

Resident Welcome Weekend Schedule

August 28th – August 31st, 2026

Friday August 28th

Residence Hall Check-in: 8:00am-11:00am (Andrews Hall)

Residents arrive on campus, check-in, receive keys, and move into res halls.

Lunch-Students and Supporters: 11:00am-11:45am (Reed Dining Commons)

Orientation Check-in: 11:30-12:00PM (Akeley Student Center)

Resident New Student Orientation: 12:00pm-3:00pm (Edmunds Conference Room)

Residents participate in the New Student Orientation schedule.

Free Time: 3:00pm

Residents can visit the bookstore or other offices (open until 4:30pm) or finish unpacking and saying goodbye to their family

Supper: 4:30pm-6:00pm (Reed Commons)

First dinner with the First-Year Residential class in the café.

Meet with the Director of Residential Life and RA Staff: 5:00pm (Reed Dining Commons)

Welcome meeting with the RA Staff and Director of Residential Life, Matt Bartlett. Residents will learn housing expectations, opportunities, and have a chance to ask questions about living on campus.

Mass Ascension Balloon Launch: 6:00pm (Northern Maine Fairgrounds)

Students will be able to watch the Hot-Air Balloons Launch over the Northern Maine Fairgrounds!

Evening Activity: 7:30pm-9:00pm Campfire, Smores, and Outside Games (Snow Hall Campfire Area)

Saturday, August 29th

Brunch: 10:30am-1:00pm (Reed Commons)

Supper: 4:30pm-6:00pm (Reed Commons)

Balloon Festival Shuttles: 4:00pm-8:00pm

Residents will have the opportunity to participate in the activities happening at the nearby Northern Maine Fairgrounds. There will be food vendors, music, craft vendors, balloon launches, games, etc. The Residential Life Staff will run shuttles to and from the event as needed!

S'mores and Music: 8:00pm-10:00pm (Snow Hall Campfire Area)

An evening social for residents as we get ready for a successful start to the semester!

Sunday, August 30th

Brunch: 10:30am-1:00pm (Reed Commons)

Northern Maine Fairgrounds: 11:00am-5:00pm

First-Year residents have free time today to prepare for the beginning of the year. They may also participate in the events happening at the fairgrounds. Starting at 11:00am there will be the Northern Light Music Festival, as well as many food and craft vendors. At 1:00pm there is a Magic the Gathering Tournament at the Fairgrounds.

Upperclassmen arrive on campus: 12:00pm-4:30pm

Upperclassmen residents arrive during this time period.

Supper: 4:30pm-6:00pm (Reed Dining Commons)

Campus Tour: 6:00-7:00pm

Join the RA staff and walk around campus to find out where your classes are!

Ice Cream Social: 8pm (Reed Dining Commons)

- Non-dairy options will be available as well!

Monday, August 31st

First Day of Classes! Good Luck!

