PRE-CONFERENCE DAY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.  Open Recreation
You and your student may use the Student Recreation Center, also known as the Rec Center, by checking in at the Member Services Desk. 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.

3:30–4:45 p.m.  Student & Family Early Check-In
Zone Club, Kyle Field

4:30–5:30 p.m.  Singing Cadets Auditions
MSC L110, Choral Activities
If your student is interested in being part of Texas A&M’s premier all-male chorus, please stop by for a brief audition! Please note: Membership in the Corps of Cadets is not required.

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00–9:00 a.m.  Student & Family NSC Check-In
Zone Club, Kyle Field
Students and family members/guests must check in to the conference. Everyone will receive orientation materials and an official conference schedule.

9:15–9:30 a.m.  Welcome
Rudder Auditorium
This opening session is your formal welcome to the Aggie Family from New Student & Family Programs!

9:30–9:50 a.m.  Joining a Community of Scholars
Rudder Auditorium
This session provides important information about the opportunities, rights and responsibilities as a new member of Texas A&M’s Community of Scholars.

9:50–10:20 a.m.  Financial Matters
Rudder Auditorium
Staff will discuss tuition and fees, methods of payment, direct deposit, important due dates, and financial resources including scholarships, grants, and loans.

10:20–10:40 a.m.  Student Transition
Rudder Auditorium
Orientation Leaders will assist with the transition of students to housing sessions. Family members will remain in their seats.

NEED A BREAK? VISIT THE FAMILY LOUNGE IN RUDDER EXHIBIT HALL.
Relax, charge your phone, and write a special note to your student.
Available 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Day 1 of your conference.

STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL ATTEND SEPARATE SESSIONS AT THIS POINT

10:40–11:20 a.m.  Introduction to Being an Aggie Family Member
Rudder Auditorium
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.
DAY 1 - CONTINUED

HELP DESK: 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Rudder Exhibit Hall

= Spanish Translation
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**11:20 a.m.–12:00 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.
Rudder Auditorium

**12:00–12:40 p.m.**
Partners in Success
Representatives from the Offices of the Dean of Student Life and Student Counseling Service discuss ways the university partners with families to support and encourage students throughout their career at Texas A&M.
Rudder Auditorium

**12:45–1:45 p.m.**
Family Lunch
Enjoy lunch in a relaxed atmosphere while you meet other Aggie family members and interact with Orientation Leaders.
MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom

**1:45–2:15 p.m.**
Coffee & Dessert
Enjoy coffee and dessert while interacting with representatives from various campus offices.
MSC 2300, Bethancourt Ballroom

**STUDENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS WILL COME BACK TOGETHER AT THIS POINT**

**2:30–4:15 p.m.**
Resource Tables
Various offices from the University community are represented. Gather info and ask questions at your leisure.
MSC Main Hallway

**2:45–3:45 p.m.**
Interest Sessions
Attendees will choose which breakout session they would like to attend.
See Options Below

**Veteran Services**
Learn how to get the most out of your military educational benefits. Get connected with the Aggie veteran community and both campus veteran offices. Mandatory for veterans; highly suggested for military dependents.
Rudder Tower 301

**Corps of Cadets: Student & Family Session**
Students joining the Corps of Cadets and their family members will learn about Corps academic support, the weekly schedule for cadets, and Freshman Orientation Week (FOW) check-in.
Sanders Corps Center

**4:00–5:30 p.m.**
Howdy Social
The Orientation Leaders and 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.
MSC 2400, Gates Ballroom

**INTEREST SESSION OPTIONS**

**Career Center | MSC 1400**
Hear about services and resources including resume and cover letter review, mock interviews, and planning for future employment.

**Education Abroad | MSC 2406-B**
You can study abroad! Learn about international education opportunities and funding resources.

**Money Education Center | MSC 2404**
This presentation provides recommendations which can help students be more financially successful during college so that they can be in a great financial position upon graduation.

**Off-Campus Living | MSC 2406-A**
Learn how to live off campus successfully, including managing a lease, city ordinances, roommate relations, transportation, and ways to search for housing.

**Professional School Advising | Rudder Theatre**
Students interested in careers within law, medicine, dentistry, allied health or veterinary medicine and planning to pursue professional school credentials, regardless of major, should attend this session.

**Secondary Teacher Certification | Rudder Tower 302**
Students interested in teacher certification for secondary education, regardless of major, should attend this session.
Day 2 - Thursday, August 15

Help Desk: 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Rudder Exhibit Hall

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

7:30 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 selected meetings (noted below). Last shuttle departs from the MSC at 8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.
College Meetings & Academic Advising
Meeting begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students who do not attend the meeting for its entirety will be blocked from course registration.

In this mandatory meeting, 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.

Locations vary by college (Building abbreviations refer to the campus map alphabetical listing):

- Agriculture & Life Sciences (AG)*
  Wehner 113 (WCBA)
- Architecture (AR)*
  Architecture Building B 101 (ARCB)
- Business (BA)*
  Wehner 115 (WCBA)
- Education (ED)
  Harrington Education Center Classroom Building 207 (HECC)
- Engineering (EN)
  Rudder Theatre
- Geosciences (GE)*
  Halbouty 101 (HALB)
- Liberal Arts (LA)
  Harrington Education Center Classroom Building 108 & 110 (HECC)
- Public Health (PH)*
  Reynolds 141 (REYN)
- Science (SC)
  Blocker 102 (BLOC)
- Veterinary Medicine (VM)*
  Veterinary Medicine Building 1, Room 107 (VENI)

* Denotes locations on the NSC shuttle route

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Lunch
Use the ticket attached to your nametag at any campus dining location listed on the voucher. Times will vary depending on when you are dismissed from your College Meeting.

2:00–6:00 p.m.
Course Registration
Exact time and location will be announced during College Meetings. Students will register for their fall classes and optional campus services. Please be prepared to stay until 6 p.m. if necessary.

Join the Aggie Family Network!

The Office New Student & Family Programs is excited to offer the Aggie Family Network portal to enhance your Aggie family experience! This online portal will allow you to customize the information you receive from Texas A&M.

E-newsletters from New Student & Family Programs can be tailored to your interests, and you can decide how often you would like to receive updates.

If you would like to receive Aggie Family Newsletters, visit tx.ag/FamilyPortal and create an account using your email address.

Once a member of the Aggie Family Network Portal, you will have access to a specially curated news feed, calendar of important dates, helpful resources and more! You can even save or share articles you find particularly relevant or interesting.