

Welcome to the Nest 2026
WBU New Student Orientation

- **Commuters** are invited to ALL Nest Weekend events, but are not required to attend until Monday. Attendance at the True Blue Dinner Sunday night is *strongly encouraged*.
- **Monday's orientation sessions are required of all new students.**

Saturday, August 15, 2026

8:00 AM-10 AM | Registration | Southerland-Mabee Center

8:00 AM-12 PM | Move-in (when you have completed check-in)

11:00 AM-1:30 PM | Lunch | Mabee-Gwinup Cafeteria (or on your own)

12:00-1:30 PM | Finish Move-in

1:45-2:15 PM | Supporting Your Student (Parent Panel) | Manley Chapel (commuters welcome)

2:15-2:30 PM | Meet the President | Manley Chapel

2:30-2:45 PM | Parent Farewell | Manley Chapel

The remaining activities are student-only events. Parents, we're glad you were here! Have a safe trip home.

2:45-3:45 PM | Battle for the Nest | Southerland-Mabee Center (SMC)

3:45-4:15 PM | Nest Group Session #1

4:15-5:00 PM | Women's ResLife Meeting | Manley Chapel

4:30-6:30 PM | Dinner | Mabee-Gwinup Cafeteria

5:00-7:00 PM | Williams Works Dinner & Orientation | Moody Room (Cafeteria)

7:15-8:00 PM | Men's ResLife Meeting | Manley Chapel

8:00-10:00 PM | Silent Disco | Southerland-Mabee Center (SMC)

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:30-9:30 AM | Continental Breakfast | Cafeteria

10:30-11:30 AM | Chapel Service | Manley Chapel

11:30 AM-1:30 PM | Lunch | Cafeteria

1:00-2:30 PM | Choose Your Own Adventure | Campus

- Speed Friending
- Craft Corner
- E-Sports
- Lemonade Bar

Sunday, August 17, 2026 (cont.)

2:45-3:15 PM | Student Involvement Panel | Manley Chapel

3:15-4:00 PM | Nest Group Session #2

4:00-5:00 PM | Foam Party! | Behind Southerland Hall (wear t-shirts and shorts)

5:00-6:30 PM | Break / Prepare for True Blue Dinner

6:30-8:30 PM | True Blue Dinner | SMC

8:30 PM | Late Night Events in ResHalls

Monday, August 17, 2026

7:00-8:00 AM | Breakfast | Cafeteria

ALL new students (freshmen, transfers, commuters) are required to attend Monday sessions

8:00-10:00 AM | Williams Works Meet Your Supervisor | Campus & Community

9:00-10:00 AM | Commuter Registration & Text Book Pickup | SMC

10:00-10:45 AM | Classroom Tour with Nest Groups | Campus

10:45-11:30 AM | How to Succeed at WBU, Dr. Ruth Provost | Manley Chapel

11:30 AM-12:00 PM | Nest Group Session #3

12:00 PM-1:30 PM | Lunch | Cafeteria

1:30-2:30 PM | Campus Life at WBU, Dean Laquietta Stewart | Manley Chapel

2:45-3:45 PM | Meet Your Major

3:45-5:00 PM | Break (change into blue Nest Weekend shirt)

3:45-4:45 PM | Commuter Mixer | Grill Lounge

5:00 PM | Eagle Walk | Meet at Startup Chapel (wear blue Nest Weekend shirt)

5:45 PM | Group Photo | Manley Chapel

6:00 PM | Campus Ministries Cookout | Pavilion

8:00-8:30 PM | Williams Works Launch (ALL Williams Works Students) | Startup Chapel