



Welcome Weekend

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: AUGUST 14 - 15, 2026

Use this schedule to see what's happening and make the most of your first weekend on campus.

Required programs for all new first-year students begin Friday, Aug. 14, at 2:30 p.m. and end Saturday, Aug. 15 at noon.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

9 AM - 12 PM

MOVE-IN DAY TWO

Mills Hall, South Ridge Hall, West Ridge Hall, and The Woods

9 AM - 3 PM

CAMPUS RESOURCE DROP-IN SESSIONS

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| • Academic Success Center | Ramsey Library 011 |
| • Financial Aid | Brown Hall 2nd floor |
| • Career Center | Ramsey Library 119 |
| • Involvement Ambassadors | Highsmith Student Union 219 |
| • Ramsey Library | Ramsey Library Front Desk |
| • Academic Advising (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) | Ramsey Library 011 |

10 AM - 12 PM

EMBARK ORIENTATION MAKE UP SESSION

**MULLEN JAMES
LECTURE HALL**

***Required for any new student who did not attend EmBark Orientation in June 2026.**

Check in with us to get the orientation materials you will need for the day. Grab a cup of coffee and a bagel before our first session begins. We will review all crucial information and resources to help make sure you are ready for the fall semester.

10 AM - 12 PM

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

**RAMSEY LIBRARY
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***Required for International Students only.** Meet with the Director of Study Abroad, Laura Dobson, to discuss your transition to UNC Asheville and complete any required paperwork.

1 - 2:30 PM

YARD GAMES WITH STUDENT LEADERS

MILLS PLAZA

Relax, play lawn games, and get to know student leaders in a fun, casual setting.

2:30 - 3 PM

FIRST YEAR SEMINAR (FYS), PAL &
IGNITE GROUP FIRST MEETING

THE QUAD

***Required for all new first-year students.** Head to the Quad to connect with your First-Year Seminar class and the students you'll experience IGNITE with during your first semester. You'll get to know one another, meet your Peer Advising Leader (PAL) and get a preview of the exciting afternoon ahead.



3 - 4 PM

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT
UNC ASHEVILLE

CLASSROOMS
ASSIGNED BY FYS GROUP

***Required for all new first-year students.** Get to know your Student Success Specialist (SSS), your academic advisor for your first semester. Learn about campus policies and gain valuable tips and resources to help you start the school year with confidence.

3 - 4 PM

FAMILY RECEPTION

HIGHSMITH STUDENT UNION
FIRST FLOOR

Take a break after Move-In and join us for a casual drop-in reception with light refreshments. Parents and families are invited to mingle with Student Affairs leadership and fellow Bulldog families.

4 - 5 PM

CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME

KIMMEL ARENA

***Required for all new first-year students.** Kick off the academic year with Chancellor van Noort! Students will officially be welcomed into the Bulldog community and learn about the exciting year ahead at UNC Asheville.

5 - 7 PM

WELCOME PICNIC

THE QUAD

Join your fellow students in patting Rocky's head and head to the Welcome Picnic on the Quad to enjoy a meal with your campus community.

7 - 8 PM

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT FLOOR MEETING

***Required for all students living on campus. Check with your RA for the location.**

All students living on campus will meet their Resident Assistant and learn critical information about their residence hall community.

9 - 11 PM

BINGO NIGHT BASH

BLUE RIDGE ROOM
HIGHSMITH

Get ready for a night of bingo, laughs, and exciting prizes! Join us for one of our favorite Welcome Weekend traditions and see if you can score a win.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 - 9 AM

FIRST YEAR SEMINAR GROUP MEETING

REED PLAZA

***Required for all new first-year students.** Join your PAL and IGNITE Group to start an important date of programming for all first-year students.

9 AM - 12 PM

THREE ESSENTIAL SESSIONS — ROTATION WITH FYS GROUP

***Required for all new first-year students.**

	GROUPS 1-9	GROUPS 10-18	GROUPS 19-28
9 - 9:50 AM	IGNITE	FIRE	PLAYFAIR
10 - 10:50 AM	FIRE	PLAYFAIR	IGNITE
11 - 11:50 AM	PLAYFAIR	IGNITE	FIRE

IGNITE: Find Your Spark

Highsmith Student Union & Classrooms

Participate in your First IGNITE session! Get to know your classmates and set your intentions for the fall semester.

FIRE Session

Highsmith Student Union and Mullen James Hummanitis Hall

Meet with the Foundation of Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) to discuss free speech on campus and how to make your voice heard.

Playfair

Kimmel Arena

Break the ice and connect with your peers through this engaging and interactive program.

2 - 4 PM

CAMPUS RESOURCE DROP-IN SESSIONS

- Financial Aid
- Career Center
- Involvement Ambassadors
- Ramsey Library

Brown Hall 2nd floor
Ramsey Library 119
Highsmith Student Union 219
Ramsey Library Front Desk



See the **Weeks of Welcome** website for a full schedule of (WoW) events
AUGUST 13 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2026.

WELCOME WEEKEND FACILITY HOURS: AUGUST 14-16, 2026

	Friday Aug. 14	Saturday Aug. 15	Sunday Aug. 16
BOOKSTORE Highsmith First Floor	9 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 6 PM	CLOSED
STUDENT MAIL CENTER Highsmith First Floor	6 - 9 PM	9 PM - 12 AM	1 - 5 PM
CAMPUS DINING			
BROWN DINING HALL	7 AM - 3 PM	9 AM - 7:30 PM	9 AM - 8:30 PM
THE DOWN UNDER Ponder Hall First Floor	11 AM - 12 AM	11 AM - 12 AM	11 AM - 12 AM
HIGHSMITH FOOD COURT Highsmith First Floor	11 AM - 10 PM	4 - 10 PM	4 - 10 PM
SMOOTHIE LAB Ramsey Library Main Floor	9 AM - 5 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
ROASTED COFFEE Highsmith Second Floor	7 AM - 6 PM	9 AM - 2 PM	9 AM - 2 PM