First-Year Student

STAMPEDE SCHEDULE

August 21-25, 2024

*Event details subject to change
Wednesday, August 21

8am-4:45pm  Residential Commons
Move-In
Welcome to the Hilltop! Fall Move-In Day is an exciting series of
days that occur before Stampede, giving you time to settle into
your new home.

9am-5pm  Various Locations
Task Time
Still have last minute tasks to complete? Offices will be open around
campus to answer your enrollment questions such as: IT, Financial
Aid, Mail Center, and Parking & ID services.

1pm-4pm  HTSC Ballroom
Family Fest
Meet our campus partners and learn about the services and
resources we offer to support student success!

2pm-3pm
Special Interest Groups
Get informed by interacting with some of the student programs
SMU offers.

- **Transfers in STEM**: Pre-Health Lounge in Dedman Life Sciences
- **International Student & Scholar Services**: Laura Lee Blanton
- **First Gen**: HTSC Chamber
- **Honors**: Clements Hall Scholars Den
- **Hilltop Scholars**: Clements Hall Scholars Den

3:30pm-4:30pm  HTSC Chamber
Greek Life Info Session
Interested in Greek Life? This is your stop! Learn more about
SMU’s enriched Fraternity and Sorority Life.

4:45pm-5:45pm  HTSC Auditorium
Mustang Family 101
Connect with the Office of Parent & Family Programming to
learn how to support your student from afar.

6pm-7:30pm  Umphrey Lee Dining Hall
Mustang Dinner
Take a break! Come share a meal with SMU Mother’s and Dad’s
Club (Occurring in Umphrey Lee dining hall only).

8pm-10pm  Dallas Hall Lawn
Movie On The Lawn
Dive into roaring outdoor adventure, the classic Jurassic Park
will be showing! Lawn chairs, picnic tables, lawn games and
snacks will all be provided.

Other Activities

**Bookstore Hours**
Be sure to stop by the Bookstore in time for classes!
August 21st - 23rd: 8:30am - 4:45pm
August 24th: 10am - 4:45pm
August 25th: Closed

**Campus Tours**
Be sure to catch a full & detailed tour of SMU before or
after you move in! Campus Tours begin at the Laura Lee
Blanton Building.
Wednesday: 11am-12pm and 3-4pm
Thursday: 11am-12pm and 3-4pm

Accessibility

**Transfer & Commuter Students**
SMU’s Transfer and Commuter Services Center is located in
suite 100 in the Laura Lee Blanton Student Services
Building. They can also be reached via email at
transfer@smu.edu

We are committed to providing a welcoming, inclusive, and
accessible Stampede experience. If you require any
accommodations for any program or event, please reach out to
us at smu.edu/DASS.

Stay up to Date!

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including TikTok and Instagram, to stay up to date on all the
latest and important Stampede announcements! From event
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12:30pm-1:30pm  James M. Collins Executive Education Center
International Student Mixer
Far away from home? Don’t worry, you’re not alone! Enjoy a lunch hosted by International Student & Scholar Services Office, where you can meet other students coming from abroad.

1pm-4pm  HTSC Ballroom
Family Fest
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2pm-3pm  Special Interest Groups
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5pm-6pm  HTSC Ballroom
Job Fair
Calling all students looking for an on-campus job or internship! Learn more and connect with the Hegi Family Career Development Center.

6pm-7:30pm  Various Locations
Mustang Dinner
Take a break! Come share a meal with SMU Mothers and Dads Club (Occurring in Umphrey Lee dining hall only).

7:30-9:30pm  Residential Commons
Home Sweet SMU
Looking to get to know and build a community with your neighbors? Head over to your residential commons to be welcomed the SMU way!

Welcome to the Hilltop!
We consider parents and family members to be a vital part of the SMU Family, and we salute your support and involvement in your student’s success! Below are some different involvement opportunities designed to help you navigate your student’s transition to and throughout college.

Family Weekend occurs annually in the Fall. More information will be relayed via the SMU Parent and Family Experience Portal and newsletter. Be sure to sign up and stay up to date on our biggest family extravaganza of the year!

The SMU Mothers and Dads Club fosters a spirit of community on the Hilltop, serving as a link between parents, families, and the University. Through annual events and by serving as goodwill ambassadors, the Mothers’ and Dads’ Club strives to make everyone feel at home at SMU.

Volunteer Opportunities
- Move-In Week Thirst-Aid Station
- Celebration Of Lights
- Hegi Career Development Center Career Fair
- The Shop - On-campus food pantry
- Mother’s Tea
- Peruna Palooza
- Mothers and Dads Club: Special Project Fund

Fill out the Volunteer Interest Form at SMU Mothers and Dads Club website!
Friday, August 23

9am-10am  Moody Coliseum  
**Kick-Off**
Your official check-in to Stampede! An energetic pep rally with SMU swag, campus traditions, and fun games. Don’t miss this event to start your time on the Hilltop right.

10:15am-11:15am  Various Locations  
**Crew Meeting 1**
Get to know your Stampede Guide and the students in your crew, who you will be with for the majority of Stampede, all while learning more about transitioning to SMU.

10:15am-11:30am  HTSC Auditorium  
**Transitioning To SMU (Transfer students)**
Congratulations on becoming an SMU Mustang! Get informed on a multitude of resources available to you.

11:30am-1pm  Dining Halls  
**Lunch**
Eat a delicious meal with your crew in either Umphrey Lee or Arnold Dining Halls!

11:30am-1pm  HTSC Chamber  
**Transfer & Commuter Lunch**
Commuting and transfer students will have a separate lunch to get to know hosted by the Office of Engaged Learning.

1pm-3:30pm  Various Academic Buildings  
**Academic Explorations**
Your exclusive introduction to academic life on campus. Hear directly from faculty connected to your academic college, learn the foundations of your educational experience, and prepare for your first day of classes.

3:45pm-4:45pm  McFarlin Auditorium  
**What The Health?**
Social life on campus encompasses many factors that affect student wellbeing. Learn how to engage with valuable student services that assist with student health and security.

5pm-6:15pm  Armstrong Fieldhouse  
**Mustang Roundup**
Play games, get active, and get talking as you are led through a variety of engaging activities designed to help you connect with other new Mustangs!

5pm-6:15pm  HTSC Varsity  
**Transfer Photo & Social**
Transfer students are invited to a special social designed to help you meet other transfer students!

6:30pm-8pm  Residential Commons  
**Meet The Commons**
Get to know your Faculty-in-Residence, Residential Commons Director, Resident Assistants, and other members of your Residential Commons over dinner.

8pm-11pm  Gerald Ford Stadium  
**Stampede Sundown**
Set foot on our actual football field! Enjoy a night filled with music, great food, yard activities, and SMU traditions.

8pm-11pm  Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports  
**Rec Night!**
Play sports, workout, take a group fitness class, and get competitive!

8pm-11pm  Dr. Bob Smith Health Center  
**Chilltop**
Need a chance to decompress from a hectic Stampede? Go to the second floor of the Health Center and take the opportunity to relax in our massage chair or engage in some fun arts and crafts.

Unable to attend Kick-Off? No Problem!
Check-in for Stampede in the Hughes Trigg Student Center (HTSC) at the following times:

- **Friday, August 23** from 10:30am - 5pm
- **Saturday, August 25** from 9am - 11am
Saturday, August 24

9:30am-10am  
Dallas Hall Lawn

T-Shirt Pick Up
Pick up your exclusive SMU Gameday T-Shirt, which will be worn for the class photo and the rest of the Saturday Stampede events!

10am-10:45am  
Dallas Hall Lawn

Class Photo
Say cheese! The Class of 2028 Photo will take place on Dallas Hall Lawn (Transfer students are welcome to participate).

11am-11:45am  
Various Locations

Crew Meeting 2
Get to know your Stampede Guide and the students in your crew, who you will be with for the majority of Stampede, all while learning more about transitioning to SMU.

12pm-1pm  
McFarlin Auditorium

Every Mustang Will Be Valued
Our students come from all walks of life, learn about our differences and how you can support your fellow Mustangs.

1pm-2:15pm  
Dining Halls

Lunch-Optional
Eat a delicious meal with your crew in either Umphrey Lee or Arnold Dining Halls!

1pm-5pm  
Various Locations

Discover Dallas
The city of Dallas has amazing sights for our students to explore. Hop on the bus and join the fun! Students must wear their SMU t-shirt to participate.

1pm-3:30pm  
Various Locations

Engage Dallas
Participate in a service project during Discover Dallas. This service event is for incoming students only and requires a pre-registration. Get an Engage Dallas t-shirt and earn a proficiency credit required for graduation!

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Dining Halls

Dinner
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7:30pm-11pm  
McFarlin Auditorium

Evening Entertainment
Head to McFarlin Auditorium for a special performance!

Discover Dallas

During Discover Dallas, students will travel to popular destinations across the city. Although most sites are open to all students, some have limited availability and require pre-registration. If a Discover Dallas site has reached capacity, you may still attend but must purchase a ticket out of pocket.

To access the registration link, be sure to look out for an official Discover Dallas email in your SMU student address inbox and follow smu_orientation on social media for the latest Discover Dallas updates!

Questions? Contact us by emailing orientation@smu.edu.

Engage Dallas

Serve your community this Fall during Stampede with Engage Dallas, a place-based community engagement initiative through your residential commons! Gain credits towards your graduation requirements through the service projects on August 24th. But first, make sure to complete the Basic and Groundworks modules on your Engage Dallas Canvas Course!

Be sure to follow along on all of our social media channels for excited updates surrounding Engage Dallas at smu_orientation and on the official Engage Dallas website at smu.edu/engagedallas.

Questions? Email orientation@smu.edu.
Sunday, August 25

10am-12pm  *Various, see callout to the right*

**Worship Services**
Join staff from the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life (and other Religious Life Partners) at our local churches for morning mass or worship.

10am-1pm  *Dining Halls*

**Community Brunch**
Join staff from the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life (and other Religious Life Partners) in the Dining Halls for Brunch.

2pm-3:15pm  *Various Locations*

**Crew Meeting 3**
Your Stampede Guides will provide resources to assist you in finding your place on the Hilltop, whether it be clubs, organizations, religious groups, classes, jobs, or more.

3:30pm-5pm  *Residential Commons*

**Pinning Ceremony & Commons Photo**
Become an official member of your Residential Commons during the pinning ceremony and take a celebratory picture before going to Rotunda Passage.

5pm-6:30pm  *Dallas Hall, McFarlin Auditorium*

**Rotunda Passage & Convocation**
Wear white and make the traditional walk through Dallas Hall to signify you are becoming a Mustang. Then hear from President Turner and others at Convocation.

6:30pm-8:30pm  *Residential Commons*

**Mandatory Residential Commons Meeting**
The Residence Life and Student Housing Office requires students to be aware of policies and expectations for living on campus.

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**Worship Locations**
Religious Life at SMU reflects the rich, global religious diversity of the world and provides opportunities for everyone to nurture your spirit – whether your Methodist or Muslim, Catholic or Questioning, Jewish or Baptist! There is a place for you to grow and learn in Religious Life at SMU.

- **Roman Catholic Mass**
  9am, meet in front of Perkins Chapel by 8:45am
  St. Luke “Community” United Methodist Church
  10am, St. Luke members will pick up at the Flagpole at 9:30am
- **Highland Park United Methodist, Sanctuary Service**
  (traditional) or Cornerstone Service (modern)
  11am, meet in front of Perkins Chapel at 10:45am and Stampede Guides will get you to the services.

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**Additional Resources**
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Know your way around!

- McFarlin Auditorium:
  - Evening Entertainment
  - Convocation
  - What the Health?
  - EMWBV

- U2 Parking Lot
- Pickup/Drop-Off for Discover Dallas

- Dining Halls:
  - Umphrey Lee
  - Arnold

- Hughes-Trigg Student Center
  - Family Fest
  - Greek Life
  - Mustang Family 101
  - Job Fair

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