



# LUMBERJACK ORIENTATION 2024 SCHEDULE

## DAY ONE — START HERE!

Please note: Student attendance is required at all Orientation sessions from 1 p.m. through the end of the day.

- ID cards can be made Thursday or Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Graphic Shop.

8 a.m.	Testing Services Rusk Building, Room 328	<b>TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE ASSESSMENT TEST</b> If you were notified to take the TSI assessment, you will have the opportunity to do so before student check-in begins. If you cannot attend the 8 a.m. testing time, you will have until 1 p.m. to be a walk-in. After that time, call (936) 468-3958 for availability.
10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Baker Pattillo Student Center First Floor	<b>CHECK-IN</b> Receive your Lumberjack Orientation materials, room assignment and additional details.

If you have a **BLUE** sticker on the outside of your folder, please see the TSI table. If you have a **GREEN** sticker on your folder, please see the Residence Life information table.

*Note: Lunch is not provided. We encourage you to visit one of the student center eateries.*

1 to 2 p.m.	Student Center Grand Ballroom	<b>UNIVERSITY WELCOME</b> Special activities and various academic programs will be highlighted, and Orientation leaders will be introduced.
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2 to 4 p.m.	Various Campus Locations  <i>See chart below</i>	<b>MEET YOUR ACADEMIC COLLEGE</b> Orientation staff members will introduce representatives from respective academic colleges to provide information about advising, college-specific programs, degree maps, etc.
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COLLEGE	DEAN	LOCATION
Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture	Dr. Hans Williams	Forestry Building, Room 117
College of Liberal and Applied Arts	Dr. Dustin Knepp	Dugas Liberal Arts North, Room 142
College of Sciences and Mathematics	Dr. Kimberly Childs	Cole STEM Building, Atrium
James I. Perkins College of Education	Dr. Judy Abbott	Student Center Twilight Ballroom
Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts	Dr. Gary Wurtz	Student Center Theater, Room 2.101
Nelson Rusche College of Business	Dr. Timothy Bisping	McGee Business Building, Room 133
Undecided Majors/Exploratory	Raquel Skidmore <i>Director of Student Success Center</i>	Steen Library, Wyatt Room

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS I AND II

Choose one breakout session for each time slot listed below.

I - 4 to 4:20 p.m.      II - 4:30 to 4:50 p.m.

**Student Center  
Regents' Suite B,  
Second Floor**

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LUMBERJACK LIVING ON CAMPUS**

Many aspects of living on campus will be discussed, including Residence Life, dining, safety, hall staff member roles and what it is like to live in a community on campus.

**Student Center  
Grand Ballroom**

## **CAMPUS RECREATION**

Unlock a world of wellness at the Student Recreation Center! Compete for Intramural Sports glory, conquer our climbing wall and bond in GroupAxe classes. Relax by the outdoor pool and explore job opportunities – we're a top employer on campus! Join Campus Rec now!

**Student Center,  
Multimedia Room 2.106**

## **DISABILITY SERVICES**

Information will be provided on services available to students with accessibility needs and how they may apply for accommodations.

**Steen Library,  
Room 103**

## **EXPLORING STUDY ABROAD AT SFA**

How can you study abroad at SFA? Visit with representatives from the Office of International Programs to learn about your options, scholarships, financial aid and to dispel some common misconceptions surrounding studying abroad.

**Student Center  
First-Floor Atrium**

## **FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

Information will be presented on the many organizations designed to meet the spiritual needs of the campus community.

**Student Center  
Theater, Room 2.101**

## **FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE 101**

SFA is home to many different inter/national fraternities and sororities that span four different councils. This session will cover everything you need to know about SFA's Greek community, such as joining a chapter, how much it costs, requirements of membership, and current chapter standings.

**Student Center  
Third-Floor Commons,  
Room 3.201**

## **#JACKSGETINVOLVED**

Learn about the many activities, programs and traditions offered by the Office of Student Engagement and how you can get involved on campus. Topics include Jack Camp, Student Activities Association and Student Government Association.

**Bush Mathematical  
Sciences Building,  
Room 103**

## **JACKSTEACH**

JacksTeach provides a pathway to earn a four-year bachelor's degree through SFA and complete your secondary teaching certification in science or mathematics. All majors in the College of Sciences and Mathematics are encouraged to take our two-hour introductory course to explore teaching risk-free in a supportive environment. There is also the opportunity to earn a course-completion scholarship.

**Miller Science Building,  
Room 139**

## **JOINT ADMISSION MEDICAL PROGRAM - 4:30 TO 4:50 P.M. ONLY**

The state of Texas provides money for undergraduate students with a desire to attend medical school after college graduation, regardless of major. The program includes tutorial and mentoring assistance. Pell-Grant-eligible students are highly encouraged to attend.

**Student Center,  
Room 3.100**

### **ROTC**

Participants can visit with staff members from SFA's Department of Military Science about leadership and scholarship opportunities.

**Student Center  
Tiered Classroom,  
Room 2.201**

### **STARTING YOUR JOURNEY STRONG: ASPIRE AND AXCEL PROGRAMS**

Discover how the Aspire summer bridge program fosters an intercultural, small-group experience for a smooth transition to university life, and explore AXcel's yearlong mentoring and leadership opportunities. Learn how both can empower you to thrive academically and socially at SFA.

**Steen Library,  
Wyatt Room**

### **STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

Information will be provided about SFA's first-year student success course the "New-Lumberjack Experience," peer mentoring, Generation Jacks, TSI assistance, and academic advising for undecided/exploring students.

**Student Center  
President's Suite,  
Second Floor**

### **STUDENT WELL-BEING: HEALTH AND WELLNESS HUB**

Academic success depends on a student's ability to look forward to achievements and confidently navigate challenges during their college years. To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person — mind, body and spirit. Representatives will tell you about the services available to SFA students and answer questions.

**Student Center Veterans  
Resource Center, Room  
1.102**

### **VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER**

The Veterans Resource Center is a one-stop shop for military-connected students to be certified with Veterans Affairs. They can also gather, socialize and form relationships with other military-connected students to provide networks of support that lead to feelings of inclusion at SFA. The VRC is a hub for programming efforts that can include connections with faculty and staff and access to resources provided by the university and outside agencies.

**5 to 5:15 p.m.**

**Student Center  
Grand Ballroom**

### **COURSE TYPES**

Learn about the variety of course types SFA offers, including face-to-face, livestream, online and more.

**5:15 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Student Center  
Grand Ballroom**

### **CAMPUS SAFETY**

Learn about how the University Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe environment to all students, staff, faculty and guests through respectful, fair and equitable policing and community engagement.

*Greetings  
from ...*

**WEEKS OF  
WELCOME**



**AUG. 23 -  
SEPT. 7**

STUDENTS		FAMILY MEMBERS AND GUESTS	
5:30 to 6:50 p.m.	<b>LUMBERJACK LIFE AND DINNER WITH ORIENTATION LEADERS</b> Basic information about university policies, procedures and life as a Lumberjack will be discussed. Students will have the opportunity to sit and talk to Orientation leaders about the college experience while enjoying dinner.	5:30 to 5:50 p.m.	<b>COACHING YOUR STUDENT TO SUCCESS</b> Learn tips on how your student can be successful at SFA and gain insight about university life. Learn new ideas on ways you can support your student during their time at SFA.
See <b>GREEN</b> handout in folder or nametag for locations.  Your nametag will be required.		Student Center Grand Ballroom	
		5:55 to 6:50 p.m.	<b>DINNER WITH THE DEAN AND CAMPUS PARTNERS</b>
		Student Center Twilight Ballroom	

Students may order a 2024-25 Stone Fort yearbook and sign-up for Jack Camp at a table outside the Grand Ballroom before the Spirit and Traditions session.

7 to 7:40 p.m.	Student Center Grand Ballroom	<b>SPIRIT AND TRADITIONS</b> Meet with Orientation leaders and university administrators for a spirit-filled session on SFA traditions.
7:40 to 8:35 p.m.	Student Center Grand Ballroom	<b>THE GREAT ADVENTURE</b> College life is a new experience. Orientation leaders will provide information and entertainment to help you prepare for some of the tricky issues you might encounter on your way to graduation. This session promises to be both serious and fun. <i>This session covers topics such as alcohol use, sexual misconduct, bullying and suicide, and may not be suitable for young children.</i>

STUDENTS		FAMILY MEMBERS AND GUESTS	
8:45 to 10 p.m.	<b>CAMPUS REC AFTER DARK</b> Join us as Lumberjack Orientation takes over the Student Recreation Center.	8:45 to 10 p.m.	<b>BINGO</b> Parents and family members are invited to an exciting bingo game with exclusive prizes.
Student Recreation Center		Student Center Lumberyard, First Floor	
10:15 to 11 p.m.	<b>LUMBERJACK LIFE</b> Students will meet with the Orientation leaders on their floors for a Q&A session to prepare students for Friday’s activities.		<i>Includes cash bar</i>
Steen Hall			
11:30 p.m.	<b>LIGHTS OUT</b> Orientation leaders will conduct room checks.		

## END OF DAY ONE

## DAY TWO

Please note: Student attendance is required at all Orientation sessions from 8:45 a.m. through the end of the day.

6 to 8 a.m.	<b>Student Recreation Center</b>	<b>OPEN RECREATION</b> Bring your nametag for free entry into the Student Recreation Center for a morning workout.
7:30 to 8:30 a.m.	<b>Student Center Spirit Lounge, First-Floor Atrium</b>	<b>COME-AND-GO CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b> A continental breakfast will be served. Starbucks, located on the second floor of the student center, also will be available for purchase.  <i>Your nametag is required.</i>
8:45 to 9:15 a.m.	<b>Student Center Grand Ballroom</b>	<b>YOUR ACADEMIC VISION</b> Welcome back for day two! Join the SFA provost and director of the Academic Assistance and Resource Center as they discuss adopting a growth mindset, attending class and using resources, like peer-to-peer assistance.

9:20 to 10:05 a.m.	<b>GROUP SESSION SWAP</b> Check student nametag for group assignment.
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**GROUP ONE:**  
**STUDENTS**  
**FOCUSED: HOW TO SEE THE FUTURE**  
**Student Center Twilight Ballroom**

The Center for Career and Professional Development helps students make a strategic plan for their future, starting with understanding their interests. You'll also learn about CCPD's free services concerning career exploration, professional development and more.

**PARENTS**  
**DISCUSSION WITH THE DEAN**  
**Student Center Movie Theater**

Here is your chance to have many of your questions answered! Representatives from the Dean of Students Office, Office of the Registrar and Residence Life will be present to answer questions about being a Lumberjack parent, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and anything else you'd like to ask.

**GROUP TWO:**  
**PARENTS AND STUDENTS**  
**COLLEGE FINANCIAL PREPARATION**  
**Student Center Grand Ballroom**

General information concerning the financial aid process, the online billing system, when to expect your online bill, how to estimate your cost for the semester, payment options, how to receive a financial aid refund and credit card information will be reviewed.

10:15 to 11 a.m.	<b>GROUP SESSION SWAP</b> Groups one and two will switch locations when the first session ends.
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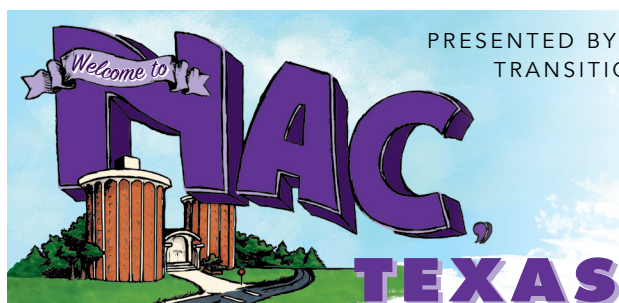
**PARENTS**  
**DISCUSSION WITH THE DEAN**  
**Student Center Movie Theater**

<b>11 to 11:40 a.m.</b>	See <b>GREEN</b> handout in folder or nametag for locations.	<b>MANDATORY CHECK-OUT WITH ORIENTATION LEADER</b> Check out with your Orientation leader to ensure you've completed all steps before the fall semester and stay connected with your Lumberjack life group.
<b>11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Student Center Spirit Lounge, First-Floor Atrium</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION AND RESOURCE FAIR</b> Come learn about getting involved and campus resources available to all Lumberjacks! Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

## END OF DAY TWO

### ELECTIVE SESSIONS

<b>8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b>	<b>Student Center Graphic Shop</b>	<b>ID CARDS</b>
<b>8 a.m. to 3 p.m.</b>	<b>Student Center Information Desk</b>	<b>KEY DROP</b> Turn in your room key at the student center information desk. You will be charged \$70 if your key is not returned on Friday. In addition, any room damages will be charged to your student bill. Trash bags must be placed outside your door. Thanks, and axe 'em!
<b>12:50 to 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Various Locations</b>	<b>ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE</b> This is your opportunity to ask any questions you have about your major or academic college. If you have not done so already, you can get advised by an academic advisor during this time.
<b>12:50 to 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Steen Library</b>	<b>COURSE REGISTRATION</b> Didn't complete course registration prior to Orientation? No worries — visit the Steen Library and Orientation leaders will assist you at one of our computer labs.
<b>12:50 to 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Student Center Spirit Lounge, First-Floor Atrium</b>	<b>EVALUATIONS</b> Complete the Orientation survey and turn in plastic nametag holders.
<b>12:50 to 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Various Campus Locations</b>	<b>TOURS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-guided campus tours</li> <li>• Self-guided residence hall tours</li> <li>• Library/Academic Assistance and Resource Center tours</li> </ul>



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**FAMILY  
WEEKEND  
SEPT. 27-29**