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Fall 2026 Orientation Schedule

WELCOME HOME!

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Move-In Day: Saturday, August 15

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8 am - 12 pm	**New Residential and Transfer Student Move-in**	
	New Residential Student Check-In	Four Corners *(Intersection of Mountain Road/ University Drive, adjacent to DiGregorio Hall)*
8 am - 12 pm	Stop by the Library Café to grab a coffee, espresso, or energy drink	Library Café
9 am - 1 pm	Get great action-based photos with new friends, family and even Rocky the Raven at the Luxury Photo Booth!	First Year Courtyard
8 am - 12 pm	**Raven Resources**	
	Information Technology (IT) Kiosk: get your devices properly connected by our IT Staff **Alumni Association Welcome Table:** Meet with University Alumni and Alumni Relations Staff **Maintenance/Environmental Services Kiosk:** see our Facilities Crew for any questions or concerns about living spaces or other questions about our work order system.	First Year Courtyard
	Follett Bookstore: stock up on your Pierce Pride apparel and collect your textbooks and dorm supplies. **Campus Post Office:** collect your Post Office Box key on the main floor adjacent to the Pioneer Lounge.	Emily Flint Campus Center
	Student ID's/Parking Passes: if you still need your ID photo and parking pass, see the Campus Safety Officers in the Granite Lounge, located adjacent to the First Year Courtyard.	Granite Hall

Move-In Day: Saturday, August 15

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8 am - 12 pm	**Raven Resources Continued**	
	Student Wellness and Outreach Education (SWOE): join the SWOE professionals in a morning affirmation project. Located adjacent to the Melissa Bisaccia Softball Field entry.	Academic Triangle
	Sodexo Services: discuss dietary restrictions or general questions about meal plans, and Dining Dollars.	Library Café Patio
8 am - 12 pm	**Town of Rindge Welcome Resources:** *Visit with local eateries, banks, coffee shops, retailers and more. Located along the path parallel to the Academic Triangle.*	Academic Triangle
12 - 1 pm	**President & Provost Welcome Lunch:** *President Eden and Provost Paden will share some brief remarks before joining new Ravens and their families in the lunch area. Other members of the FPU leadership team will also be present.*	Academic Triangle
1 - 1:30 pm	**Family and Supports - Time for Student Goodbyes** *Your students are in good hands! We look forward to having families back during Family Weekend and Homecoming slated for October 17 - 18.*	Academic Triangle
1:35 - 2:30 pm	**Family and Supports Resources Panel** *Our staff will make available resources, links and contact information so families can understand how to best get questions answered.*	Spagnuolo Hall
1:35 - 2:30 pm	**Campus Connections with Student Leaders** *Our new and returning Ravens unite on the softball field for afternoon teambuilders, initiatives and conversation starters. New Ravens - this is your opportunity to ask upperclassmen about all the best that FPU has to offer.*	Melissa Bisaccia Softball Field
2:40 - 2:50 pm	**New Student Group Photo** *Join your peers by the granite Franklin Pierce University sign for a quick photo for posterity.*	Intersection of Mountain Road and University Drive (4 Corners)
3:05 - 4 pm	**"Sex Rules" with Jaclynn Cherry** *A Title IX presentation that discusses sexual assault awareness and prevention. You will meet both on and off campus representatives during this event.*	Fieldhouse
4:05 - 4:45 pm	**"Speed Friending" with Student Leaders** *Our fearless student leaders will help you get to know your fellow Ravens through this fun and interactive conversation!*	Fieldhouse
5 - 5:50 pm	**"Feeling Risky" with Jaclynn Cherry** *This risk management skills presentation is focused on alcohol, drugs, and addiction education. It helps empower people to make healthy, sustainable choices. You will meet both on and off campus representatives.*	Fieldhouse
6 - 7:30 pm	**Dinner in the Marketplace Café**	Emily Flint Campus Center
7:45 - 8:45 pm	**Meetings with Residence Life and Community Standards (RLCS) Student and Professional Staff** *Meet your Resident Assistants (RA's) and Resident Directors (RD's) to review your new living community at Franklin Pierce.*	Melissa Bisaccia Softball Field
9 - 11 pm	**Ravens Welcome Carnival** *Stay put on the softball field or gather at the Library Café for our welcome carnival complete with inflatable obstacle course, mechanical bull, tie dye station, gourmet s'mores, caricature artist, pretzel bar and more!*	Melissa Bisaccia Softball Field/ Library Café Patio

Orientation Continues: Sunday, August 16

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8 - 9:30 am	**Breakfast with Student Leaders in the Marketplace Café**	Emily Flint Campus Center
9 am - 11:30 am	**Optional Morning Opportunities** **9 am: Bubble Opens** - *Come down to learn more about our hub for Raven Recreation programming.* **9:30 - 11:30 am:** • *Shuttle to Rindge Businesses: Find your ride at the Residence Life Courtyard, outside Cheshire Hall, or near the Emily Flint Campus Center* • *Disc Golf Course Play: Discs, scorecards are available at Northfields Activity Center, the Bubble* • *Lakeside Park/Boathouse Open: Bring your towel and your student ID to check out a canoe, kayak or standup paddleboard. Life jackets provided.* **10 am:** • *Campus Trail Hike: Go for a short jaunt on the trail system that connects the lower Campus Center parking lot to the backside of the Bubble. Meet on the bridge outside of the Emily Flint Campus Center. Led by Professional Staff.* • *eBike Certification Course: Raven Recreation Professional Staff will go over our policies and procedures to use one of our eBikes to travel off-campus. Only those that attend these courses may use eBikes. Meet outside the Bubble.* • *Lakeside Park Lawn Games: Corn Hole, Kan Jam, Spikeball, Badminton at your disposal.* • *First Year Lounge Grand Opening: Located in the lower level of Mount Washington Hall, this new space is complete with a Wii system, Flatscreen TV, lounge furnishings and more!* • *Peer Leader Kiosk: Peer Leaders will be available at the Library Café Patio to give guidance, hang out, or offer directions.*	
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	**Lunch with Student Leaders in the Marketplace Café**	Emily Flint Campus Center
12:45 - 1:30 pm	**Rocky's Campus Quest** *Your Peer Leaders will help guide you on a photo scavenger hunt of areas on campus you should consider exploring during your time as a Raven! Prizes for the winning group*	Library Café Patio
1:30 - 3 pm	**Raven Recreation Welcome Events** • *Lakeside Park/Boathouse is open! Bring your suit for the giant slip n slide behind the Boathouse.* • *Bubble suit bash on Sodexo Field - inflatable suit chaos. Last person standing wins!* • *Hike up to the "FPU" overlook - meet at the 4 corners intersection of Mountain Road and University Drive.*	
3:15 - 4 pm	**Rindge Community Resources** *Presentations by Rindge Police, Rindge Fire and Campus Safety. Also hear what our FPU Community Alert System sounds like.*	Spagnuolo Hall
4:05 - 4:25 pm	**Alumni Welcome with Mackenzi Drouin, Class of 2025** *Reflections on the journey at Franklin Pierce*	Spagnuolo Hall
4:30 - 5 pm	**Residence Life and Community Standards Meetings**	Spagnuolo Hall
5 - 7 pm	**Dinner in the Marketplace Café**	Emily Flint Campus Center

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5 - 7:30 pm	**Pierce Activities Council (PAC) Event: Decorate/Craft Your Own Tumbler** *Tumblers and supplies provided until we run out!*	Emily Flint Campus Center
6 pm	**Side Quest Sunday** ***All transportation leaves from the Emily Flint Campus Center Parking Lot*** • Mini Golf at the Dublin Tap Room, shuttle leaves at 6 pm • Ice Cream at Kimball's Farm, shuttle leaves at 7 pm • Gardner Cinemas Movie Night, shuttle leaves at 6 pm • Shuttle to Rindge Businesses, shuttle will depart every 30 min starting at 6 pm	
9 - 11 pm	**Ravens After Dark at Lakeview** *We start on Sunday night off with a bonfire and DJ in the overflow parking lot adjacent to Lakeview Townhouses!*	Lakeview Townhouses

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TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8 - 10 am	**Breakfast with Student Leaders in the Marketplace Café**	Marketplace Café, Emily Flint Campus Center
10 - 10:45 am	**First Year Inquiry (FYI) and Student Success Center (SSC) Session** Learn about academic and student supports	Spagnuolo Hall
11 - 11:30 am	**Academic Convocation** *The annual welcome to our academic year hosted by the President, Provost & Deans.*	Spagnuolo Hall
11:30 am - 12 pm	*First Year Inquiry (FYI) Meet and Greet* *11:30 am - 12 pm | Spagnuolo Hall* *Meet with the Professors who will instruct your FYI course.*	Spagnuolo Hall
12 - 1 pm	**Lunch with Student Leaders in the Marketplace Café**	Marketplace Café, Emily Flint Campus Center
1 - 1:45 pm	**Academic Majors Ice Cream Social** • *College of Health & Natural Sciences: Marcucella Hall Courtyard* • *College of Liberal Arts, Business, Social Science, & Education: Petrocelli Hall vestibule, lower level* • *School of Business: School of Business, Monadnock Hall*	
1:30 - 3 pm	**International Student Session** **(MANDATORY FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)** *Meet with Hope Driscoll to review important student visa information associated with work and travel within the United States*	Ideal Center, first floor of the DiPietro Library
3 - 5 pm	**Cardboard Boat Regatta** *Peer Groups compete for "Best Design", "Best Group Effort" and "Fastest Boat". Vessels are made from only cardboard, duct tape and plastic wrap. Medallions to the winners, commemorative towels to those who "skipper" the boat. Building commences on Peterson Manor Lawn before we parade to the Boathouse.*	Peterson Manor Lawn/Lakeside Park
5 - 6:30 pm	**Dinner in the Marketplace Café**	Marketplace Café, Emily Flint Campus Center
7 - 10 pm	**Drag Bingo** *New York's finest giantess diva drag queen, Marilyn Monhoe, is making her return to Pierce! You do not want to miss this! There will be fun, there will be games, and there will be songs. Multicultural Student Services is proud to host this year's first bingo event – a tried and true FPU tradition you will learn to love.* *Be the first on your floor to win big at Drag Queen Bingo!*	Spagnuolo Hall

Tuesday, August 18: First Day of Classes!

WELCOME BACK EVENTS

"THE PRIZE IS RIGHT - DORM EDITION"
5 pm | Emily Flint Campus Center Hampshire Room
Come play to win dorm essentials, guess closet to the retail price without going over and win that prize!

FIRST-YEAR INTRAMURAL KICKBALL
Tuesday, August 18 | 7 - 9 pm, Melissa Bisaccia Softball Field
Wednesday, August 19 | 7 - 9 pm, Melissa Bisaccia Softball Field
Thursday, August 20 | 7 - 9 pm, Melissa Bisaccia Softball Field
Make a team with your hall or floor and join Recreation Staff for a first-year student ONLY week of kickball before the Intramural season begins. Winners of this round robin bracketed play will take home the first Intramural Champs T-shirt of the year! Register via QR code on posters around campus, on the Raven Nation App, or Student Affairs Instagram.

DIY PHOTO FRAME
Wednesday, August 19 | 5 - 6 pm, Emily Flint Campus Center, Pioneer Lounge
Pierce Activities Council (PAC) will be on-hand to print photo collages to decorate your housing space.

BACKYARD BARGAINS
Friday, August 21 | 12 - 4 pm, First Year Area Courtyard
Come grab some new clothes, small appliances, chairs, or other cool stuff you want to finish decorating your room or suite. All items are free for students and were collected through a donation drive last academic year.

Y2K THEMED CLUB AND ORGANIZATION FAIR
Friday, August 21 | 4 - 6 pm, First Year Area Courtyard
Come see what opportunities await you at our club and organization fair. Join a club or inquire on how to start your own.

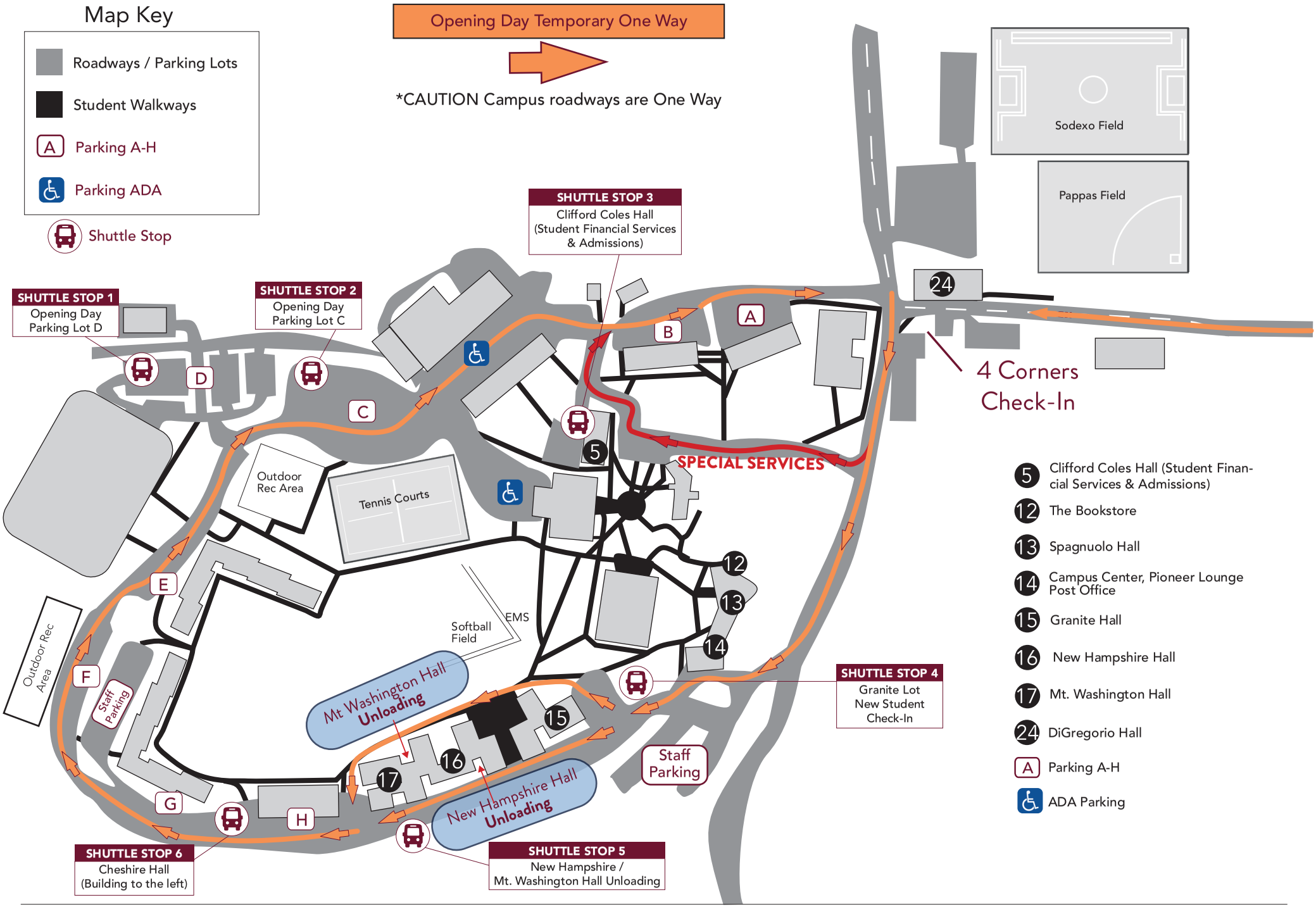
DIY TRAIL MIX, FIRE PIT AND MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, August 21 | 7:30 - 9 pm, Adventure Rec. Lounge
In anticipation of the annual Grand Monadnock Hike on Saturday, join staff for some s'mores, DIY trail mix making and a movie on the outside screen.

GRAND MONADNOCK CLIMB
Saturday, August 22 | 10 am - 3 pm
10 am: Breakfast - Fuel up for the Grand Monadnock Climb with breakfast in the Marketplace Café
11 am - 3 pm: Grand Monadnock Climb
Our annual climb up local Mount Monadnock, the second most climbed mountain the world! Shuttles and buses will bring you to the State Park departing at 11 am from Peterson Manor. All participants will receive a commemorative water bottle.

No experience is necessary, but it can be a steep and rocky climb in many sections. A daypack with an extra clothing layer, along with close-toed shoes, snacks and water are a must for this hike. No sign up needed, just register at Peterson Manor at 11 am.

RAVEN RECREATION'S ANNUAL "REC. FEST!" - STREETBALL TOURNAMENT
Saturday, August 29 | 2 - 5 pm, Campus Center Parking Lot
Join Recreation staff for a double elimination, half court 3v3 basketball tournament in the Campus Center parking lot. Intramural Champs tees to the winners. Register via QR code on posters around campus, on the Raven Nation App, or Student Affairs Instagram.

RAVEN RECREATION'S ANNUAL "REC. FEST!" - "OOZEBALL" MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Sunday, August 30 | 11 am - 1 pm, Boathouse
Join Recreation staff for this 40-year annual tradition at the mud pit next to the boathouse. Winners of this double elimination, 4v4 mud volleyball tournament will receive Intramurals Champs tees. Jump in Pearly Pond after! Register via QR code on posters around campus, on the Raven Nation App, or Student Affairs Instagram.



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