



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 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 31, 2022**. **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 2-days of First Ascent. More information regarding movie in will be sent out around April 2022. If you have specific questions, contact us at [basecamp@wcu.edu](mailto:basecamp@wcu.edu) or call 828.227.8813. Friend us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/basecamp.cullowhee> and follow us on Instagram [http://instagram.com/basecamp\\_cullowhee](http://instagram.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 13<sup>th</sup> 2022**

<b>TBD</b>	<b>Residential Hall Move In</b>	<b>COMING SOON – April 2022</b>
<b>12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m</b>	<b>First Ascent Check-In</b>	<b>Campus Recreation Center Lobby</b>
	Students will meet at the CRC for First Ascent check-in and Lunch. <b>Please make sure to bring all your personal items in a large duffel or backpack.</b> There will be staff at the entrance of the CRC to greet you and direct you to check in. <a href="#">Campus Recreation Center Map</a>	
<b>12:30p.m. – 4:30p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch /Programming Prep</b>	<b>Front Lobby of Campus Rec. Center</b>
	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.	
<b>4:30p.m. – 5:00p.m.</b>	<b>Break and Transport to Picnic Site</b>	
<b>5:00p.m. – 6:30p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>WCU Picnic Shelter</b>
	We will finish the day with a picnic dinner on the campus of WCU or local park. Please bring a water bottle!	
<b>6:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.</b>	<b>Walmart Run</b>	<b>Walmart</b>
	Grab any last minute items you may need before tomorrow's big adventure! Do you have enough batteries, proper water bottles, layers, etc.?	

**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 2022**

<b>8:30a.m.</b>	<b>Arrive at your Program</b>	<b>Front Lobby of Campus Rec. Center</b>
	The time is 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 18 <sup>th</sup> .	