BE THE BEAR at Summer Orientation

7:30 AM to 8:15 AM
Check-in at Orientation Morning Headquarters and Coffee...............Newton Chapel
Welcome to Summer Orientation! Enjoy a cup of coffee and prepare for your day. Should you have any questions throughout, please stop by Orientation Headquarters, located at the Orientation Check-In area. After 10:30 AM, orientation headquarters relocates to Heritage Hall in the University Center.

Families and guests who would like to purchase lunch meal tickets may do so at merceraas.ticketleap.com

8:30 AM to 8:45 AM
Welcome and Overview of the Day..........................................................Willingham Auditorium
We are glad that you are here! Members of the Mercer community will welcome you and outline today’s schedule.

8:45 AM to 12:15 PM
Siblings Program.................................................................Departs from Willingham Auditorium
Mercer siblings under the age of 12 are invited to join the Peer Advisors (PAs) for a morning of fun in Penfield Hall Large Room, located on Cruz Plaza. Families should pick up siblings at 12:15 PM from the afternoon orientation headquarters station in the UC’s Heritage Hall.

9:00 AM to 10:15 AM
Meetings with Deans.............................................................Locations Listed Below
Students and families meet with a representative from their college or school to discuss academic requirements and learn more about the career of a Mercer student. See pg.3 of the Bear Facts.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS: Willingham Auditorium
STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS: Stetson Hall, Room 251
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING: Science & Engineering Building, Room 110
TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION: Stetson Hall, Room 158
TOWNSEND SCHOOL OF MUSIC: Newton Chapel
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: Knight Hall, Room 101 (Room 108 on June 21, 2019)

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Placement Exams.................................................................Departs from Making Mercer Connections
If you have been advised during your Dean’s Meeting to take either or both exams, please plan to do so this morning or afternoon. See pg.3 of the Bear Facts.
MATH PLACEMENT EXAM: Stetson Hall, Lab 238
FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM: Stetson Hall, Labs 133 & 135

10:30 AM to 12:15 PM
Making Mercer Connections..............................................................Farmer’s Market, UC
Join the PAs, your classmates, and members of the Mercer community for an interactive session designed to help you establish connections on campus.

10:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Academic Advising Appointments Begin...........................................Your Advisor’s Office
You will receive an advising time to meet with an academic advisor during orientation (see pg.3 of the Bear Facts). As your advising time nears, a PA will help you find the advisor’s office. You’ll have the opportunity to review your Fall 2019 course schedule and adjust accordingly. Note: Schedules can be adjusted in July once AP scores are received by the Registrar’s Office.

10:30 AM to 11:10 AM
Student Health and Safety Panel...............Willingham Auditorium
Join representatives from the Division of Student Affairs, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Student Health Center (SHC), Title IX, Residence Life, and Mercer Police to discuss the support systems in place that prioritize student health and safety. See pg.5 of the Bear Facts.

11:10 AM to 11:30 AM
Mid-Morning Break..............................................................Willingham Auditorium
Review your notes from the sessions, learn more about Bear Mail, and prepare for your final morning workshop.

11:30 AM to 12:15 PM
Your First Year at Mercer..........................................................Willingham Auditorium
Prepare for your students next steps this summer, Opening Day, and Bear Beginnings weekend festivities. Learn more about the year ahead and how they will use the Orangeprint, a four-year blueprint for their Mercer experience.

12:15 PM to 1:00 PM
Lunch.................................................................University Center
Redeem your “Bear Bucks” meal ticket with a catering staff member for a boxed lunch in the UC. Feel free to find seating in the UC’s Food Court, Farmer’s Market, or Presidents Dining Room (PDR).
AND PLAN YOUR Orientation Afternoon

**Your Afternoon Plan**

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**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

- **Campus Business**
  - Locations Listed Below
  - Throughout Campus
  - Campus offices are available throughout the afternoon to answer questions and provide further information that aids in your transition to Mercer.

**1:00-1:30 PM & 1:45-2:15 PM**

- **Workshops**
  - Locations Listed Below
  - **Bursar & Financial Planning: Penfield Hall Large Room**
    - Do you have questions about online payment plans, Bear Card transfers and tuition bills? Staff from both the Bursar’s Office and the Office of Financial Planning are here to help. See pg.4 of the Bear Facts.
  - **Surviving Your Student's College Transition: Stetson, Room 251**
    - This session is designed for families and guests to address transition issues related to sending your student to college. See pg.4 of the Bear Facts.
  - **Pre-Health Program Information: Farmer’s Market, UC**
    - If you are interested in pursuing any of Mercer’s pre-health programs, learn more about your track’s requirements in your first year.
  - **Career and Professional Development in your First-Year: President’s Dining Room, UC**
    - This session is an opportunity for you to get a jump start on their career and professional development by learning about the resources that are available to you from the very beginning of your journey at Mercer.

**2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

- **Residential Life Information Sessions**
  - Locations Listed Below
  - Penfield Hall Large Room
  - Join the Office of Housing and Residence Life for a brief presentation explaining the online room selection process that students complete in July to select their housing location for the fall semester.

- **First-Year Residence Hall Open-House**
  - Locations Listed Below
  - Stop by some of our First-Year Residence Halls for a look into some of your housing options. Residence Life staff members will be available to show you around a room in each Residence Hall and answer any questions. Open-House Rooms: Legacy Hall, Room 118 | Roberts Hall, Room 9 | Plunkett Hall, Rooms 106 & 108 Sherwood Hall, Rooms 118 & 120 | Dowell Hall, Room 107

**2:30 PM to 4:00 PM**

- **Resource Fair**
  - Locations Listed Below
  - Heritage Hall, UC
  - Interact with resources from across campus. Community members are eager to welcome you to Mercer.

- **Relaxation Station**
  - Locations Listed Below
  - President’s Dining Room (PDR), UC
  - Soak up a few moments of rest before you depart for home. Families can also hand in their Bear Mail to the Family Corner inside of the President’s Dining Room.

- **‘Bear’ly Goodbye**
  - Locations Listed Below
  - Orientation HQ, UC
  - Enjoy an afternoon treat with the PAs and have any remaining questions answered at Orientation Headquarters. Your orientation day may be complete but this is ‘bear’ly goodbye — we’ll see you for Opening Day: Saturday, August 17!

Make sure to get plenty of pictures around campus! #BETHEBEAR