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, on the left.

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  
Academic Success at Furman (Watkins Room, Trone Student Center)  
Dr. Jeremy Cass, Associate Academic Dean  
Dr. Brad Harmon, Assistant Dean for the First-Year and Second-Year Experience

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.

1:00-2:30pm  
Living and Engaging on Campus  
Dr. Jason Cassidy, Associate Vice President of Student Life & Dean of Students  
Mr. Neil Jamerson, Assistant Vice President of Student Development  
Mr. Ron Thompson, Director of Housing & Residence Life

2:30-3:45pm  
Afternoon Break  
There are several options for you this afternoon: You can attend one of the sessions listed below or simply take a break and enjoy our beautiful campus! The Enrollment Services Office (located in Suite 102 of the Administration Building), which houses Financial Aid and the Bursar, will be open during this time. Please feel free to ask an Orientation Staff Leader for assistance in finding your way around campus.

2:45pm  
Campus Tour  
Is this your first-time visiting Furman? Join us for an abbreviated campus tour, leaving from the Information Desk in the Hill Atrium of the Trone Student Center.

2:45-3:15pm  
Supporting your First-Generation Student (Thomas Room, Trone Student Center)  
Dr. Michelle Horhota, Associate Dean of Mentoring and Advising  
Mr. Neil Jamerson, Assistant Vice President for Student Development

In higher education, students are identified as “First-Generation Students” if neither parent/guardian completed a four-year college degree. Families of first-generation students are invited to attend this session to learn ways to support their student’s successful transition to college.
3:30-4:00pm  Student Office for Accessibility Resources Information Session (Thomas Room, Trone Student Center)
Ms. Judy Bagley, Director of the Student Office for Accessibility Resources

Family members of students who received academic accommodations in high school, have a learning disability, chronic medical condition, ADHD, mental health condition, or anticipate a need for academic or housing accommodations are invited to attend this session to learn more about the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) and how to receive accommodations at Furman.

3:45-5:15pm  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.

The Academic Pathways Fair 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. 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. Please note: There will not be any storage available for personal belongings, so please plan accordingly. Any room keys lost or not returned will result in a $50 fine, lost swipe cards will be $10.

9:00am  Breakfast
Breakfast will be available at 9:00am, with our morning session beginning at 9:30am.

9:30-11:00am  Paladin Families Connect
Come join in conversation with fellow Paladin family members, Orientation Leaders, and Furman staff as we talk about your family’s upcoming transition.

11:00am-12:30pm  Campus & Community Connections Fair (Hill Atrium & Lower Level Lobby, 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.

We hope you enjoyed your Summer Orientation experience!

You will receive an evaluation later today via email, please take a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback is crucial to the continued improvement of our orientation programs.

We look forward to seeing you back on campus this fall!