2014 Orientation Schedule

Save the Date – Final Details Posted in July

Wednesday August 13
New International students check-in and move into rooms

Thursday, August 14 – 10am-6pm
New International students' mandatory information sessions

Friday August 15
8am  
Domestic Residential students check-in
Move into Residential Facilities at Menlo College
11:30am-1pm  
Non-Residential students Check-In
11:30am-1pm  
Lunch for parents and new students
1:00 pm  
Student Leaders Welcome Students & Families
1:30-4pm  
Students in groups for orientation to various services offered
1:30-3pm  
Parent Session – how to navigate college life!
4:30-6pm  
BBQ Dinner for parents and new students
6pm  
Non Residential student session
6pm  
Resident Student Session
7:30pm  
Student Activity

Saturday August 16
9am  
Official Welcome and signing of the class banner
10:30am  
Student w/ First Year Advisors
10:30am  
Parent Session w/ Faculty
12:30pm  
Lunch and football game for students and families
2pm  
Parents plan to say goodbye
2-5pm  
Finish up school business: Registration/Placement tests/
Tours of Menlo Park/Target Runs offered
5pm  
Dinner for new students
6pm  
Meet your group leader for retreat information + activities!

Sunday August 17
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
Noon  
Lunch
1-4pm  
Group Activities
6pm  
Dinner
7:30-9:30pm  
Group Activities
9:30pm  
Campfire Activities/comedian

Monday August 18
8am-1pm  
@ Walker Creek Ranch
1pm  
Leave WCR
5pm-Midnight  
Dinner and Fun @ Menlo

Tuesday August 19 – continuing students move in
8am  
Breakfast
11:30am-1:30pm  
Lunch
1-3pm  
What is expected of you in the First Year Experience Class
4-5pm  
How to get a job on campus?
5:30-7:30pm  
Dinner for all students in class standings – Dining Room /Quad
8pm  
MCSGA Activity Game Show – Florence Moore Auditorium

Wednesday August 20
First Day of Classes  
Welcome Week of Activities TBA
All Incoming Freshmen are required to attend the following presentations with their First Year Experience Class: Mandatory presentation for Incoming Students - Shot of Reality; You can’t Thread A Moving Needle

Our Orientation to Menlo includes an overnight retreat for all incoming students!

That’s right! We take you away when your get to Menlo for a fun overnight trip! Our retreat site, Walker Creek Ranch, is a secluded, retreat spot located in West Marin County, north of San Francisco and just 75 miles from Menlo College. It has a wonderful diverse habitat and an abundance of wildlife. The retreat includes transportation, food, lodging and naturalists to escort us on hikes, challenge courses, canoeing and swimming.

Our goal is for you to meet as many students as possible that you may not have an opportunity to meet outside of your team sport, housing facility or class schedules. Along with the faculty, staff and 25 of our awesome continuing Student Leaders, you will interact with all of the other incoming students attending Menlo for the first time, learn how to capitalize on your college experience and have fun.

The food at Walker Creek Ranch is much like it is at Menlo. Fresh, organic or regionally grown produce and delicious home-made meals are served. Vegetarian meals are available. If you have any food allergies please notify Student Affairs at 650-543-3779 by August 8, 2014, so that we can make plans to accommodate you.

This is a college sponsored event and we will require that all paperwork for your emergency contact information is left with Student Affairs. We must have copies of your medical insurance on file. If you have not waived out of the school’s insurance you will be automatically added.

So get ready for some fun!! Bring your soap, toothbrush/paste, towel, sunscreen, and swimming suit, walking shoes, a pillow, blanket or SLEEPING BAG. We will sleep in cabins with bunk beds and there are centrally located bathhouses. We load the buses at 9:00am on Sunday, August 17 and we will not wait for late arrivals. If you miss the retreat you will be charged $150 for expenses incurred. There is no cost for attendees.

Dress is practical and casual; be prepared for cool weather at night and hot weather at day. Musical instruments, a camera or music CD’s are optional. PETS, ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. Smoking is only allowed outside in designated areas: never inside any buildings. 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/

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE AT 650-543-3779