

WELCOME TO NEW PALTZ!

DEAR MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 2015,

On behalf of the State University of New York at New Paltz, I congratulate you on your acceptance for Fall 2011! We have received your orientation reservation form and recently sent you a confirmation postcard which identified the session and dates of your visit.

This confirmation packet will help you prepare for your visit, providing a complete 'checklist' of things to do before you arrive. The details in this packet are very important, so be sure to review them carefully. We also encourage you to prepare for a full two and a half day program, which will end with you receiving a printout of your fall class schedule and your fall housing assignment! Don't forget... You will be staying in a traditional residence hall, which means shared bathrooms and no-frills accommodations! If you have any questions regarding orientation, call the Center for Student Development at (845) 257-3088. We look forward to seeing you at orientation!

Sincerely,



Director of Student Development

P.S. Want more info? Check out www.newpaltz.edu/orientation

WHAT YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH AT ORIENTATION:

- ▲ Get to know your new campus, meet new friends, and meet your Orientation Leader
- ▲ Meet with an advisor and register for fall classes
- ▲ Get your College I.D. Card (SUNY Card)
- ▲ Choose your fall housing assignment

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE

- ▲ Know your Banner number (it begins NØ)
- ▲ Bring all of the following items (if they apply to you) if they are available before your session date:
 1. Your last report card
 2. Copies of any Advanced Placement (AP) exam score reports (if received in time)
 3. Transcripts of any college work completed elsewhere (if received in time)
- ▲ Read the Housing Handbook at www.newpaltz.edu/reslife/handbook.html
- ▲ Please bring all the materials in this packet and display the enclosed parking permit when on-campus. (on your dash)

CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO BRING

- ▲ \$20.00 for your College I.D. Card (Please bring a valid ID with you – Driver's License, Passport, Birth Certificate, etc.)
- ▲ \$14.00 for your Summer Reading
- ▲ Alarm clock
- ▲ **Sheets**, pillowcase, towels and a blanket
- ▲ Hair dryer
- ▲ FAN!!
- ▲ A few bottles of water / soap / toiletries & bath caddy
- ▲ Casual clothes and comfortable shoes (sneakers)
- ▲ Spending money for vending machine & snacks
- ▲ Favorite songs for group lip sync
- ▲ White clothing items for tie-dye
- ▲ Umbrella

WHERE TO CHECK-IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Check-in takes place from **9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** on the Tuesday morning of your scheduled session. (Please make every effort to arrive before 10:30 am!) Please follow directions on reverse side to get to Gage Hall and once parked follow signs to Gage Hall, where the student will check in first. Once the student is at Gage Hall, parents & guests participating in the program will drive to Esopus Hall to check in by 10:45 am!

- ▲ Important! Remember to bring the directions outlined on the reverse side!

EXTRA NIGHT HOUSING ONLY

If you requested and paid for an extra night of housing for the Monday evening before your session begins:

- ▲ Proceed directly to Gage Hall between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Monday evening before your session. Family members will then go to Esopus Hall. (Follow signs on Rt. 32 South; see directions on reverse side).
- ▲ Early or late check-in times are unavailable.
- ▲ A snack will be provided in the residence hall that evening.
- ▲ Although dinner is not provided on this evening, breakfast is provided the following morning as part of your Extra Night fee of \$20.
- ▲ On the night of extra-night housing, if you decide not to come, or are running late, please call (845) 257-4700 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to let us know.

PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION*

What parents and family members will accomplish at Orientation:

- ▲ Hear about residence life and academic issues
- ▲ See classrooms and other campus facilities
- ▲ Meet parents and family members who are attending with other students
- ▲ Discuss student life issues
- ▲ Visit Mohonk Mountain House * (a national historic landmark), Whitecliff Winery or Historic Huguenot Street
- ▲ Enjoy a mini-vacation!

** If you are interested in booking a spa service at Mohonk (at your own expense) please visit www.mohonk.com to view a list of services and schedule it to start on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and end no later than 4:00 p.m. (Sorry, individual cars are not allowed.)*

FOR FAMILY MEMBERS STAYING ON CAMPUS

We suggest you bring the following items with you:

- ▲ Alarm clock
- ▲ Pillow, pillowcase, towels and a blanket (sheets will be provided for parent and family members.)
- ▲ Hair dryer
- ▲ Drinking cup / soap / toiletries
- ▲ Casual clothes and comfortable shoes (sneakers)
- ▲ Hiking boots and attire for Mohonk (optional)
- ▲ Robe, slippers and bath caddy
- ▲ Pens/ pencils/ paper
- ▲ Change for vending machine
- ▲ A telephone to plug in if you want to receive incoming calls
- ▲ Optional fitness attire/equipment for workout room, tennis courts, track
- ▲ Favorite songs for group lip sync
- ▲ Umbrella

(Please leave your valuables home)

**Also, please call The Center For Student Development if there is someone you would like to share a room with (who is not a family member)*

Family members who are making their own housing arrangements with no meals, please note: Although your fee does not include meals, you can pay the following prices for meals **plus tax** at the door if you choose to eat on campus at any time during Orientation:

Breakfast = **\$5.80** • Lunch = **\$8.20** • Dinner = **\$10.55**

DAY GUESTS

Family members who are unable to attend the entire program can pay a "day rate" for either of the two full days of the program and pay cash for meals. Please call our office at (845) 257-3088 and make a reservation. If you are checking in after 11 a.m. on Tuesday or after 8 a.m. on Wednesday, come to Student Union Building 301 to pick up your name tag, schedule and family packet.

PARENTS AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

Parents and guests with disabilities needing accommodations can contact the Center for Student Development at 845-257-3088 for assistance. Please be advised that programs are in various buildings and walking throughout the day is required. Transportation assistance cannot be guaranteed.

If you have any QUESTIONS or need to make changes/additions to your reservation, CALL US at (845) 257-3088 Monday Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Any student needing accommodations (accessible housing, sign language interpretation, materials in alternate format, etc) due to a disability may contact the Disability Resource Center at (845) 257-3020. All students who will be attending classes in the fall semester are encouraged to voluntarily submit disability documentation to the DRC. This documentation will be kept confidential and be used to determine reasonable accommodations for the fall semester. The DRC will provide materials in all student and family packets at Orientation, and will host an Open House in the Student Union Building on the Thursday of each session from 10:00 a.m.-1:30p.m.

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JUST SO YOU KNOW...

- ▲ Check-out takes place approximately between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the last day of your session, depending on when your group finishes registering. Note: Those students who are not leaving campus until after 2 p.m. will not be able to be supervised and will not be able to stay in Gage Hall after that time. Please call (845) 257-3088 to discuss arrangements.
- ▲ The payment due date for tuition, housing, meal plan and other fees will be noted on the on-line bill you receive from the Office of Student Accounts after you have attended Orientation.
- ▲ Sorry, no refunds for any Orientation fees can be issued unless we are notified in writing at least 72 hours before your session begins.
- ▲ First-year students cannot have cars. Commuter students will learn about commuter services while at orientation.
- ▲ New Student Moving-In Day is Monday, August 22. First-year students living on campus will move into their residence hall rooms between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ▲ Orientation Part II begins that evening and runs through Wednesday with important academic programs and Fall Convocation.
 - ▲ The first day of Fall classes is Thursday, August 25th.
- ▲ Parent & Family Weekend is October 15 and 16. Look for your invitation in September! For more information on lodging accommodations please visit www.newpaltz.edu/parentsweekend.

*SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

For this year's Common Summer Reading selection, the Composition committee has selected Sherman Alexie's novel, *War Dances*. The book will be available for students to purchase at the campus bookstore for approximately \$14.00 (cash or credit.) Please visit the following link for more information:

www.newpaltz.edu/summerreading

*PLEASE NOTE:

Parents & family members who pay for Orientation will receive a nametag to enter each session of the program. Those who do not pay in advance are welcome to stay only through the official welcome which ends at noon.

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT

Composition Placement

First-year students are assessed and placed into an appropriate section of Composition or Honors English based upon review of English course grades, Regents Exam scores, AP scores, and a review of SAT results.

Mathematics Placement Levels

First-year students are assigned a Math placement Level (MPL) based on math courses taken, grades, Regents Exam scores, and AP scores. The MPL determines what course a student is prepared to take. The choice of math course will be partially determined by the student's academic area of interest.

Foreign Language Placement

Students who wish to meet the foreign language requirement at New Paltz by continuing with the same language studied in high school will be placed according to the number of years the language was studied, grades, Regents Exam, and the time elapsed since a course was last taken.

Note: Students, who are bringing in college credit, whether through Advanced Placement, CLEP, or transfer credit from another college, should consult with academic advisor during orientation regarding placement.

TRAVELING TO SUNY NEW PALTZ BY CAR?

To get to New York State Exit 18 (New Paltz):

- ▲ From the South take the NYS Thruway (Interstate 87) north to Exit 18.
- ▲ From the North take NYS Thruway (Interstate 87) south to Exit 18.
- ▲ From the Northeast take NYS Thruway (Interstate 90) east to Albany and then south (Interstate 87) to Exit 18.
- ▲ From Connecticut take Interstate 84 west to Exit 7S. Follow sign for NYS Thruway (Interstate 87). Take Thruway north to Exit 18.
- ▲ From New Jersey take the Garden State Parkway to Route 17 (Exit 163). Proceed 14 miles to the NYS Thruway north to Exit 18.

To get to campus from Exit 18:

- ▲ From Exit 18 turn left at the traffic light after the toll booth. Turn left (at the third traffic light after the Thruway entrance) onto South Manheim Boulevard (Route 32 South) and proceed $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the South Entrance of campus. *

To get to campus from Mid-Hudson Bridge:

- ▲ From Mid Hudson Bridge turn right onto Route 9W north. Proceed $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles to traffic light intersection with Route 299. Turn left onto Route 299 and proceed approximately six miles to New Paltz. Turn left onto South Manheim Boulevard (Route 32 South) and proceed $\frac{6}{10}$ mile to the South Entrance of campus. *

* Proceed approximately $\frac{6}{10}$ th of a mile to the South Entrance of campus. Make a right onto Southside Loop and continue until the first stop sign. Continue to the second stop sign and make a left onto South Road. Approximately $\frac{1}{10}$ of a mile make a right into Parking Lot 37 (you will see this lot in front of you). Unload all of your student's luggage and follow signs to the front of Gage Hall (you will see the side and back of building from Lot 37).

Once your student has checked in, parents participating in any part of the program should drive over to Esopus Hall. Make a right out of Lot 37 and continue to the stop sign. Continue through the stop sign and the first building on the left will be Esopus Hall. Make a left into Lot 36 or continue to Lot 35.

Parking Permit: The enclosed parking permit must be displayed on your dash during your stay at Orientation

It is **IMPORTANT** that you bring an updated copy of your high school transcripts to the orientation Session so that we can make the most accurate english, math and foreign language placement decisions.

TRAVELING BY BUS ?

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING BY BUS FROM NYC (PORT OF AUTHORITY):

- ▲ Please purchase a round-trip ticket from NYC to New Paltz. If you are arriving the evening before Orientation for extra night housing, please try to take the 6:00 p.m. bus out of NYC. If you are arriving on Tuesday, you can either take the 7:00 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. bus. Please be sure to tell the driver that you will need to be dropped off at SUNY New Paltz.
- ▲ You will be dropped off on campus in front of the Haggerty Administration Building. Please proceed to Gage Hall. It is a short walk from this area to the hall, but if you will need assistance, please be sure to let us know ahead of time at (845) 257-3088, or call (845) 257-4700.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING BY BUS FROM LONG ISLAND OR UPSTATE NEW YORK:

- ▲ Please bring money (\$5.00 each way before tip) as you will need to take a taxi from the Trailways bus terminal to Gage Hall, SUNY New Paltz. Please call our office ahead of time at (845) 257-3088 if you are planning to travel via bus from these destinations, as we can plan to expect you.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

To reach a participant in the Student Program please call (845) 257-4700 (Gage Hall).

To reach a participant in the Parent and Family Program please call (845) 257-4100 (Esopus Hall).

The Center for Student Development can also be reached at (845) 257-3088 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.



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