

MENLO COLLEGE 2011 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE.

GET READY FOR SOME FUN!

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Monday, August 15

9am-2pm **Residential students** check –in
 Move into Residential Facilities at Menlo College

Noon **Lunch**

2-5pm International Student Orientation

5-6pm **Dinner**

6-7:30pm **Parent Session – how to navigate college life!**

6-7:30pm **Residential Students Orientation**

8pm **Resident Activity**

Tuesday, August 16

10am-Noon **Resident student Activity** 11am-Noon **Non-Residential students Check-in**

Noon-1pm **Lunch**

1-2:15pm **All Students & Parents will have a chance to hear from faculty**

2:30 -4:15pm **Academic Success** presentation for incoming class

2:30-4:15 **Parents hear from 1st year Faculty**

4:30pm Official welcome and dinner on the Quad, graciously sponsored by Citi.

7:30pm **Parents will be expected to say goodbye after dinner**

8pm **Student Leader Welcome followed by Dodge ball**

Wednesday, August 17

10am-1pm **Brunch and Campus Services Faire**

1-4pm **Library Research Skills Tutorial and Career Link Advising**

1-3pm Women’s Volley Ball Scrimmage

2-5pm **Placement Testing Available**

4pm **Women’s Soccer Game**

5pm **Dinner**

6-7:30pm **Meet your group leader for retreat information + activities!**



Our Orientation activities will include a mandatory overnight retreat for all incoming new students. Our Outbound Orientation Retreat will focus on team and community building opportunities in a relaxed setting, which allows students an opportunity to meet future colleagues, staff and advisors. The retreat will be a full schedule of activities at **Walker Creek Ranch** a beautiful idyllic location in **Petaluma, California**, about 75 miles from campus.

Thursday, August 18

7-8am **Breakfast**

9:00 am **Load buses - need sleeping bag or blankets, toiletries, change of clothes, swimming suit, sun-screen and towel**

11am **Arrive Walker Creek Ranch – all meals and activities planned**

Friday, August 19

8am-3pm **@ Walker Creek Ranch**

6pm-Midnight **Dinner and Fun @ Menlo**

Saturday, August 20

10am Brunch
2-5pm Target trips
5pm Dinner
7pm Exploration Activities

Sunday, August 21 – continuing students move in

10am-1pm Advising
1-5pm Scavenger Hunt
8pm Hypnotist

Monday, August 22 First Day of Classes Welcome Week of Activities TBA

Wednesday, August 24 –Vendor Fair **Friday, August 26** –Welcome Dance **Saturday, August 27** -1st Football Game

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RETREAT

HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING ORIENTATION?

Through the faculty, staff and student leaders you will meet all of the other new students attending Menlo for the first time, as well as transfers, learn how to capitalize on the Menlo Advantage and have fun with approximately 35 of our awesome continuing Student Leaders!

WHAT IS THE RETREAT SITE LIKE?

Walker Creek Ranch is a secluded, retreat spot located in West Marin County, north of San Francisco. It has a wonderful diverse habitat and an abundance of wildlife. We will sleep in cabins with bunk beds and there are centrally located bathhouses. Additionally due to the rolling hills and location cell phones do not work at the ranch. However, there are 2 pay phones available. For more information check out their website at <http://www.walkercreekranch.org/>

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM LATE FOR THE BUS?

You will miss the retreat and be charged \$150! We load the bus at 9:00am on Thursday morning and we will not wait for late arrivals.

CAN I SMOKE CIGARETTES?

Smoking is only allowed outside in designated areas: never inside any buildings.

WHAT DOES MENLO PROVIDE?

Menlo pays for transportation, food, lodging and naturalists to escort us on hikes, challenge courses, canoeing and swimming at the retreat site. Additionally the Resident Assistants and Student Government members will be team leaders to assist you through activities with Staff and Faculty Resident Fellows, intended to create community involvement.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO THE RETREAT?

Bring your soap, toothbrush/paste, towel, sunscreen, and swimming suit, walking shoes, a pillow, blanket or SLEEPING BAG. Dress is practical and casual; be prepared for cool weather at night and hot weather at day. Musical instruments, a camera, music CD's are optional. PETS, ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE?

The food at Walker Creek Ranch is much like it is at Menlo. Fresh, organic or regionally grown produce and delicious home-made meals will be served. Vegetarian meals will be available and any items containing pork will be marked.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE AN EMERGENCY?

Please make sure that you have filled out your emergency contact information with Student Affairs. We also need to have copies of your medical insurance on file. If you have not waived out of the school's insurance you will be added automatically.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE
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