PRE-CONFERENCE DAY

*(May, June, & July Only)*

There are two days of required NSC programs; however, we encourage you to arrive on the day prior to your NSC, which we refer to as the Pre-Conference Day. For example, if you are registered for the June 5–6 conference, your Pre-Conference Day will take place on June 4.

You will have the opportunity to check in early, meet other new students at the Howdy Social, and complete to-do items. Students attending the Pre-Conference Day typically experience shorter wait times to accomplish necessary tasks. If you do not attend the Pre-Conference Day, then you must attend Check-In on the morning of Day 1.

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<td>6 a.m.–10 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Open Recreation</strong>&lt;br&gt;Use the Student Recreation Center, also known as the Rec Center, at your leisure. Check in at the Member Services Desk for more information. Equipment fees may apply. Proper attire is required. Minors (under the age of 18) must be under adult supervision during the entirety of their visit.</td>
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<td>1:30–5 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>On-Campus Accommodations Check-In</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students and families staying in on-campus conference accommodations may check in from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Zone Club of Kyle Field, first floor. After 5 p.m., call (979) 845-2821 for your check-in location.</td>
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<td>3:30–4:45 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Student &amp; Family NSC Early Check-In</strong>&lt;br&gt;Students and family members/guests must check in to the conference. Everyone will receive orientation materials and an official conference schedule. Students will receive their student ID (if they submitted a photo in advance) and a t-shirt. Students must also clear any registration holds and turn in transcripts if needed.</td>
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<td>4:45–5:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Corps Open House</strong>&lt;br&gt;Joining the Corps or seeking more information? Meet with outfit representatives at the Corps of Cadets Open House.</td>
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<td>5–6:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Howdy Social</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Orientation Leaders and The Association of Former Students invite students and family members to enjoy light refreshments and snacks, play trivia and other games, try on an Aggie Ring, and meet other new students at this casual, come-and-go event.</td>
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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

**Day 1** features sessions regarding academics, resources, and responsibilities as an Aggie. An evening program provides a fun opportunity for students and families to learn about campus involvement and experience a Yell Practice.

**Day 2** begins with students meeting with their college to learn about the requirements and expectations of their specific discipline. Class registration takes place in the afternoon.

**Attendance** at the conference is mandatory, and students are expected to attend all sessions.

**CHANGING YOUR MAJOR**

Freshmen may change their major by visiting the “Change your Major” table at check-in. **Check-in is the only opportunity to change your major at the conference.** Certain colleges and departments have enrollment restrictions and a change of major into these programs will not be an option.

**STUDENT ID CARD**

Students are required to submit their photo online at [myaggiecard.tamu.edu](http://myaggiecard.tamu.edu) by noon the day prior to arriving for their conference and have the photo approved to receive their Aggie ID card at Check-In.

You must have government-issued photo ID to receive your Aggie ID card.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

All students who are neither U.S. Citizens nor U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents must complete the online check-in prior to their NSC through Terra Dotta to have their course registration hold removed. Detailed information is available through International Student Services (ISS) at [iss.tamu.edu](http://iss.tamu.edu).
**STUDENT TRACK**

10:30–11:15 a.m.  
**Housing Sessions**  
On Campus: Students learn about on-campus living arrangements, residence life policies, what to expect as on-campus residents, and move-in details.  
Off Campus: Learn about off-campus living, including important rent/leasing information, roommate relations, transportation, and resources to find housing.  
**Corps of Cadets Orientation**  
Register for the Corps of Cadets and participate in an orientation session providing information on Corps housing, uniforms, meal plans, unit assignments, ROTC enrollment, and Cadet Scholarships.  
**11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  
Small Group Discussions**  
Students will be divided into groups with an Orientation Leader to get to know other new Aggies, discuss their transition from high school to college, and learn about campus services including dining, parking, information technology and Code Maroon.  
12:15–1:15 p.m.  
**Lunch**  
Students will be escorted to lunch by Orientation Leaders and will sit according to residential areas.

**FAMILY TRACK**

10:30–11:20 a.m.  
**Introduction to being an Aggie Family Member**  
New Student & Family Programs staff will offer an introduction to the various Aggie family programs in place to support you through your student’s time at Texas A&M.  
**11:20 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
The Essentials**  
Presentations by Campus Dining, Residence Life & Housing, and Off-Campus Student Services.  
**12:00–1:15 p.m.  
Family Lunch**  
This catered lunch will provide opportunities for casual interaction with each other and various campus partners.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Feel free to stop by our NSC Help Desk during the conference, call us at (979) 845-5826, or send us a message on social media.
DAY 1, CONTINUED

STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL ATTEND SEPARATE SESSIONS AT THIS POINT

STUDENT TRACK

3:45–5:15 p.m.  
**Aggies Respect**  
Centered around Texas A&M’s Core Value of Respect, students will understand the role and responsibility they have in creating a community that supports all members of the Aggie Family. Presenters will discuss ways each individual contributes to our campus and will explain bystander intervention tips that students can use to help create a Community of Respect.

5:15–6:30 p.m.  
**Small Group Discussion**  
Students will rejoin their small group to follow up on the previous session. Orientation Leaders will introduce academic systems such as the TAMU Mobile App, Howdy Portal, and Navigate, as well as provide an overview of conference Day 2.

6:30–7:30 p.m.  
**Dinner**  
Students will attend dinner with their small group and Orientation Leader.

FAMILY TRACK

3:45–4:30 p.m.  
**Safety & Wellness**  
Learn about safety and wellness on campus and hear from a panel of representatives from the University Police Department, Student Health Services, and Student Counseling Service.

4:30–5:20 p.m.  
**Partners in Success**  
Representatives from the Offices of the Dean of Student Life and Student Counseling Service will discuss ways the university partners with families to support and encourage students throughout their career at Texas A&M.

5:30–7:30 p.m.  
**Dinner**  
Enjoy dinner, meet other family members, and interact with the Orientation Leaders.

STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL COME BACK TOGETHER AT THIS POINT

7:45–8:30 p.m.  
**Engage Your Aggie Experience**  
Learn about campus involvement, student support resources and attend a Fightin’ Texas Aggie Yell Practice with the Yell Leaders.

DAY 2 - SAMPLE

7:15–8:15 a.m.  
**Breakfast**  
Breakfast will be available for all registered attendees near the College Meeting locations.

7:45 a.m.  
**Travel to College Meetings**  
Orientation Leaders will walk you to college meetings. All groups depart at 8:05 a.m.

**Campus Shuttles**  
Orientation Leaders will direct you to shuttles for meetings on West Campus. Last shuttle departs at 8:10 a.m.

8:30 a.m.  
**College Meetings & Academic Advising**  
Students meet with representatives from your specific college who will discuss requirements and answer questions you have about your major. You will also receive specific information about course registration.

9:15–10:45 a.m.  
**Math Placement Exam — College of Engineering/College of Science Only**  
Students in the College of Engineering and College of Science (excluding Biology majors) sit for a proctored Math Placement Exam. Disability accommodations requested prior to the conference will be made through virtual proctoring.

11 a.m.–2 p.m.  
**Lunch**  
Lunch is available for all registered attendees in various locations on campus. Times will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting.

2:30 p.m.  
**Course Registration**  
Exact time and location will be announced during College Meetings. Students register for their fall classes and optional campus services. Blinn TEAM and Gateway students will arrive earlier. More details will be provided at your NSC.