

FAMILY WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2024



Warren Wilson
COLLEGE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Check-in & Registration | Kittredge Lobby

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Stop by Kittredge Lobby when you arrive to check-in.

Warren Wilson Historic Core Campus Stroll | Starts at Orr Cottage

Self-Guided Audio Walking Tour, Anytime, 20–25 minutes

Use your earbuds and start your audio tour at Orr Cottage. These buildings have stories to tell. Use the map to guide you. Listen here: bit.ly/WWC-walking-tour

Attend Classes and/or Work with your Warren Wilson Student

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Many professors and crew supervisors welcome you to attend class, work, or service with your student – please check in with them about their schedules.

Alumni Art and Craft Show | Elizabeth Holden Art Gallery

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Stroll through the campus art gallery to see the Alumni Art and Craft Show exhibition.

Climb WWC's Alpine Tower | Next to Soccer Fields

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Take on the challenge of climbing our Alpine Tower! Located adjacent to the soccer fields, the Gossmann and Cannon Adventure Learning Lab offers participants the opportunity to scale a 50' tall timber structure via climbing holds, hanging logs and vines, a giant ladder, and cargo nets. Choose your challenge from beginner to expert and experience family bonding in a whole new way.

Close-toed shoes, a signed waiver, and a willingness to try are all you need! (Ages 8+)

FRIDAY, SEPT 20 (CONT.)

Introduction to the Masters in Climate Studies Program

with Professor Keith McDade | Boon Hall 110

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hot Issues; Cool Jobs: Building our climate workforce through the MS in Applied Climate Studies program at Warren Wilson College

Join the Director of the new MS in Applied Climate Studies (MACS) program at Warren Wilson College, Dr. Keith McDade, who will discuss this exciting new program to confront the most critical issue of our time, global climate change. The talk includes an exploration of climate change and intersecting issues, a range of responses, and the critical skills and knowledge emphasized in the program that are needed to effectively address this crisis. All are welcome!!

Meet & Mingle with WWC Staff & Faculty | Morris' Pavilion

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Kickoff Family Weekend by meeting your student's professors and supervisors and learn more about academics at Warren Wilson. Enjoy small bites and refreshments while taking in the views from the Morris Pavilion.

Dinner | Gladfelter Dining Hall

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Dinner in Gladfelter will be available, pay at the door.

Shabbat Dinner | Ransom House

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The Office of Spiritual Life is hosting a vegetarian-friendly Shabbat dinner. This event is open to all students, their families, and alumni. We will have food available but we welcome you to bring a favorite family recipe if you'd like. Light some candles, sing some Shabbat songs, and hang out with new and old friends. Bring an instrument if you like for some jamming. . .Shabbat Shalom!

ALIA Family Reception | Boon 110

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Join the Office of Inclusive Excellence and the Wilson Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Crew & Clubs for a reception to welcome ALIA (African/Latine/Indigenous/Asian) students and families.

FRIDAY, SEPT 20 (CONT.)

Wilson Wave Dance: Weaving Our Web of Connection | Morris' Pavilion

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

We invite you to play, dance, get loose, ease your thinking cap, and enjoy free-expression and beautiful sound. DJ/Facilitator: Professor Bob Swoap

Warmup at 7:00; opening circle and dance at 7:30 pm

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Theme: Weaving Our Web of Connection

Participants are invited to reflect on their connections and to set an intention to expand their sense of family through movement and dance. How can we explore ways in which movement and shared experience can strengthen bonds and expand our concept of family beyond traditional boundaries?

Under the Stars Night Hike | Bryson Gym

7:45 pm – 9:15 pm

Join Outdoor Programs for a night hike along Broyles Ridge down to Dogwood for breathtaking stargazing. Discover constellations that illuminate the Warren Wilson valley. Binoculars provided. Hilly terrain so be sure to wear comfortable hiking shoes or boots.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Check-In & Registration | Gladfelter Lobby

8:30 am – 11:00 am

Join us at check-in if you weren't able to make it on Friday.

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Cattle Move | Ballfield Pasture **

9:00 am – 10:00 am

While at Warren Wilson, odds are you get to participate in a cattle drive, and we think Family Weekend is the perfect time to have you join us for this experience! Wear comfortable shoes and get ready to move as the Cattle Crew takes you through their process of moving cattle and rotational grazing.

** Check back here soon for more information about the location of this year's cattle move!

SATURDAY, SEPT 21 (CONT.)

Warren Wilson Land Tour | Orr Cottage Patio

10:00 am – 11:30 am

You're invited for a campus stroll to learn about sustainable technologies and practices WWC employs every day. The tour includes stops at the college farm, garden, recycling, and composting operations. All tours start on the Orr Cottage Patio outside Admissions. The tour will stick to campus roads and walkways, which are hilly. Wear comfortable shoes.

Student success: some ways families/parents can contribute | Boon 110

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

This session is an opportunity to discuss ways that families/parents and WWC can partner together to support students to succeed at WWC; facilitated by Gilbert Hinga, Vice President for Student Engagement.

Family Picnic | Morris' Pavilion & Formal Gardens

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

All Warren Wilson Families are invited to enjoy a delicious picnic lunch. It's an event for the entire campus, so students, staff, and faculty are invited to join in the fun. Food service from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

Alumni Art and Craft Show | Elizabeth Holden Art Gallery

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Broyles Ridge Trail Foraging Walk | Sage Circle

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Join Deb Maslowski, the manager of Owl's Nest Cafe, on a foraging walk through the campus trails. In her spare time, Deb is an herbalist and a soap maker. Deb will show participants some of her favorite plants to work with. Participants will learn about medicinal plants, and also some that are edible and useful, including mushrooms!

Family Weekend Craft Fair | Sunderland Lawn

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Peruse unique crafts by students and staff artisans that are available for purchase.

SATURDAY, SEPT 21 (CONT.)

Family Bouldering | Bryson Gym

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Adventure Programs invites you to try out the climbing wall inside Bryson Gym. Climbing shoes and gear provided. No experience is necessary. Participants under 18 years must sign a waiver and medical form.

Your Student's Favorite Spots On Campus and in the City

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Families can use this time to explore downtown Asheville or Black Mountain, take a tour, do errand runs to Target, visit River Arts District, etc. We will provide some suggestions and leave it up to the student to show off their favorite spots on campus and in the city.

Dinner | Gladfelter Dining Hall

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Comedy Night | Kittredge Theatre

8:00 pm

Join in the laughter as we welcome 2 comedians to campus for an evening of rip roaring fun!