

G.R.E.A.T. Escape Freshman Welcome Program

G.R.E.A.T. stands for Getting Residents Excited about Tomorrow. The G.R.E.A.T. Escape program is designed to help Living Learning Community Freshman become well oriented to Cal State Northridge and to living in student housing. The program is mandatory for Living Learning Community Freshman. A small, \$25 fee will be charged automatically to your student account to help offset the cost of the program.

August 17-21, 2009



Here is last year's schedule so that you have a bit of an idea of what the program will include:

Monday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Check-in

Students check into student housing at the Satellite Student Union.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Family Orientation – Satellite Student Union, Shoshone Room

This session is for parents/guardians to learn a bit more about the Department of Student Housing as well as other key campus partners.

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Family Picnic – Lawn Just Outside the Satellite Student Union

Enjoy a complimentary picnic dinner together!

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Symbolic Family Good-bye - Lawn Just Outside the Satellite Student Union

Time to say good-bye to your family (symbolically) and begin the process of college and adulthood!

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Social Event Hosted by the GREAT Escape Staff – 90's DANCE PARTY! Pool between Buildings 12 and 13

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast – Satellite Student Union – Geronimo's

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Opening Session – GREAT Escape Intern and RA Welcome Satellite Student Union – Shoshone Room

The GREAT Escape staff have been preparing all summer for your arrival!

Find Your Group Leaders and Walk to Campus Together

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session I – Thomas and Stephen's Excellent Adventure in Time...Management JD 1551

This session will be a highly interactive session about how to manage your time and do well with your academics now that you have all of this new freedom!

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Session II – TRAPPED! - Academic Lingo and Resources

JD1553

Do you know what it means to 'crash a class'. There's all kinds of lingo that veteran college students know that you will need to know to make sense of the college environment. After this session, you'll be an 'insider' too!

12:00 noon -1:30pm

Lunch – Satellite Student Union – Geronimo's

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Session III – PSA Video Session

Satellite Student Union – Shoshone Room

You're going to make your own public service announcement videos to be broadcast on our own Matador TV station during fall semester. You'll be a celebrity on campus, trust us. Lots of people will say, 'how do I know you?'

3:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m.

Closing Session – ExCel with Dr. Stevens

Satellite Student Union – Shoshone Room

Dr. Stevens, the Director of our Counseling Center, has a truly honest and innovative way to help you be more successful in your classes, particularly in classes where you struggle.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Social Event – LATIN HEAT

Basketball Courts Between Buildings 11 and 12

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast – Satellite Student Union – Geronimo's

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Opening Session – Satellite Student Union – Shoshone Room

Get ready to show off your spirit, your group can do a dance, roll call, movie reenactment, anything you like to get people off of their feet!

****Find Your Group Leaders and Walk to Campus Together****

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session I – That 90's Show - Involvement and Campus Pride

JD 3502

Let's play the game show and start becoming a real Matador!

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Session II – FRIENDS - Making REAL Friends and Managing Conflict

JD 1555

College can give a great opportunity to make friends for life. We'll give you some tips. We'll also give you some tools for managing roommate conflicts and conflicts with friends. Ever heard of 'Speed Friend-ing'?

12:00 noon -1:30pm

Lunch – Satellite Student Union – Geronimo's

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sexual Assault and Sexual Health Fair

Basketball Court Between Buildings 11 and 12

Now that you're on your own, it's time to prepare yourself for life and the independence of the college environment.

3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Closing Session – Tunnel of Oppression

Building 12 First Floor

You just have to see this to believe it. Get ready to have an eye opening experience.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Social Event – 90's Pizza at the Pool between Buildings 12 and 13

Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Opening Session – Satellite Student Union – Shoshone Room

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- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Session I – New Kids on the Block - Urban Campus Culture
JD 3504**
This session will talk about safety on an urban campus and standards of the university community.
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. **Session II – D.A.R.E. - Healthy Behaviors and Alcohol and other
Drugs
JD 3510**
This session will have lots of 'hands on activities' to teach you about safe and responsible behavior.
- 12:00 noon -1:30pm **Lunch – Satellite Student Union – Geronimo's**
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Session III – Where's WALDO? Campus Resources Scavenger Hunt
Satellite Student Union – Shoshone Room**
You'll be a pro compared to other freshman after this session.
- 3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. **Faculty Meet & Greets
See the bottom of this schedule for locations**
Meet your super cool, super involved LLC faculty!
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00pm **Symbolic Graduation/ Pep Rally
SSU – Shoshone Room**
Feel what it might be like to graduate from CSUN in four years!
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Social Event – 90's Ice Cream at the Basketball Courts**

Friday

- 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Campus Orientation**
Meet your group leaders at the designated locations and walk to campus together! Breakfast will be served at check – in and lunch is part of your orientation program. The Orientation Schedule is in your folder as well. Campus Orientation is an excellent program where NONE of the information presented repeats what we have just learned.