Parent & Family Summer Orientation Schedule
TENTATIVE

Please note: Guests will be provided with a session-specific schedule upon arrival for their orientation program.

Day One
8:00-9:15am  Check In (Geer Residence Hall, South Housing)
Parking for orientation will be on Blackwell Field, located just past the Trone Student Center parking lot.

9:30-10:00am  Welcome! (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)
Parents and family members should remain seated until all students have been dismissed by group number. Once students have been dismissed, we will have a short coffee break in the Watkins Lobby, before beginning your next session.

10:00-10:15am  Coffee Break (Watkins Lobby, Trone Student Center)

10:15-10:45am  Experiencing the Furman Advantage (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)
Dr. Ken Peterson, Dean of Faculty
Ms. Connie Carson, Vice President for Student Life

10:45-11:45am  Wellness, Safety, and Substance Use (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)
Dr. Jason Cassidy, Associate Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students

12:00-1:00pm  Lunch (Daniel Dining Hall)
If you have any special dietary needs, questions about your student’s dietary needs, or any other questions about the many dining options at Furman, please don’t hesitate to ask an Orientation Staff leader or one of the Dining Services staff members.

1:00-1:45pm  Academic Success at Furman (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)
Dr. Brad Harmon, Assistant Dean for the First-Year and Second-Year Experience

1:45-2:45pm  Afternoon Break
A campus tour will be available at 2:00pm, leaving from the Information Desk in the Hill Atrium of the Trone Student Center.

The Enrollment Services Office, which houses Financial Aid and the Bursar, will be open during this time. They are located in Suite 102 of the Administration Building, near the Admission Office. Please feel free to ask an Orientation Staff Leader for assistance in finding Enrollment Services or any other office on campus!

2:45-3:45pm  The Parent Experience (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)
Hear from a panel of current Furman parents about their experiences.

3:45-4:45pm  Explore: Academic Pathways Fair (James B. Duke Library)
This is your chance to explore many of the academic opportunities and course options available to new students. Whether your student thinks they know their major or are completely undecided, take advantage of this time to speak with faculty and learn more about the many pathways Furman offers. Please refer to the insert in your folder for a list of participating departments and programs.
Evening Reception
Join Furman faculty and administrators as the day comes to a close. There will be no formal program, just an opportunity to continue meeting members of the Furman community.

This concludes the day’s sessions for parents and guests of new students. We invite you to explore the area and enjoy your evening in Greenville. There will be members of the Orientation Staff available to answer questions, provide restaurant recommendations, and let you know their favorite thing about living in Greenville! When you return in the morning, there will be signs to direct you back to Blackwell Field, where parking will be available.

Day Two
8:00-9:00am  Residence Hall Check Out
Your student will need to return his/her key and check out before attending the morning’s sessions. There will not be any storage available for personal belongings, so please plan accordingly. Please note: Any room keys lost or not returned will result in a $50 fine, lost swipe cards will be $10.

9:00am  Breakfast
Please join us for breakfast as we wrap up Summer Orientation! Breakfast will start being served at 9:00am, with our morning session beginning at 9:30am.

9:30-11:00am  Living and Engaging on Campus
Mr. Ron Thompson, Director of Housing & Residence Life
Mrs. Jessica Berkey-Barnes, Director of Student Involvement & Inclusion
Select members of the Orientation Staff

10:30am-12:00pm  Campus & Community Connections Fair (Hill Atrium & Hill Courtyard, Trone Student Center)
Representatives from various offices and departments around campus, as well as some of our favorite local businesses, will be available to answer questions and inform you about opportunities and services available to Furman students. Please refer to the insert in your folder for a list of participants.

Don’t forget to stop by the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, located on the lower level of the Trone Center, to stock up on Furman gear!