

# Preparing for Your Arrival

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Dear Newest Members of the Notre Dame Family,

We hope the summer is going well for you and your family! Here on campus, we continue to prepare for your arrival with great anticipation and excitement. We write today to share additional details about Welcome Weekend and pre-arrival tasks.

## Welcome Weekend

As you may recall, Welcome Weekend is required for all new students and takes place in the days immediately preceding the start of classes. These days consist of moving into your new residence, meeting your hall staff and fellow hallmates, connecting with faculty and staff from all corners of campus, accessing academic, spiritual, and wellness resources, and honoring this significant time of transition for you and your family.

## Welcome Weekend Schedule

Key dates for Welcome Weekend 2026 are listed below:

- **Thursday, August 20, 2026:** Welcome Weekend programming for new undergraduate transfer students and families begins
- **Friday, August 21, 2026:** Welcome Weekend programming for new undergraduate first-year students and families begins
- **Saturday, August 22, 2026:** Welcome Weekend programming for all families concludes in the evening
- **Sunday, August 23, 2026:** Welcome Weekend programming for all new students concludes in the evening
- **Monday, August 24, 2026:** Undergraduate classes for the Fall 2026 semester begin

[International Student Orientation](#) for incoming F-1 and J-1 international students will be held on Thursday, August 20, and will lead directly into Welcome Weekend activities starting Friday.

Our Welcome Weekend website will always be the most up-do-date source for additional information as August approaches. Major Welcome Weekend events are **now viewable**

on [our website](#), and more will be added over the coming weeks. Rest assured that you and your family will also receive a downloadable, detailed schedule of events in **late July** via email. We look forward to sharing further details with you throughout the summer!

## Accessibility and Support

Notre Dame is committed to providing full access to all Welcome Weekend programs and services. If you or a family member has a disability and will need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the Welcome Weekend events, please feel welcome to contact our team at [welcome@nd.edu](mailto:welcome@nd.edu) as soon as possible.

We also encourage eligible students to explore the [Office of Student Enrichment](#), which supports students with limited income by providing resources such as move-in assistance, Welcome Weekend travel & lodging support for loved ones, football tickets, laptop repair, and more. The [application](#) opens in early July and eligibility is determined by the Office of Financial Aid.

If you will be unaccompanied by a parent or family member when you arrive on campus in August for Welcome Weekend 2026, please let us know by completing [this form](#) as soon as possible.

## Summer Communication

The Welcome Weekend team will continue to communicate with you via your Notre Dame Gmail account. To review past communication from our team, please visit [our website](#). You will also continue to receive messages throughout the summer from our campus partners: the many departments, centers, institutes, and offices that are here to support your holistic formation here at Notre Dame. A few upcoming communications of note are included below for your reference.

## Academic Advising

As registration approaches in July, academic advisors will continue to guide incoming first-year students. Transfer students will also receive information in preparation for registration from their respective colleges and schools.

## Office of Residential Life

First-year students who applied for on-campus housing by June 25 can expect to receive residence hall assignments on July 2. Transfer students can expect to receive assignment information on July 17.

## First Lecture Series

The First Lecture series is a cherished part of the Saturday of Welcome Weekend. First-year students are invited to join some of Notre Dame's most dynamic faculty to consider

how the question “What would you fight for?” is uniquely taken up by members of our scholarly community. First-year students will have the opportunity to register for a First Lecture on July 21. The invitation to register will be sent to your Notre Dame Gmail account. Please note that this event is required for all first-year students.

## Pre-Arrival Tasks

As a reminder, the [Pre-Arrival page](#) on our Welcome Weekend website outlines required academic and student-life tasks to complete before you arrive. On this page, you will find pre-arrival resources for both first-year and transfer students. We encourage you to continue to be mindful of these important dates and deadlines as the summer unfolds.

You and your family remain close to our hearts, and we are eagerly counting the days until your arrival. If any questions should arise as you continue to prepare for this next step, please feel free to contact Madeline Infantine, Program Manager for Strategic Initiatives in the Division of Student Affairs, at [welcome@nd.edu](mailto:welcome@nd.edu).

Sincerely,  
The Welcome Weekend Team



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