

ALL ABOARD

TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION 2009



WELCOME TO GUSTAVUS!

The Transfer Orientation program is focused on helping you with the transition to Gustavus and establishing a sense of belonging in the new college community. We know that feeling connected as a Gustie takes a different amount of time for each person. However, we hope that with the assistance of many members of our community, you will begin to see this as your home. On behalf of the Gustie Greeters and Student Activities Office, we sincerely hope your Orientation experience is positive and affirming of your choice to become a Gustie!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

ADVICE FOR INCOMING TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Join something right away, even if you're not sure if you'll like it. It helps so much to meet people in a sorority/fraternity or team!

~ *Sophia Backman*

Get involved in things, and don't be afraid to ask for help.

~ *Vanessa Jones*

My biggest piece of advice for incoming transfer students is to get involved in an organization. I decided to join a sorority and met many wonderful friends within the first couple weeks of school.

~ *Andrea Stevens*

Join student organizations! Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to people in your classes.

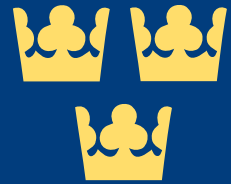
~ *Carissa Keith*

- 9 a.m. **Move into your residence hall** Please register at the front desk of your hall to receive your keys.
- 9 a.m.–3 p.m. **Check in at the Information Desk** to obtain voice mail information, student ID, advisor assignment, and student employment information. *Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center*
- 11 a.m.–2 p.m. **Lunch** Pick up vouchers for you and your family members at the Information Desk and enjoy the ala carte in the Market Place. *Evelyn Young Dining Room, Jackson Campus Center.*
- 2 p.m. **Campus Tour with Gustie Greeters** This informative tour will answer your basic questions about the layout of Gustavus, and will also let you in on the best places to study, hang out with friends, and even play Ultimate. Remember your class schedule! *Meet at the Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center*
- 3 p.m. **SCVNGR Hunt with a Twist** Get ready to experience the Gustavus campus in a whole new way! Join the rest of your Greeter Group to participate in this “take-it-to-the-next-level” scavenger hunt that is all based in... you've got it... **TEXT MESSAGING!** *Meet at the Information Desk, Jackson Campus Center*
- 5:30–6:30 p.m. **Transfer Student BBQ** Come hang out and eat dinner with your fellow transfer students in the Courtyard, a favorite place for Gusties to eat, hang out, and study. Bring any and all questions you may have to this informal get-to-know-you dinner with other transfer students, Greeters, Collegiate fellows, and Peer Assistants. *Johns Family Courtyard (between Jackson Campus Center and Lund Center)*
Rain Location: *Courtyard Café*

- 7:25 p.m. **“E Pluribus Gustavus”** This campus wide tradition is an opportunity for new students to discuss transitions, cultural differences, social climate, and environmental changes. This program is the perfect opportunity to create connections with other new and transfer students through intentional conversation. Meet your Greeter and a Peer Assistant at the Information Desk at 7:15pm *Anderson Theatre*
- 9 p.m. **Transfer Student Night on the Town** Let your Gustie Greeter be your guide through Saint Peter! This activity is intended to provide you with an orientation to all of the Saint Peter hot spots, local stores, and coffee shops, as well as an opportunity to visit some of the off campus houses for treats and meet other upper class students. *Meet at Three Flags.*
- 9:30 p.m. **Movie: Star Trek** *Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall*
- 9:30 p.m. **Campus Bingo Night** *Banquet Rooms, Jackson Campus Center*
A favorite Gustie tradition with over \$200 in prizes!
- 10:30 p.m. **“Dress that Tune”** A long standing tradition at Gustavus, “The Dive” is a great opportunity to have fun and let loose! With the Gustie Greeters as your DJ and outfits inspired by your favorite song, this event is guaranteed to create long lasting memories! *Dive, Johnson Student Union*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 8:45 a.m. **Fun Run/Walk** Prizes awarded and cool treats for all participants. Meet at *Interpretive Center*
- 10:30 a.m. **Brunch** Join your Gustie Greeter and other transfer students to connect and ask last minute questions before classes begin tomorrow. *President’s Dining Room*
- 11:15–11:45 a.m. **Academic Success Sessions** Classes begin tomorrow! Are you prepared? Choose one of these sessions to get you on the right track. *Banquet Rooms, Jackson Campus Center*
- Impressing your Profs** *Heritage Banquet Room*
No one knows you here. You have to establish your academic reputation all over again. What does it take to do your best? Listen to professors tell stories about what they’ve seen in their classrooms, what works, and what doesn’t work.
- “How I Get Good Grades”** *3 Crowns Banquet Room*
An upperclass student panel of high achievers in the classroom will share tips and answer questions on how they maintain their commendable GPAs and balance schoolwork and a personal life.



This symbol originated on a Scandinavian coat of arms in the 14th century. Although the original meaning is not known, some historians believe the insignia symbolizes the three Magi, while others feel it depicts the three geographic regions of Sweden. Still others say the crowns represent the Trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ATMs are located across from Health Services on the lower level of the Campus Center. (That’s down the hallway from the Book Mark.)

EVERYTHING YOUR ID CARD CAN DO AND MORE . . .

- Your card breezes you through the Market Place registers.
- The Courtyard Café only takes your card, not number, so be sure to keep it on hand for big cookies and vanilla lattés.
- Cakes and other Market Place items can be purchased in the Dining Service office using your card.
- Book Mark charges can be set up with the use of your card.
- To play pool in the Dive or if you are looking for a rousing game of foosball, go to the Information Desk and give your card in exchange for some fun.
- Rent out sports and camping equipment in Lund Center at the Red Desk.
- If you lose your card, go to the “Three Crowns Card” office located past the Market Place entrance towards the Dining Service office. The cost for a replacement is \$5.

Organizing Your Time and Your Backpack *St. Peter Banquet Room*

Going to college is a common choice, but the daily commitment to academic excellence and the reality of classes/homework can be challenging. Advising Center staff will teach you some practical time management tips and stress-reducing organizational skills, building on what you have found works in the past and what upper class students recommend. We'll start with your backpack and daily planners . . . sharpen your pencils.

Learning Strategies for Students with Disabilities

Academic Advising Center, Johnson Student Union

Meet Laurie Bickett, Disability Services Coordinator. Students with learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder, and physical impairments survive and thrive at Gustavus. Stop by to find out about services for special needs and strategies that will help enhance your education at Gustavus. Take charge of your education and accommodations.

12:15–12:45 p.m.

Academic Success Sessions repeated The same sessions are offered in the same locations so you can attend two. *Banquet Rooms, Jackson Campus Center* (see above)

1–1:30 p.m.

MANDATORY Student Employment Orientation All students with student employment **MUST** attend. *Alumni Hall*

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Student Employment Training with assigned office (excluding Dining Service).

3–4 p.m.

Tricks and Treats with Rich Aune (Admission), Phil Voight (First Term Seminar Professor), and Julie Johnson (Academic Advising)

Connect with your most valuable resources on campus for a question and answer session regarding your academics as well as services available to you as a new Gustavus student. Learn the tricks of transferring your credits, transitioning into your classes, and connecting with the faculty and staff in roles designed to help meet your unique needs. *President's Dining Room, Jackson Campus Center*

5–7 p.m.

Back to School Bash Picnic style dinner with live music and entertainment for all new and returning students. *Lund Center*

9:30 p.m.

Campus Movie: Star Trek *Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall*