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Welcome Western Carolina University new students and parents!

Thank you for registering for First Ascent! We are very excited to be welcoming you onto our campus and into our community this August. What better way to do that than by making new friends and exploring your new campus, Cullowhee and all the active, adventurous, cultural and unique opportunities here in the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains! There are two special interest programs in First Ascent and each program offers you a unique experience while introducing you to other new students, upper classmen, faculty and staff, as well as Cullowhee and its surrounding areas.

This letter is primarily to welcome you and to thank you for choosing our program. The first important step in preparing for First Ascent is to complete all important forms specific to the program for which you are registered **before July 27, 2018**. On top of this, please look over the gear list (located in the information packet you received alongside this email) and see what gear you need to borrow from Basecamp. If you need to borrow anything from us, let us know **before July 27, 2018**. **To ensure you do not miss any important information, you must check your WCU email account regularly**.

For now, please note the *tentative* schedule for the first day of First Ascent, which also serves as your move-in day! If you have specific questions, contact us at basecamp@wcu.edu or call 828.227.8805. Friend us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/basecamp.cullowhee to post questions and meet other new students!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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First Ascent Schedule
Saturday, August 11th 2018

9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Check-In **Front Entrance of Scott Hall**

Check in will be between 9am and Noon on **Saturday, August 11th** at the ***front entrance of Scott Hall***. You can park in the spaces in front of Scott Hall. During check in you will receive your room key and more information regarding the First Ascent program! For directions and a map of campus visit: http://www.wcu.edu/discover/locations/main-campus/campus-map.aspx

(Tip: To reduce stress, arrive as early as possible).

9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Move-In **Residence Hall**

This should give you enough time to at least move all your belongings into your room. We will provide you with a map at check-in to help assist you in finding your hall and your way around campus. Move in will not be allowed after this time, so be sure to arrive before 12:00p.m.

12:30p.m. – 3:30p.m. Lunch /Programming Prep **Front Lobby of Campus Rec. Center**

We will begin programming at 12:30pm at the front lobby of the CRC (next to the clock tower in the center of campus). We will start with lunch and activities and begin the process of packing for your trip. Please make sure to bring all your personal items in a large duffel or backpack. Your leaders will want to go over the packing list with you to assure you have all necessary equipment.

3:30p.m. – 5:00p.m. Break!

5:00p.m. – 6:30p.m. Dinner **WCU Picnic Shelter**

We will finish the day with a picnic dinner at the WCU picnic shelter, located next to the softball stadium. Please bring a water bottle!

Sunday, August 12th 2018

9:00a.m. Arrive at your Program **Front Lobby of Campus Rec. Center**

The time is finally here! When you arrive at your program please make sure you have all your personal gear with you as you will not be returning to your residence halls until Thursday, August 16th.