SIMPSON COLLEGE

SOAR

SIMPSON ORIENTATION ADVISING & REGISTRATION

Guest Schedule

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	**Check-In** At check-in, students and guests will receive their schedule for the day. Students will need to take their ID photo in the Student Development office on the second floor of Kent. The Spirit Shop is open 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	***Kent Campus Center Atrium***
8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **8:30 – 8:50 a.m.**	**Coach Meet & Greet** **Student Athlete Session for Students & Guests** Meet with coaches and athletic staff to learn about Simpson's athletic onboarding process and NCAA regulations. Coaches will be available for a Meet-and-Greet with families in Black Box prior to this session.	***Kent Campus Center Black Box***
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	**Welcome Session** Your day starts with a big Simpson College "Welcome!"	***Black Box***
9:15 – 9:55 a.m.	**Families as Partners & Movin' In** Find out how to partner with your student during their Simpson journey and learn the nuts and bolts of campus and residence life. Presented by Matt Hansen, Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students, and Lucas Herb-Mullin, Director of Residence Life.	***Black Box***
9:55 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	**Academics at Simpson** Learn the purpose behind Simpson's Foundations first-year course, how the fall class registration process works, and the ways your student will be supported throughout their time at Simpson.	***Black Box***
10:40 – 11:10 a.m. **11:15 – 11:45 a.m.**	**Guest Information Sessions** Each topic will be offered during each session time.	
	Health Services & Athletics Guests will meet with the Health Services and Athletic Training staff to learn about medical services available on and off campus. Additionally, guests will learn about NCAA requirements, such as sports physicals, sickle cell testing, and health insurance.	***Dunn Library 120***
	Supporting Your Student's Career Aspirations Career Development is here to share what career services are available for your student, activities you might encourage, and internship options in the area.	***Dunn Library 114***
	Academic Support for First Year Success First-year students often struggle with the transition to college, such as managing their time, learning independently, and writing at a college level. How do you help them prepare? The Center for Academic Resources works alongside your student to help them: Adjust to high levels of freedom and academic rigor, write strong college-level papers, and advocate for themselves around their disability alone for the first time. At this workshop, you will learn about the different kinds of academic support and how to help your student access them.	***Dunn Library 108***
	TRIO Student Support Services In this session, you can learn more about the TRIO program, which serves low-income students, first-generation students, and students with disabilities. Not sure if your student is eligible? Stop by to learn more!	***Dunn Library 107***
11:50 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	**Lunch & Letter Writing** Join us for lunch with Simpson staff and fellow Simpson families. We have all the supplies you need to write a letter to your student. We will deliver letters to student mailboxes during the first week of class. Tissues are available!	***Black Box***

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12:40 – 1:20 p.m.	**Money Matters** In this session, guests will learn about the services offered by both the Business and Financial Aid Offices. Staff will discuss student loans, scholarships, FAFSA filing in future years, student billing, payment options and other important basics you and your student can expect in financing a Simpson College education. The Office of Financial Aid staff will be available for individual meetings after this session until 4pm on the second floor of the Kent Campus Center.	***Black Box***
1:20 – 1:35 p.m.	**Coffee Break & Continued Letter Writing** Refill your coffee and be sure to stop by the letter-writing station. If you didn't have a chance to write a letter to your student during lunch, here is an opportunity to do so!	***Kent Atrium***
1:35 – 2:05 p.m. **2:10 – 2:40 p.m.**	**Guest Information Sessions** Each topic will be offered during each session time.	
	International Education and Study Abroad Supporting students as they plan to complete a short-term (May Term) or long-term (Summer/Semester) study abroad opportunity. In this session, attendees will learn about the benefits of study abroad in securing employment, programs available, scholarships, and financial aid.	***Carse 171***
	How to Launch a Resilient College Student This session covers the available services through Counseling Services, and what parents can expect from our services. We will discuss building resiliency and self-efficacy in your student, along with tips to survive the transition to parenting a college student.	***Carse 172***
	Fraternity and Sorority Life at Simpson Learn more about Fraternity and Sorority Life at Simpson College from our Fraternity and Sorority Life Area Coordinator, current students, and alumni.	***Carse 173***
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	**Student Panel** Now is your time to learn about Simpson from the student perspective! As you wrap up SOAR, current students are here to answer your questions and share their Simpson experience.	***Black Box***
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	**Check-Out** Your student needs to turn in their SOAR evaluation card, pick up their Simpson goodie and their sweet treat to go. If you have any lingering questions, be sure to ask as you check-out! **Residence Hall Tours** Join the Residence Life staff and tour Barker & Kresge at 3:35pm & 3:45pm. Look for the Res Life team and their tour signs near the entrance to Kent next to Black Box.	**Kent Atrium**

Move In: August 28
Welcome Week: August 28-31
Student attendance is expected!
Students will get to know their classmates, learn about campus, get connected, and participate in fun and educational sessions!