to enjoy a meal for purchase in the Dining Hall (please note that we will only accept credit card at this time).*

**11:30AM-1:00PM First Generation Family Lunch (Hartness Pavilion)**

*First-generation students and their families are invited to attend this lunch to celebrate the start of their college career and meet faculty, staff, and administrators who were the first in their families to attend college. A short program will occur at Noon. By invitation only, please.*

**11:30AM-1:00PM Legacy Drop-In Lunch (Cherrydale Alumni House)**

*An informal lunch-break for Furman Alumni and their new student. By invitation only, please.*

***This concludes programming for parents and family members of new students. We look forward to seeing you again at [Family Weekend!](#)***

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**1:00-4:00PM Academic Advising Appointments**

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*It is extremely important that you attend this one-on-one meeting, regardless of if you need to make any adjustments to your fall schedule.*

**4:00-5:00PM Orientation Group Meeting (Furman Mall)**

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**5:00-8:00PM Dinner (Dining Hall)**

*Students can access the Dining Hall using the GET app on their phone.*

**6:00PM Men's Soccer vs. University of North Florida (Stone Soccer Stadium)**

*Students receive free admission to all regular-season, home athletic events with your Student ID. Free Furman soccer scarves will be given to new students in attendance. Go Paladins!*

**7:00-10:00PM Dins After Dark (Trone Student Center)**

*Join us for a night of fun in the Trone Student Center! Every inch of the hub for student life on campus is going to be filled with activities:*

- *Hill Atrium: Crafts, games, and other activities*
- *Front Patio: Cornhole, music, free food!*
- *Student Org Commons: Board games*
- *Room 208: Canvas Painting*

*Please note: The Student Org Commons (located on the second floor of the Trone Center, next to Burgiss Theater) will be available as a quiet space for those looking to decompress or connect in a less hectic environment.*

**8:00PM ThinkFast Gameshow (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)**

*A fast-paced, interactive trivia gameshow – cash prizes will be awarded!*

**8:00PM Movie: The Little Mermaid (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)**

**Saturday, August 19**

**9:00AM Breakfast (Dining Hall)**

*Students can access the Dining Hall using the GET app on their phone.*

**9:00-11:00AM Residence Hall Meetings and Activities**

*Your Residence Hall Staff will provide you with additional information about this meeting.*

**9:00AM-4:00PM Barnes & Noble Bookstore Open (Trone Student Center)**

**11:00AM-2:00PM Lunch (Dining Hall)**

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**12:45-5:30PM**                    **Life at Furman** (Daniel Recital Hall & McAlister Auditorium)

*Students will rotate through a series of sessions exploring issues related to community expectations, University policies, campus safety, alcohol and drug use, and sexual misconduct. Class t-shirts will be distributed at the end of this program. Please meet your Orientation Group in front of McAlister Auditorium at the time indicated below:*

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| 12:45-3:10PM | Groups 1-11  |
| 2:00-4:20PM  | Groups 12-22 |
| 3:15-5:30PM  | Groups 23-33 |

**1:00-5:00PM**                    **IT Service Center Open** (Lower Level, Library)

Please [schedule an appointment](#) with the IT Service Center in advance.

**4:00PM**                            **Furman Fan Fest** (Wicked Weed Zone of Paladin Stadium)

*Kick off the fall athletic season with Furman Fan Fest! Live music, food trucks, and the opportunity to meet Furman Student Athletes.*

**5:00-8:00PM**                    **Dinner** (Dining Hall)

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**7:00-9:00PM**                    **REC-fest!** (Physical Activities Center)

*Learn more about Campus Recreation & Wellness, Intramurals, Club Sports, the Fitness Center, and more! Take a sample fitness class, try out the cardio machines, or team up with some of your hall-mates for a game of basketball. Furman ID required for admittance.*

**8:00PM**                            **Movie: Top Gun Maverick** (Burgiss Theater, Trone Student Center)

## **Sunday, August 20**

**9:00AM**                            **Breakfast** (Dining Hall)

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**9:00AM-4:00PM**                    **Barnes & Noble Bookstore Open** (Trone Student Center)

**11:00AM-2:00PM**                    **Lunch** (Dining Hall)

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**11:30-12:00PM**

*or*

**12:30-1:00PM**                    **Dining at Furman** (Hartness Pavilion)

*Still unsure about the differences between a meal swipe, meal exchange, and your food points? Hear from our Dining Services staff to learn more about your meal plan, the various dining locations on campus, and how dietary needs are accommodated. The Hartness Pavilion is located on the second floor of the Daniel Dining Hall, near Bread and Bowl.*

**1:00-5:00PM**                    **IT Service Center Open** (Lower Level, Library)

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**1:30-2:30PM**                    **Paladin Pep Rally and Class of 2027 Picture** (Timmons Arena)

*Join Furman Athletics, student-athletes, coaches, and the marching band for an exciting event that will have everyone fired up for the year! Some lucky students will walk away with official Furman Paladins gear. Following the pep rally, we will move to the Rugby Field for the Class of 2027 official class picture.*

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**3:00PM Women's Soccer vs. Georgia Southern University** (Stone Soccer Stadium)

*Free admission with your Furman ID and free Furman soccer scarves to the first 150 students.*

**2:00-6:00PM Class Tours with your FRAD**

*Join your FRAD on a tour of campus to find the locations of your classes before the first day of class. Specific times and meeting locations will be communicated to you by your FRAD.*

**5:00PM Interfaith Service** (Daniel Chapel)

*All are welcome to attend this interfaith service of welcome and worship to kick off the new year with joy, thanks, prayer, and centeredness. Hosted by the Office of Spiritual Life.*

**5:45-7:30PM Spiritual Life Fair** (Milford Mall)

*More than 15 Campus Religious Organizations will be on hand with lawn games, free swag, food truck and Kona Ice Snow Cones! Meet students and Campus Ministers from each group and sign up to get involved. Hosted by the Student Religious Council and the Office of Spiritual Life.*

**5:00-7:00PM Barnes & Noble VIP Shopping Night** (Bookstore, Trone Student Center)

*An evening of shopping for our new students only! Stop by the bookstore to stock up on your Furman gear, get your textbooks, and grab those last-minute school supplies. There will be some exclusive sales and contests just for you!*

**5:00-9:30PM Dinner** (Dining Hall)

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**6:30-7:30PM Engaged Living Kickoff** (Hartness Pavilion)

*All students participating in an Engaged Living community (Healthcare Today, Politics and the Human Soul, Greenbelt, and a Language House) are encouraged to attend this welcome event to meet your fellow community members, faculty and staff partners, and EL participants.*

**8:00PM Magician Matt the Knife** (McAlister Auditorium)

*Prepare to be amazed by magician and mentalist Matt the Knife!*

## **Monday, August 21**

**7:15AM Breakfast** (Dining Hall)

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**8:00AM-7:00PM Barnes & Noble Bookstore Open** (Trone Student Center)

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**9:00-5:00PM**                    **IT Service Center Open** (Lower Level, Library)  
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**10:15AM**                    **Gather at Paladin Stadium**  
*Members of the Class of 2027 should meet at Paladin Stadium to walk as a group to McAlister Auditorium for the Opening Convocation. You'll make this journey once more at the end of your time at Furman, as you march toward the stadium for Commencement. Don't forget to wear your class t-shirt!*

**11:00AM**                    **Opening Convocation** (McAlister Auditorium)

**12:00PM**                    **Lunch on the Mall** (Furman Mall)  
*Please Note: The DH will be closed to allow for Lunch on the Mall.*

**1:30-2:20PM**  
*or*

**2:30-3:20PM**                    **First Pathways Class Meeting**  
*Meet as a Pathways class for the first time! Get to know your Pathways Advisor, Pathways Peer Mentor, and the students who will be a part of your class community over the next two years. This first class will set the foundation for considering the importance of what you value and how that impacts your choices in college. Your Pathways Advisor will be in touch via e-mail to notify you of the class meeting time and location.*

**3:00-5:00PM**                    **Creating Connections with SDC** (Front Patio, Trone Student Center)  
*Join members of the Student Diversity Council as we kick off the school year. Learn more about the student organizations that comprise SDC, and how you can get involved. Everyone is welcome!*

**5:00-9:30PM**                    **Dinner** (Dining Hall)  
*Students can access the Dining Hall using the GET app on their phone.*

**7:00-10:00PM**                    **Orientation Carnival** (South Chapel Parking Lot)  
*Rides, inflatables, food, and fun!*

## **Tuesday, August 22**

**Fall Semester Begins!**

*Good luck on your first day of classes!*

## **Friday, August 25**

**6:00-8:00PM**                    **FU Paradise** (Furman Mall)  
*Head out to the Furman Mall for live music, food, games, and giveaways. A great way to celebrate your first week of classes! Sponsored by the Furman University Student Activities Board.*

## **Saturday, August 26**

**7:00PM**                    **Greenville Triumph Game** (Paladin Stadium)  
*Cheer on Greenville's professional soccer team – tickets are just \$5 for Furman students!*

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## **Monday, August 28**

**9:00AM-5:00PM**      **Poster Sale** (Front Patio, Trone Student Center)

*Still looking for the perfect room décor? Stop by the annual poster sale in front of the Trone Student Center. (Rain location: Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)*

## **Tuesday, August 29**

**9:00AM-5:00PM**      **Poster Sale** (Front Patio, Trone Student Center)

*Rain location: Watkins Room, Trone Student Center*

## **Wednesday, August 30**

**4:00-6:00PM**      **Student Involvement Fair** (Front Patio, Trone Student Center)

*Representatives from many of Furman's student organizations will be at the fair, a great opportunity to meet other students and learn more about how to get involved!*

**4:00-5:00PM**

*or*

**6:00-7:00PM**

*or*

**8:00-9:00PM**      **I Said – You Said** (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)

*Join the jury for "I Said – You Said," an interactive program that clarifies consent, empowers students to be active bystanders, shares cases of sexual misconduct, lets you decide who crossed the line, and shows how situations would be handled at Furman. All first-year students will attend one of three sessions with their hall.*

## **Thursday, August 31**

**4:00PM**      **Student Tailgate** (Champion's Grove, Paladin Stadium)

*FUSAB invites all students to join the Student Tailgate at Champion's Grove – live music starts at 5:00PM! Must have Student ID for admission.*

**7:00PM**      **Football vs. Tennessee Tech** (Paladin Stadium)

*Cheer on the Paladins in their first football game of the season!*

## **Monday, September 4**

*Labor Day, University Closed – no classes!*

## **Friday, September 8**

**Shucker Fellows Program application due!**

*An initiative of the Shucker Center for Leadership Development, the Shucker Fellows Program is a two-year engaged learning experience designed to help students grow the leadership skills and attitudes in demand by today's employers, feel confident in their ability to be change-makers at Furman, and cultivate relationships necessary for growth and development as emerging leaders. Applications will close today at 11:30 p.m. [Click here for more information!](#)*

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## **Sunday, September 10**

**1:00-5:00PM**                      **President's Picnic**

*Join us for an annual fall orientation favorite, hosted by the University President. You are invited to White Oaks, the President's residence, to enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and tour the historic house. Buses will pick up and drop off at McAlister Auditorium.*

## **Friday, September 15**

**5:00-7:00PM**                      **Cenar Y Celebra** (Trone Student Center Front Patio)

*Celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month with HOLA!*

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