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Jason Tripp and Justin
Paige and Kelli
Haley Gautch, Stephanie ?
Alison Higgins and Sarah
Lindsay Prowizor
Brandon Quittem and Jamie Bachaus
Alex Kruse and someone else i don't remember...
Wade K and Katie Derbyshire
Audra Ragan (sp?) Todd Billington
justin and jason
kiddie
Joe and Whitney
tom and i dont remember the other one
Paul
Brian Secreist (?) was one. I was in group 19, a commuter group.
Kevin Jason
Chase S. (It was a while ago) and we had no other leader.
Andy and Kim
Flynn and Amanda
Rob Leeson
Eric Rootes, Alex
Katie and Chelsey
Amanda Legler and Flynn Rico
Nick
Amber, Kaitlyn
Katie Kennedy
Melissa Ruppert and Nicole
elle
I do not remember their names but they were really nice.
Afton Ray and Grady Rudolph
Kimberly
bryan seacrest
Jeff Helseth and Mark Oschner
| Kara and Jimmy                  |
| Liz Olive and Casey Penington  |
| Alex Dyba and Erin Coogan      |
| Todd Rotgers Matt Jorjorian    |
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| Peter Spitsnogle                |
| Lindsey                        |
| Quinn                          |
| Adrian Gonzalez and Lindsey    |
| Rochelle Sodetani              |
| Andrew Schneider               |
| Jeff H                         |
| Jessica and Nick               |
| Hmm...good question.            |
| Julianna George                |
| Alice                          |
| Amanda and Flynn               |
| Martha and Betsy               |
| Jessica, Nick                  |
| Emily Lind                     |
| Steve Conlon Laura             |
| Erin Coogan Alex Dyba          |
| Aditya and Isaac               |
| Jimmy Wang and Kara            |
| Adrian Gonzalez, Lindsay Schwarz|
| Denny Huang Natara             |
| Kristen & Wally                |
| Afton Ray and Grady            |
| Chris                          |
| Eric and Jen                   |
| Melissa Schull Amanda Hegeman  |
| Shelby Rhodes & Alexis Long    |
| Sam Wells                      |
| Erin Coogan, Alex Dyba         |
| Tharon                         |
| jokubo jokubo zaina            |
| cassie nix alex kruse          |
| I don't remember, but we were in a Comstock group. |
| Katie                          |
| Trisha                         |
| Courtney and ?                 |
| Molly Knutson and Geneva        |
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Jen and Lindsay
Jermaine Lewis
I don't remember
Erin and Emily
Ali Vujovich Ashton Johnson
Megan and Carissa
Muna Musa,
Peter and Kim.
Katie Leinenkugel Lauren Schoenfeldt
Nick Caretta and Denise Rath
Jimmy Wang and Kara
Kayleigh Halter Hero
Dylan Nitskorski and Maren
Marty
Jessica and Travis
Stephanie Ryan, Karen Baker
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Jessica and Nick
Kristen
Chelsea and Kaylee
Jason and Sylvia
Chase
Meagan,
Brandon and Jamie
Jokando, and ??
I forget
Kevin
John, and Sarah
Katie and Lauren
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Julia Chris
Katie Kasey & Andrew Schneider
Eric Salzwedel and Jen Giampietro
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Sarah
Ali and Ashton
Liz Olive and Casey Pennington
Kristine Monita, Kristin Haag
Katherine and Natalie
Jessica, Travis
Devon and Michelle
Kari Kalenberg and Paige Miller
Erik, Doug
Natalie and Carolyn
Suzie Ovard Stacie Hill
Eric Eickhof and Kate Garfield
mike and Heidi
Erik Rootes Alex Johnson
Tom?
Geneva and Molly
samantha semler and tara sloane
steve and laura
Laura and Steven
katie and wade
Ashley and Michelle
Rachel and Sydna
Paul but I don't remember his last name. He was white, had glasses, and a little bit of ackney.
Martin, Katie
Sarah and Sami
Todd and Matt
Stacey Hill Suzie Ouvrard
Lexi
I forgot they name
Holly and Emily
Jeff Ormsbee Megan Borgert-Spaniol
Rob Shields Stephanie Servi
don't remember
crystal and dan
Katie Oldeen
Lindsey
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Liz Olive Casey Pennington
Dylan and Maren
Laura Shnell, Nick Manangano
Hiro and Kayleigh
Trisha something
Kevin Sholtz
Jeff and Meghan
Kevin Shultz
Danielle Retzer
Atif Khan and Ryan Eddy
Don't remember them.
Lindsay and some other person
Jenny
Eric Rootes and Alex Johnson
Ali and Asheon
kim
Kim Scriver & Peter Anderson
Peter Spitsnoggle
Kailey and Chelsea
Ashley and Kristen
Erin Coogan, Alex Dyba
Wade, Katie
Kevin Shultz
Emily Houghton Holly Halter
Adrian Gonzalez, Lindsay Schwartz
I don’t remember
Meagan Radziej and
dont remember their names or what group i was in
Karen,
Janel and Dan Tinucci
Rachel Corder, Sydna Cooper
Brian Bernier
Rachel Knutson
Sam Semler
Kristen and Michelle
Steven and Laura
Kari and Paige
Marissa and Tom
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Brittney Lemke
Travis Roznos, Jessica Chung
Quinn O'Reilly
Josh Mortenson
Suzie and Stacy
Lexi Meisner
Nick Mangano, and Laura Schnell
Amanda Schiltz, Justin Hasbrouck
Cali
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Kat and Josh
Nick and Jessica
Andrew Carlson
Laura and Nick
Eric and Alex
Nick and Michael
Shawn Carolin
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| Nick Howell and Mike                     |
| eric                                    |
| Beth                                    |
| Katarina, the other I don't remember.   |
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| Austin Savit, Sarah Poluha              |
| Sam                                     |
| Josh and Kate                           |
| Travis and Jessica                      |
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| Gretchen Schrieber Eric Semborski       |
| unknown                                 |
| I don't remember                        |
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| Austin Savat and Sarah Paluha           |
| Peter Spitsnoggle                       |
| Chase. I don't know the group number.   |
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| Hannah okary & ce                       |
| Jessie                                  |
| Stephanie and Karen? I am unsure of the second name. |
| Erik and Jen                            |
| Katie Derbyshire and Wade Kardaal       |
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NICK
Janel Abel Danny Tanucci
Melissa and I can't think of it right now..
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Brian Secrist Erinn ?
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Joel Sarapashire Jessica Lloyd
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Drew and Brooke
Crystal and Dan
Nikki and Lizzy
i don't even know
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Dan Lans
steven, laura
I don't remember...sorry it was a while ago.
Wade & Katie
Martha Mackmiller and Betsy Vose.
Ben. I can't remember his last name. He was in charge of Pioneer
Eric Gretchen
tessa jonson and britney lamke
I can't remember.
Katie Dolhberg and idk
Natalie and Carmon?
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Tommy and Kristen
Blaze
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Ashton and Ali
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Kari and Neal  
Aileen Caroline  
Suzie Ouvard, Stacy Hill  
Jessica Lemanski Nick Piliger  
Lisa for sure and maybe Matt  
Shane and Nic  
alice  
Kristen and Martin  
Matt Anederson Muna Musa  
Monica  
Colin Smith  
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Callie Hall Andrew  
Angela... I don't remember.  
Kari and Neil  
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Alex Kruse  
kari haugen nate  
courtney and ???  
Joe Francaviglia, Whitney Wellenstein  
joel  
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Alice  
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jeff and nick
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i dont remember :(
Jonathan Rabb Mellete Sereste
Nick Patonode and Erin
Jason Kang, and Sylvia
Josh and Kat
Chaz
Katarina and Stephanie
Stephanie Ryan and Karen something
Collin
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ERICK
Danielle
katie
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Andy Carlson
Michelle Staack Devin
Paul
Marching band people
Nick and shane
Zeinah and I forgot one of their name
Nick patnoe and erin theisen
Payal Katie
Luck
Brian Bernier
Dj B Natasha
Audra Ragan and Todd Billington
liz Huddle
Rob Leeson
Lizzie and Ryan (I Think)
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katarina
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Michelle and Chad
Rocky
Drew and Brooke
Matt Jorjorian and Todd Rotgers
Kristen and ?
Emily Erin
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Katie and Kimberly
Afton and Grady
Flynn and Amanda
Kori and Brittany
Nick Pilger ??
Steve and Laura
Emily Lind
Courtney and Renee
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Jason and Sylvia
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Flynn Rico and Amanda
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Katie Cassie and Andrew S.
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Martin Kristen
nick and shawn
Denise and Nick
Eric Semborski, Gretchen Schreiber
Quinn Riley
Andrew Carlson
Stephanie Haas & Chris Ryan
Sarah and Nick
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Sean W. & Caroline
Heidi & Mike
erik and alex
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Sidna, ??
sarah and....... i dont remember
Juliana George
Ross, Sheffield
Travis Jessica
Mrinal Pahwa and Matt Wunderlich
Lizzie Josh
Shelby Rhodes and ?
chad and someone else
I missed the actual welcome week because I'm on the cross country team and we were at a camp up north. The CC freshmen did attend a make-up session however. I just made up a number below because it required one.
Emily
Lindsey and Jen
I forgot
Katie and Haley
jason and kevin
hayley gautson katie weber
Carly
eric and laura
Ade Chase Solarin
Evan
Lisa and Matt
Marisa ? David Hess
I don't remember
Amanda Shitz Justin Hasbrouk
I do not remember.
...
lexi
Quinn O'Reilly
Jessica Chung
sylvia sng, jason kang, sheffield (goodrich?)
jermaine
Natalie and Carolyn
tom, and kristen
Matt Jorjorian Todd?
Kaitlin and Amber
Christine and Megan
Megan
i don't remember
Austin, Sarah
Josh and kat
I honestly can't remember
don't remember, one of them quit
Forgot her name:(
Luara
Katie
Kolie and another K
Amanda Free
Katie and Kim
Joul and Jessica
Steve and Laura
Rachel
Sara
Wade Kaardal and Katie Derbyshire
Karissa and Megan
Marisa and
Katie Derbyshire and Wade Kardaal
Denise Rath, Nick Caretta
Sarah Savage and Nick Kranowski
Paige and Kari
Carlie
Courtney and Rachel
Jessica and Sarah
Eric
Tommy & Scott
Meghan Walter, and kristine
Austin Savat and Sarah Pohluha
Nick and Michael
nick and erin
Joe Francaviglia and Whitney Wellenstein
Matt and Todd
Allyson
Whitney and Joe
eike, and bob
Sarah Savage and Nick Kranowski
Nick and Jessica
Collin Smith
Nick Kranowski Sarah Savage
Chris
Elizabeth and Paya?
Allison
Rob Lesum
Kelly Sullivan Chad Olsen
Carissa & Megan
Aditya Isaac
Rob
Steve and Laura
Katie and Wade
Lauren
Cat and Wes?
I honestly don't remember their names
Erik and Kate
Andrew Schneider and ? Casey
Casey Pennington and Liz Olive
Emily and Erin Hiti
Lexy
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Brooke and Sam
Jenny and Alex?
megan something
Liz
Katie Kilgore and someone else I forgot
Sara Savage Nick Kranowski
Katie Oldeen
Kelsey
can't remember
kelsey and katie
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Trisha Thompson
Jimmy Wang and Kara Richards
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Eric and Shin
i don't remember.
Kirsten and Mark
Anna Kaitlin driscoll
Kimberly Holtz
Jessica
Brian & Alexis
Hillary K, Josh
Zainah Shaker
Paul - only had 1 leader
Alice W.
Brittney Lemke and Tessa.
Dylan Nitzkorski and Maren Haas
Brooke Sam
Chris
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Lizzy, Andrew
Martin and i cant remember the girls name
Gretchen and Eric
Sean Carolyn
Katelyn and Amber
Chris Hodge and Laura
Andrew Carlson
Katie Oldeen
Casey M.
betsy and martha

It was so long ago I don't remember. One was Christine Though....The other was kirsten? (and the group number was a guess)

Nick and Shawn
Emily Houghton and Holly Halter
Kelly Sullivan Chad Olson
Jen Giampietro and Eric Salzwedel
Carly (Blake?)
Alexia and Shelby
Dan and Crystal
Catherine and Chelsea
Laura and Chris
Liz and Casey
couldnt tell you.
Lexi
Todd Billington and Audra Ragan
Anna Spratt and Linell Grzesik
Ashleigh and Hiro
Maddie, Angela
Free
Anne and Mallory
Tessa Jonson and Brittney Lemke
Devin and Michelle
Lexie
Erik Rootes Alex
carolyn and katie
Matt Jorjorian and Todd Brogers
Rob Leeson
Josh Mortesen
Kat and Justin
Tommy and someone else
Alice
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katie and kadija
Jane and Merideth
Tharon Knowtton

I was in Welcome Week group number_______ (1-190)

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My Welcome Week Leaders helped me feel welcome at the University.

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Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): 0.75

My Welcome Week Leaders were an effective facilitator and presenter.

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### Comments about your Welcome Week Leader:

**Response Count: 1407**

- I really enjoyed them. They worked well together and really helped me with feeling more comfortable on campus.
- I enjoyed having Andrew as a leader because he not only made me use to walkin on the campus, but gave me a lot of information on student groups. He also answered many of the questions I asked him. If he didn't know the answer he would email it to me or tell me the next day at our meeting.
- They were the only real source of useful information during Welcome Week.
- I loved my welcome week leaders, I feel like they really cared about making us feel welcome and helping us with any questions and concerns that we had.
- Unorganized, unsociable, quiet, and showed no motivation.
- Very fun!
- Best part of the whole week
- They were both very nice. It worked well that each of them knew different parts of the campus very well. They were also very approachable for individual questions.
- They weren't very enthusiastic at times. I was also left behind on several occasions, such as when I briefly left to use the rest room (I did notify my leader of my actions). I saw this as very irresponsible, and I did not have as much fun as I had thought I would.
- They were really nice
- He was really friendly and he knew what he was doing. Paul was very helpful and answered a lot of questions.
- They were excellent. They answered all of my questions and offered great advice.
- They were lots of fun and helped us all get to know one another. At some points they weren't sure exactly what we needed to do later on in the week because they hadn't been informed, but they were good at finding the answers to our questions.
- They were fun and informative. I liked being in their group.
- She was fun to be with and easy going.
- It seemed as if the Welcome Week Leaders were just as confused as we were.
- They were both great!
- She was friendly and knew her way around the campus very well.
- They were AWESOME! They were really helpful but also didn't try to force things down our throats.
- So amazing!!
- very funny
- Entergetic! Informative, and most of all fun.
- They were awesome! It was fun. Very helpful.
- They were both very nice, but slightly unorganized (especially the first day) and sometimes very shy.
- They were both extremely friendly and definitely enhanced my welcome week experience.
- They were fantastic!
- LINDSAY WAS AWESOME!!
- I thought they were nice and informative
- They were a bit disorganized to begin with, but to their credit, this was mostly due to the fact Welcome Week had not been done before.
- She was really nice and helpful. She let us decide what WE wanted to do.
- It was great to get some candid time for some tips on things about the U.
- they were so nice! i honestly think we had some of the best, if not the best leaders!!!
- they were pretty good
- None
- Chris and Steph were awesome and always enthused about every welcome week activity. That helped with the fact that most people didn't want to be there. Plus they were very good at keeping everyone together and making sure we knew where we were going.
- Very fun, definitely wanted to be there with us
He very welcoming and answered all of my questions. And when he didn't know, he made an effort to find out.

They were both really cool. They didn't treat us like little children; they treated us like equals. They also gave us an inside perspective of college, aside from all the welcome week stuff we had to do. They talked to us and gave us "insider" tips. Nick was especially friendly and helpful.

He agreed that there were too many activities packed into Welcome Week. He sympathized with us about almost everything.

They were very cool and knew what they were talking about.

They were really nice. My leaders were Brook and Lauren. I'm not sure if my group number was actually 168 or not.

Both were really helpful when they could be. At times they didn't have information that we needed due to some glitches.

Vicious Vanessa is pretty cool...you'd think she would be pretty nervous since this is the first time that the U of M has had Welcome Week, but she kept her cool and acted like it didn't phase her, which made the group feel a little more comfortable.

Loved them.

Both leaders were both very nice and welcoming.

They were really helpful and nice!

They were nice, but a little unorganized.

Very nice and concerned about all group members.

They were very nice and cool to be with and to get guidance from.

My welcome week leaders were absolutely AMAZING!!!! they didn't treat us as young kids coming into college, they treated us like they would treat their friends. I had a blast.

They were awesome! They kept the activities fun, even if we didn't want to do them or thought they would be boring. They were totally cool about helping us adjust to college life!

Hillary was extremely organized!

Both of my Welcome Week leaders were great to work with, I'm glad I got to know them...it's fun being able to see their familiar faces around campus every once in a while!

I loved them! They were awesome!

They were really nice and really helpful. If they didn't know something, they would go out of their way to ask someone else who would know. They gave lots of advice, and just helped the transition to the U be a better experience.

They were awesome! Both of them were always very upbeat and on time, even after really long days when the rest of us just wanted to sit around.

They were extremely nice and fun to be with.

My Welcome Week leader was awesome! She helped me feel more comfortable about the campus and know my way around.

They were good, knew what they were talking about. Did everything they had to do and were willing to help if we had any questions.

They were nice and really fun!

He was a cool guy, he just didn't have the answers to everything that was going on which was a common theme with all the leaders.

They were cool.

They were very helpful with any questions I had.

They did not like to answer question and they were extremely disorganized.

Good Leaders, but did not help with questions, did not seem enthused or happy to help, did not seem like they wanted to be there, not very welcoming or enthusiastic.

Paul was awesome the other person didn't exist.

She was mature and active about all the activities.

=)

He was sweet! He always made our meetings fun.

He was not very enthusiastic about his job. He made me feel like a dumb freshman who did not understand anything.

They ran a good week that was interesting, yet relaxed enough. They seemed pretty genuine.

He was very helpful and understanding.

They were a ton of fun and did a great job.

Very friendly and enthusiastic.

They were awesome and helped me get used to the big campus.

They were both very friendly and made me feel like I was part of the group, even though I'm really quiet.
Amanda was really nice and I was able to talk to her about school and other aspects of life. She made me feel good about the type of students that go here and what opportunities are around.

He was very nice.

They were very energetic and fun. Sometimes they didn't know what was going on, but they always made every effort to find out for us.

They had a lot of enthusiasm even when the group made it hard to be.

Austin and Sarah were very motivated and energetic individuals. They were able to give me a boost in the morning and provide an open environment that made interaction easy and fun. They were the best part of my week, hands down.

Both were friendly, helpful, outgoing, and did everything they could to make us feel welcome.

She was very friendly and knowledgeable about the area. She tried to get to know everyone in the group.

Both were great leaders because of their energy, positive attitude, and down to earth approach about welcome week.

Nice and smart guys with enthusiasm to welcome us as freshmen

Both leaders were very nice. They made sure we had the most fun we could and really listened to what we had to say. They were always upbeat even during and after tedious presentations. They were truly able to help us out and make us feel welcome.

She was really great and tried her best to answer my questions the best she could.

They were funny and easy to relate to.

They were kind and helped facilitate group bonding.

She was awesome!

they really didn't know what was going on half of the time...they were badly informed

They were nice.

Very knowledgable and friendly

Awesome!

They were awesome!

they were awesome! very fun and welcoming!

Very fun and helpful, although somewhat disorganized.

They were great but it seemed like they had more to do than was physically possible. I believe that they did the best as the could given the circumstances.

She was really nice and definitely put up with our group. She did a great job.

They were really helpful!!

They were really nice and tried to make us feel like a part of the University, and they were able to answer almost all of the questions we had.

She was very energetic, even though she had a hard job. It isn't easy to get a bunch of college students to do a icebreaker game at 8am but she did a very good job.

They were very nice and outgoing and funny.

very nice!

Fun leader, good activities

Andy was amazing.

My Welcome Week Leaders were effective and attentive. They were able to answer all of my questions and just helped me to get used the University of Minnesota. They were great leaders.

Quinn was the best welcome week leader anyone could hope for! He made all of us feel like such a part of the U. Even two weeks into the school year our group still goes to dinner and events around campus together-- with Quinn! He has become a great friend, and role model, to all of us.

they were nice and helpful

Fun and friendly. Helpful but not always clear

They were helpful. It was nice to have them show us around campus and know what was going on the whole week.

They were both very nice people. They weren't all that energetic but they did their job well.

they where really fun and awesome

They were a lot of fun and didn't force us to play ice breakers!

They did a very good job.

Nice Job
My Welcome Week leaders worked so hard for us to get to know each other and make this experience worthwhile. I truly believe that they were the best leaders!!

They were both awesome!

They were really enthusiastic, even when we weren't! They were really kind and kept us going through the week.

They were awesome.

They were very nice and were great at letting us know what we were doing that day and where to meet etc.

They were good.

They were always cheerful and approachable

excellent people, and they gave us a good feel about campus

They were very good at going with what the situation dictated. They covered all the material without making the talks and discussions boring script following.

Justin and Amanda were both great! They did not treat us like we were kids or anything even close to that. I didn't like the fact that we had to do a week of coming to the U, but they changed the thoughts and feelings of it.

He was really cool but sometimes I felt like he didn't know what he was doing.

great helpers

I felt like they really did not know what was going on. They kept telling us wrong information on where to go and then had to correct themselves often.

Sometimes they didn't exactly know what was going on.

They were really helpful and took time to answer our questions.

They were funny, fun, and relatable. They were approachable and energetic.

They were awesome!!! We had a lot of fun and they loved showing us around and interacting with us and giving us advice!

They were both really fun. They made sure we understood exactly what it was that we were supposed to do and feel really welcome on the campus. We played a lot of games which was fun too.

They were nice, but more often than not, they had no idea what we were supposed to do, or where specifically we individually needed to go.

I think they didn't have complete information.

They were very supportive, and they were super nice even when we complained how tired we were!

She did a great job!!!

They were both very nice, but hardly engaging.

They were very nice and new campus well.

You could tell she cared a lot about what she was doing, and had our best interests in mind at all time.

They were very friendly and helpful.

it seemed their directions were confusing or they had too much to do at certain times and not enough to do at other times....

They were nice.

They were pretty cool, but I think they felt it was kind-of a long week, just like us. They didn't verbalize anything, though.

We are in the band, and I thought it was really cool for the band people to go through all of the training, even though they only got to be "leaders" for less than an hour.

they didn't seem to care about it very much and didn't seem very interested in telling us where we were.

Nice, good but having difficulty in mixing up the student.

They were optimistic and seemed excited to share what they know with us.

They were both awesome, even if I can't remember Erin's last name!

Very sweet and helpful

They were both very helpful and informative.

They were really cool! Very out going!

Very helpful resources when it came to asking questions about college life and the U.

She was awesome =) She was always happy, optimistic and enthusiastic, which helped because most of us were not thrilled about welcome week, but it wasn't so bad because she was a good leader.

He made all the really terrible activities somewhat more fun with his attitude.

very nice and up beat. liked what he was doing, answered many of my questions and was friendly and welcoming
They were really nice.
They were awesome.
Great!
They we're both well prepared and are involved on campus life that enabled them to answer the groups question.
Both of them were energetic, and fun, yet kept it real.
he was great!!
They where awesome. Very helpfull, outgoing, and friendly.
They presented the activities in a fun way that was exciting to be a part of, I enjoyed how they were flexible to the commuters and how they pretty much learned everyone's names.
They were the only part about welcome week i didn't despise.
My welcome week leader wasn't very helpful. She was always late and she never really asked the group for their opinion.
My welcome Week Leader was very nice and helpful.
They were effective at presenting the information
They were hilarious at some points. They were very nice and helpful. They were fun to be with.
They rock.
Lindsey was a fantastic group leader. Her partner did now show up or bowed out, but she was still able to handle a group of thirty with ease. She was very welcoming, helpful, and made me feel at home at the U. All around she was great.
Needed a bit more enthusiasm
Quinn was the coolest!!!
They were very nice, organized, and helpful.
they were really nice and great at helping. if someone asked a question about campus or anything specific they made sure to find out for them
They were really cool and open.
super nice, enthusiastic, & helpful
My welcome week leader was awesome, she made the group meetings and the traveling around the campus fun and made it easier to find our way around.
He was nice, and seemed to have a alot of relevent informations to tell us.
Allison was very helpful and friendly, as well as honest about life at college.
They were very friendly and easy to tlak to. Job well done.
They were funny haha
Great job with the commuter group
They were both really energetic and fun to be around. If I had different leaders, I probably would not have enjoyed the experience as much.
they didnt know what was going on. often disagreed in front of us
They were both very nice- they made everyone comfortable with asking questions about anything!
They were very nice, but they did not seem like "real" college students. I felt as if I could not relate to them very well.
I really liked Lindsay
They were really nice and gave some really good advice.
They were nice...tried really hard to make sure we had fun...
the best part of welcome week! my Leader was organized, friendly, caring, and a nice benefit extremely good looking!
they were very informative, helped answer all questions.
She was super nice, and did what she could in a group that seemed to lack interest at times. I commend her!
They were awesome.
they didn't seem really into it.
Answered any questions, didn't waste unnecessary time.
Very nice.
i loved them. they were hilarious.
They were very nice, very helpful and they really brought us together as a group.

ey were cool and easy to talk to

Both were very pleasant to be around and made me feel very welcome.

They were awesome.

Energetic

They were very cool...

great

They were really good

They did a fantastic job.

They were fun leaders. Understood how crappy welcome week was for us.

They were fine.

They were both a ton of fun, which was the only reason I was actually there.

They seemed very nice

They were fine. Not fantastic, or horrible. They were pretty average.

fine

They were awesome!

Very nice and informative.

y they were fun

nice, easy to talk to

He was fun and nice

They were both very nice, and they seemed to know a lot about the U. They always seemed happy to be doing their jobs, and they were excited about the new items here at the U.

They were really nice and a lot of fun! They never made us feel stupid if we had questions either.

They were fun and energetic after the first day.

Quinn was really fun! They made us feel like we were a part of the group. The small group meetings were my favorite part of Welcome Week.

They were fine... didnt appear to have alot of material to present us.

Helpful

a lot of fun, very realistic with there answers, talked to us like fellow students, not newbees. they were very helpful

they were super sweet

Already do the Best!! :)”

Didn't spend much time with them at all, myself being a member of marching band.

they did a good job, made us play some games, but not excessive amount.

My leader had respect for us as human beings, and therefore allowed us to experience Welcome Week in a more open, less-structured manner. I felt that his liberal approach to the scheduling helped my group and I to bond and get to know campus a little bit more. Having already been a student at U of M through PSEO, I stood to learn little about the University to begin with, but my leader at least made it bearable.

Upbeat and enthusiastic

the were cool

Alice was great! She did very well and I really enjoyed her as leader. She always made the best of the material she had to work with.

Spat camp was my welcome week leader, I really liked it

Very happy and made the experience just that much better

amazing people

they were both really awesome and i liked them alot.

They were really nice and welcoming. They were pretty organized but when it wasn't, they tried their best to deal with the situation. They gave a nice student prospective about college life.

They were very good at guaging group needs and adjusting accordingly.
I loved how much energy they had every day! Even after late nights they were ready to go. They also had great stories to tell that really showed how much the campus has to offer.

They were great, nice, fun, and very informative and helpful.

Very friendly and helpful. They tried to make the environment fun.

they were nice, but didn't really explain anything that important.

They are both really nice, friendly people. They helped me feel welcome at the U.

They were both really nice and excited to be there!

They were AWESOME!!!

good

I thought they did a fantastic job of helping us adjust to college without making us feel like "freshmen"

Allie was extremely dedicated to the group and put her all into it.

they were cool

Lindsay is totally awesome, very cool, and very helpful. and cute :) abbey is very nice, helpful, understanding, and respectful.

From what I heard, my leaders were better than other leaders.

I really liked my welcome week leader, and felt lucky to be placed in his group.

Quinn was awesome, he made the U feel like home. All my questions were thoroughly answered, and all my needs were met.

Great

weren't very organized friendly welcoming

Both of my leaders were easy to talk to and extremely helpful. They gave detailed instructions and at no point in the week did I feel lost. Withal, they definitely made the initial transition into the college setting a breeze.

Lindsay was awesome!!! She made the week fun and turned even the boring events into halfway-decent events.

They were more welcoming to some group members than others.

They were very laid back which was nice. I didn't want a freaked out Leader who was structured, because that isn't what college is about.

There were too many forced discussions that made things uncomfortable at times. I wish they could of been able to give us their input on everything from their experience...not just what they were forced to attend.

They were both very nice and approachable. No complaints.

They were great and I know I can always ask them for anything!

He was cool and I liked him.

they were great!!

They were both excellent!

Disrespectful

They were very fun and inclusive. They were also very understanding ane willing to answer any questions whenever possible.

I wish we would have had more time with them. They were extremely helpful in answering any questions I had.

organized, welcoming, not oppressive or illogically unyeilding in respect to the schedule

They were very enthusiastic.

they made it fun but freaked out one day. they can't expect that people are going to be okay with them treating us like high school kids. we can read and figure things out on our own. i mean isn't that kind of the point?

very informative, wanted to helped, easy to approach

My welcome week leaders were very kind and welcoming. One is in my dorm, so whenever she sees me, she says hello; which makes me feel very welcome.

I really liked my group leaders, they were both very nice, fun, helpful and very welcoming.

Alex and Cassi really helped us bond and meet new friends while also helping us around campus. Cassi was really good at keeping us informed of the activities and Alex made us all laugh a lot. Both of our leaders did a really good job of making it fun even if we got off topic a little.

She was kind of confused as to where to go sometimes. She could have been more outgoing and into it and more welcoming.

They were cool. I see them around campus which is pretty sweet.

they were awesome
some days they didn’t know what to do because they were not told what to do

they were very energetic and helpful at making me feel welcomed at welcome week

They were fabulous. They always got us to be interested in what the day had to offer no matter if we were all totally unexcited about what was on the schedule. Katie and Christa both had so much knowledge of the school to share, and I definitely learned a lot about where to go and what to do where on campus - thanks to my Welcome Week Leaders! And now I’m friends with both of them! :)

They were both very enthusiastic and made the experience fun.

My welcome week leader was very nice and I liked her, but she could have given out more information about what we were doing and why.

They tried their best to be inviting, and they did a good job of making everyone feel included. They tried to talk to each group member at least once.

She was amazing! Lindsey was so fun and very helpful. She answered all of our questions and was super friendly!

He understood that some aspects of Welcome Week were not exactly fun, so he tried to make them as painless as possible. He seemed to know exactly what he was doing during small group meetings.

She did a good job of explaining what it was we were going to be doing every day and explaining what was expected of us.

Good leaders

They were very informative with all of the information. They made sure to answer any questions that we had.

They were both really nice and awesome! They made my welcome week experience enjoyable!

They were as good as any other leaders that week.

they were both wonderful people, very helpful and lots of fun. they couldn't help that the week turned out mostly to be a waste of time. We all appreciated that they realized how pointless a lot of the sessions were, and tried to cut back on the nonsense as much as possible. However, most of the nonsense could not be helped, but they made a valiant effort.

They were nice and did a good job with what they had.

They were easy to approach and understanding.

fun

They were super nice. but not too enthusiastic compared to other leaders.

They were really nice people.

Awesome

My welcome week leader was someone in Band who passed out required materials, so I didn't actually have a legitimate Welcome Week Leader. That's OK though, the two week Spat Camp was much more beneficial than any of the seminars I may have attended for Welcome Week (based on the few things we were required and did attend).

They seemed a little disorganized, like they didn't know what to do either.

Both Kelly Sullivan and Chad Olsen were great leaders in the face of the horror of events that was welcome week.

The welcome week leaders were great. They were really friendly and knew what they were talking about.

they were awesome people.

They were very friendly and helped make me feel welcome.

Alli was REALLY good, our other leader wasn't as great. A little more cynical and inconsistent about showing up.

Great guys, fun, and informative!

They were very encouraging and positive and always tried to get us involved in the different activities that were going on.

Billy was a really great guy! We had a lot of fun and had some deep conversations that made me feel better about the college experience and my future here at the U of M! Allison(if that was her name) was also good and gave us the information we needed.

They were great! They were nice, enthusiastic, and informative.

she was very nice and helpful.

They were the best welcome week leaders possible.

They were cool.

they were really nice but seemed somewhat uncomfortable at times

Brooke was awesome, she was a good balance of a leader and a peer. Lauren was too much of a leader and less of a friend/peer (even though she's older and a leader we're still all college students and how she acted kinda belittled us at times)

I felt like they were my summer camp leaders and I was back in 5th grade.

Chad was cool. Michelle…not so much.
They obviously cared about the group and wanted the experience to be a good one. It wasn't their fault that the students were entirely overworked and got little to no rest because of the incredibly busy schedule.

They were down to earth and helpful.

We were late to a lot of things, but they were friendly.

They were great people to get to know and I also felt totally comfortable asking them any questions I had about college and the U.

He was a great leader. The program was just completely flawed.

They were fun, energized, and did exactly what we needed to do with none of the excess "fluff". They helped us get through what was an otherwise very rough welcome week.

Andrew was a great welcome leader. He had plenty of advice for us and really treated us like his friends.

They were very excited about the university and the opportunity that the University of Minnesota presents.

They're all very nice~

They had strong knowledge on the university, and made me feel very welcome.

They were most definitely fun to walk around with and weren't like our parents, but more as friends. I enjoyed having them as my leaders a ton.

She was really nice and I liked her a lot.

They were great.

Rob was really awesome. He helped us to have fun when welcome week got really boring. He was really good at answering our questions and he made us feel very welcomed.

They were very helpful answering questions and made us feel welcome.

They were fun.

They were very nice, although sometimes they were a little lost as to what activity was next. But it was never a huge problem.

My leaders were extremely friendly and very informative. They were willing to help us in anything as well as answering any questions we had. I felt that they really helped me to learn what to expect of the university as well as helping me to get a better feel for the campus.

They're cool.

Great people, always very nice and helpful.

Very enthusiastic.

They were nice. It wasn't their fault the material they had to work with sucked.

They were both very outgoing and ready to show us something new the U has to offer. They made our Welcome Week more enjoyable.

She was extremely nice and welcoming. She made everyone feel a part of the group. I think she also had a good control over our group. We were never just sitting around like other groups. She had activities prepared and she was always energetic.

They 'held our hand' a little too much but were good at helping us get everywhere we needed to be.

They were both helpful and knew a lot about the U.

Jenn was awesome, Lindsey didn't say or do much.

She was very nice.

They were great! Cobra Bunnies!!

My welcome week leaders were really awesome.

They were pretty cool, even though I think they sort of treated us like little kids at sometimes. Which we aren't considering we attend college. I think if they would have approached us as their peers, which they are, we would have respected them more.

Brooke was very personable and made me feel very welcome. She still says hello when I see her around campus; I enjoyed having her as my leader very much. Lauren was a little quiet and didn't say a lot to make me feel like she really wanted to be there.

She was very nice and knew the answers to all of our questions. She led us in a fun and informational manner.

He did really well at making this overly drawn-out week tolerable.

Had a hard time keeping track of people.

Amanda is good one!

They were really nice and helpful.

Both of my Welcome Week leaders were great. They were helpful and made the experience fun.

They were very friendly and talkative.
My Welcome Week leaders were amazing, they made the University feel like home, and were extremely easy to get along with and fun. Although the activities sometimes were not what any of our group wanted to sit through or participate in, our leaders always found a way to make it worthwhile. They were not only leaders but became our friends.

He was very anti-welcome week; he seemed to think that all of the activities were pointless. Most of them didn't apply to me as a marching band student anyway, but it was still not a very good representation of the University and what they were trying to do with this program.

FUNNY, COOL, PATIENT, RESERVED

She did her job well enough

Michelle was really good!

Fun people who i see around campus.

Fun Fun

Thank you for the help and I had an amazing time with the both of you.

They were both very friendly and accommodating

I really liked my welcome week leaders. They were understanding about what we were going through and helped us out.

She was really energetic and fun. She helped us stay on task.

He was just awesome! Easy to get along with and help made the boring parts fun

Funny but did not know what was going on

They were fun but kinda distant.

ok

They did a good job. They were very outgoing and made me feel involved.

it was great experience for me to participate this program because I learned a lot and had the opportunities to discover many activities.

They were both energetic and funny. They understood where we freshman were coming from so we really could relate to them. I was personally nervous for college to start, but they made me feel more comfortable being on campus.

They made the week here so much fun and showed us many good opportunities and activities to get involved in!

very fun and welcoming

They were so fun and energetic but not afraid to tell us the truth about college.

He was really nice and very helpful with everything.

They were great!

They were very helpful and friendly. They actively were trying to get to know us and become our friends.

She was a nice individual, but she tended to talk down to us, as if we were small children with no idea what was going on.

They were really cool.

Great personality and lots of fun to be with; also very helpful and knowledgeable.

Melissa was exceedingly kind throughout the entire process. Being a Welcome Week Leader was more than just a job to her it seemed. She genuinely wanted people to have a positive experience, and she definitely made sure that my experience was.

Chase was fun.

needed more guidance and leadership

they were nice

They were really enjoyable.

My Welcome Week Leaders were great and went out of there way to make sure that I was accepted into the University community. Both leaders made sure that I knew where I was going and when I had to be places. They both threw together a presentation about interviewing for jobs after the lackluster presentation in St. Paul. Grady even showed us were all of our classes were on our day off. I can't say enough good things about both leaders.

She was nice and tried her best.

She was a good leader and made me feel welcome and safe at the U.

They had a couple of moments where they didn't seem to get along but they were good for the rest of the time.

Propaganda should not be issued by leaders. The program needs to acknowledge that the best way of learning about campus is not to sit in a room of fake lectures all day, or playing games that literally have no point, not even learning people's names or building relationships. We need things that a student might actually need. I was so put off by my "leaders" that the highlight of my day was at night when I got to leave. Keeping us out until 10-11 o'clock at night serves no point that I can think of. Letting us explore campus on our own would have been infinitely more profitable.
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Both my leaders were very nice and welcoming. They were very good welcome week leaders.

Lindsay was really cool.

Jen was really cool.

Energetic and Fun

They were really helpful and fun.

They were both extremely helpful and friendly. I really enjoyed having them as my leaders!

They were both really nice and a lot of fun. They made us feel like a team.

Ali was a great Welcome Week leader and you could really tell that she wanted to be there and help us. Ashton was hardly ever there, he overslept and didn't show up for four out of five days. He was no help at all and all of the work fell on Ali.

I loved them!!!

They were very good at answering our questions and had fun activities.

They were really helpful and chill.

they were cool

Katie and Lauren were very helpful in making Welcome Week an enjoyable experience, providing prompt and accurate answers to questions we had, and making us feel welcome overall at the University of Minnesota.

They were very welcoming and informative.

Very nice person.

they were awesome. We had fun and still did everything we were supposed to do too

They were nice and able to answer our questions.

I love my welcoming week leaders!!!!!! no words to describe how much fun I had with my them and my group. Awesome!

Fun to be around Got everyone involved

Fun

they were very energetic

They were pretty relaxed about things, which I liked, but once I learned that one was a religious conservative I held a bias that made me dislike him.

They did their jobs well and seemed concerned.

She was very positive and friendly, I felt like I could ask her anything.

They were very nice.

They were both really nice!

They were both great!

He was really nice and did well with handling our big group all by himself.

Nice and accommodating, answered all questions.

Really nice guy whom was very very helpful with everything

They were really together and smart about everything. They didn't sugar coat everything and say it's all good, but put on a positive attitude even though some people weren't happy. I think they did a good job considering the general mood at times. Comment on the "Do It Now!" Presentation: Truthfully I don't remember much of it other than, "wow this guy is good but I've already heard a thousand motivational speeches before and this one is covering a lot of the same points... mhm... ok bored now."

Good, friendly, easy to talk too.

They were great

very knowledgeable, and funny

none

They both were always really positive and offered lots of help, both then and in the future. They did the best they could with what they were dealt. We were not that enthusiastic of a group.

They were really fun and good at giving us all the info we needed without making it really boring. They were really laid-back, and they made my welcome week experience very fun.

Both welcome week leaders were very helpful in showing us around the University. Also both leaders knew the information they were supposed to tell us which helped out when taking in all the info at once.

Ali tried really hard and was really enthusiastic. Ashton was awkward and had Ali had to make up for miscommunication and Ashton's occasional absence.
They were nice.

Travis stabilized the sometimes painfully lively Jessica.

They were really fun to be around. They were the only thing that made going to the mandatory events fun.

She was good

The two leaders were both very informative and Erik was a lot of fun. He made us laugh and that helped lighten the mood.

Good kids

They had lots of energy.

They were great! They helped me out on everything and answered questions that I had.

They were very nice and enthusiastic and gave honest answers and good advice

They were both really nice people

They were fun

Not that good at organizing, but they are good people

They didn't seem to know where we were supposed to be, essential details, etc... as did most of the other welcome week leaders

Good job

They made me feel very welcome.

They were friendly and awesome!

For the most part they were ok but usually pretty unorganized. They didn't even know what was going on.

They treated us like adults and were very friendly, energetic, and helpful.

I was proud of Paul because there weren't enough leaders so he had to be the only leader for our group and still knew what he was doing. I enjoyed the games we played in our spare time and Paul was always in a good mood from 8AM-9PM when most of us students were crabby.

Fun and Wacky

She was cool, and yeah.

VERY GOOD!

They were straightforward and understood the groups desires well. They also made a lot of effort to make everyone feel included.

They were great. Knew a lot about campus and were able to answer all of our questions. They were really funny and made Welcome Week tolerable.

They had a strong bond with each other, which sends out a friendly vibe. They did not seclude themselves from the freshmen; they treated us as their friends and not their underclassmen.

She was AWESOME!!!

Friendly

Did a good job

They explained the answers to our questions very well and they made everything fun and exciting!!

Great!!!!

I thought my WWL was very nice and helpful. She seemed down-to-earth, and I feel like I could approach her now if I needed something.

She was very kind, and made me feel very comfortable.

They were really fun and really did try to have fun with the group. Especially with everyone going constantly.

Laura seemed lost a lot, Nick was pretty on top of things.

They were sssweeeet.

They were very informative and helpful. They were enthusiastic and fun.

She was fun.

She was great

Cool guy

Very nice and he made welcome week enjoyable.

A little unorganized.

Really nice guys! Brought the group together and made it easier to make friends with the whole group, kept the atmosphere light and real.
They did a great job. But I really didn't need to be preached to, I didn't want to be there so they didn't need to try and convince me it was great.

Stay pumped up through your year just like u were at the welcome week :)

They were really cool, they made it more fun.

She was an amazing person and answered all the questions I asked.

They did a great job and were well prepared.

They were cool.

Very knowledgeable and very helpful.

He was the epitome of grace and pizazz.

I really did like my welcome leaders a lot but by the end of the week group members weren't taking it seriously and I wish they would have more, to encourage everyone to be there.

They were both very good and helpful. They were able to answer all of my questions and helped me find my way around the university.

She was nice.

Chill.

Wade is thoughtful for us international students and Katie is patient and always on time for solving our questions.

Kevin was very personable and was a very nice guy. He was very helpful when I had questions and he set a good example for us as a leader.

They were both awesome. They gave us real answers to our questions and were willing to actually tell us what was and was not important to hang on to and remember based on their real experiences.

She was good.

They were the best! They made me feel very welcome at the University and made Welcome Week fun!

He is a very nice person, and he show me a lot of this university. I really have a good time with him.

They were fun and it felt like they were one of us.

My welcome week leaders were friendly and helpful. It was nice to immediately have a superior to help around campus.

They were nice and helpful.

Brian was the man!!!!! He helped us out a lot. He was the best leader in the history of WW.

Rachel was nice.

Really nice, helpful, down to earth and easy to relate to.

They were very good welcome week leaders.

They were fun and you could talk to them but also they talked to themselves a lot and didn't really know what was going on.

They were very personable and friendly.

Awesome.

Marisa especially was helpful when I had to miss an event due to illness.

She is a kind girl, she help me figure out a lot of things. If a group has less member, it will be better.

Very spirited and fun, however there were some moments where the activities and location we did them in were kind of overboard and unnecessary. They were really nice and did a great job though, and they had a tough time managing the schedules of commuter students. Thanks guys for a great week.

They were fun.

Quinn was an informative and truly nice guy who I still hang out with!

My welcome week leader was amazing. She was so down to earth and very short, clumsy, and cute.

They were really cool.

Lexi was a great leader and was very helpful with any questions that our group had. She made us all feel welcome and helped make it an easy transition from hs to college.

I loved my welcome week leader. He did a great job transitioning us into college.

Welcome week was Awesome!!!

Awesome people. They did a good job.

She was nice.
They were both really awesome, especially Alex.

They were a lot of fun!

They both were awesome to have as campus guides. They went out of their way to show us around and were helpful in every way they could be.

He was an awesome leader!

Nice and super cool

I really liked them. They were very enthusiastic.

They were witty and made some of the games which could have ended up being dumb, fun.

Friendly, funny.

He was really funny and a good help

My welcome week leaders were without a doubt, the most caring, helpful, sincere people I have ever met. My belief in a manageable modern society was strengthened with the example set by these wonderful people.

Pretty sweet and down to earth

They were pretty awesome. They were nice and helpful. I really felt like they cared about our experience.

They were fun and nice

She was fun and very bubbly! Any questions I had were answered with a very clear answer.

Katarina was helpful, but the other one she barely even helped us.

He is someone I still talk to, look up to, and seek out for guidance and assistance. He really made me feel welcome.

Helpful and informative

She was very nice and friendly to everyone. Sam was also very helpful in answering all of the questions we had.

They made everyone feel included. :)

My welcome week leaders were really nice and helpful to whatever questions I had. They did a really good job of making us feel comfortable in this new environment.

They were nice

They were cool

She was very sweet and nice and did a great job with leading activities and giving us information about the University.

He did a nice job actually connecting with the Freshmen rather than just ordering them around.

One of my welcome week leaders were completely clueless on something I feel she needed to know the other he was on point and I'm glad he volunteered

It's was fun and great.

They were both really good leaders! I am sorry I can't remember the other girl's name but they were really helpful!

They were very nice and I felt comfortable enough with them to ask questions.

They were great and really cool and they answered all of our questions as well as they could.

They were both really friendly and helpful. Usually they knew all of the answers to my questions, but if they didn't they found out from someone else.

He did a really great job!

They were very enjoyable and helped us be active.

They were great!

Sometimes it wasn't very clear when and where they said to meet... I inevitably missed a group meeting because of the time conflict!

They were very nice and tried to stick with all the activities. Sometimes they had a lack of communication with the rest of the group. A couple of times I had to join another group because we weren't given direction of where to go or when to meet.

Amanda was the best part of Welcome Week! She was always happy and seemed that she really liked being a WWL. She was also a great guide for my first week on campus. She knew how to be an effective WWL! Justin wasn't nearly as effective or friendly. But he was OK as an assistant WWL.

Ross was a fun guy to be in a group with. He did a great job trying to make us all want to be there, even if it had been a long day and we were all tired. He was understanding when we got that way, and didn't push us to do anything beyond what we wanted to.

Buck fity!

Very helpful and made the week fun

Lindsey was really great. She did a really good job, especially without having another partner.
They were friendly and approachable.

Quinn was awesome; he was funny and really helped the group become connected.

They made the activities really fun and actually treated us like friends, not kids. Our group bonded a lot and I still hang out with several people from it. I believe that is partly due to how well our leaders interacted with us and had us interact with each other.

Both Denise and Nick were very nice and helpful.

Very thorough and knowledgeable. Very responsible and a great leader.

They were fun, and really helped us get used to the campus in our first days here.

They were both great! Lots of fun, not fakey.

Mark was pretty cool.

They did a wonderful job, and kept everything interesting even when things were really dull.

They were wonderful leaders!

They were a lot of fun and I learned a lot from them.

They were really good individually with their own thing to bring to the table, but definitely a personality clash at times

Quinn O'Reilly was an awesome Welcome week leader. He made everyone feel comfortable and entertained as we prepared for, what was to be, a major change in our lives. He gave us some tips about how to study for classes and told us about nice places to go to on campus. Quinn was such a good welcome leader, our welcome week group continues to stick together.

Well, she was really nice and funny, good friend, but she really never wanted to do anything and sometimes didn't know what was going on.

THEY ROCKKKKKKKKK

They were cool and nice.

They were both very energetic and helpful leaders. I think they did a great job on informing us as to what we should expect this school year. They were very friendly and made us feel comfortable here.

They were Great. They were friendly, funny, and just very good leaders in general.

Sam Semler was amazing! A++ The other girl quit? It was weird.

He put a lot of time and energy into the week, but was unable to receive criticism even when he asked for it.

They were very nice and fun!

I absolutely loved kevin! he was an awesome guy!!

THEY WERE HELPFUL GUYS AND GREAT PERSONALITY. I ASKED TE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNES THAT I HAD AND I REALLY GET THE ANSWERS THAT I NEED AND PERFECT EXPLAINITION. IT WAS FUN TO THEIR TEAM AND I WILL SUGGEST TO KEEP AS A LEADER IN NEXT YEAR.

BORING, UNORGANIZED

She was great! And I was able to ask her all of my little questions.

Very cool leaders.

They were nice, but it seemed like they were kind of getting sick of Welcome week, too.

Helpful.

very nice and helpful.

Awesome Job!!!

she was helpful. i also believed that she helped me learn a little about the school.

They didn't know very much, and I understand that they were volunteers but they must know what to do in most situations....

They were really positive and made it really fun.

Very nice people. They helped us with problems and questions, and tried to make it as fun as possible.

they were pretty sweet

They were very relaxed and helped our group become more excited unlike some leaders i heard about.

They were really cool and energetic.

Both Nick and Sarah seemed to have a lot of knowledge about the university. They tried to keep everyone informed on the weeks events and tried to involve everybody when it came to group activities. I was very impressed with both of them in terms of leadership abilities and the ease I felt in approaching them with questions.

I don't really have any comments about my leaders. They were fine. They could have given us a team name though. That would have been cool.
They were very upbeat and helpful.

They tried their best to make things fun even though we were really tired. =)

They were both really nice and got into little tiffs once in a while, but they weren't ever seriously mad or anything. Funny, really nice, welcoming...I guess that about says it all.

They were both very nice girls that made small groups fun

They were very informative and helpful!

Both Gretchen and Eric were really nice, and energetic. They were very effective at getting everyone involved and having fun. They reached us on a friend-level rather than a leader-level which helped in bettering the overall experience.

Kevin made us feel very welcome and comfortable. He listened to what we had ask and share and he gave us good advice.

Very nice, but didn't really do well adjusting to the difficult conditions, such as speaking loud enough inside the Arena.

They were really fun and really cool

Both did a really great job!

They were a lot of fun and really nice. They also knew a lot about the campus.

Meredith was great at answering questions honestly! Meredith and Jane worked well together and were not afraid to do things by themselves, as long as it benefited the group as a whole.

Very nice, didn't know enough to help me figure things out; had to do things myself. The welcome week program didn't help me out.

I thought Dave and Marisa were the best. They always made sure we were having fun and were able to answer many of our questions. They were both intelligent and well-rounded individuals who helped us understand what resources were available to us and taught us what to expect in college. They were excellent.

They were both very nice!

They were nice and easy to talk to. They gave out useful advice.

were great and fun to be around

Paige was very kind, and did well given the circumstances. I could tell she really wanted it to be fun for us.

nice people

They were fun

They were awesome and from what i heard about other welcome week leaders, they did a good job making welcome week fun.

They were both very nice and welcoming but I think the whole welcome week schedule prevented them from being effective facilitators and presenters because a lot of the information wasn't helpful, the meetings were rushed, I feel like I didn't find out what I wanted or needed, and we didn't get a chance to really know the campus. And Jermaine Davis was not helpful to me at all, and I think that should be an option on the attending jermain davis presentation question.

They were fun and did a good job. We did some mad libs and they ended up pretty funny.

friendly, nice

They were very kind and willing to help.

They encouraged us to ask many questions even if we thought they were dumb. I loved them!

she was very fun and energetic

Both led the main group for the first day and a half, then we started getting separated during transitions from activity to activity. I was with just Lydia for Wednesday, and after that I only saw Chris. My leaders were really easy to talk to and good at getting people to mix (we played games with each other and with Rocky's and Tess's groups-- mainly song wars). I think they got the impression that I didn't like being with the group or participating in the activities, and at first I really was indifferent, but by the second day I was happily settled with group 4. I just tended to socialize passively instead of by talking all the time. Even though the schedule was crazy, the leaders were pretty relaxed and sympathetic, so that made things go a lot smoother.

He was awesome

Very good

Katie was a very good Welcome Week leader. She always knew what was going on and told us useful information.

They were very cheerful and made me feel welcomed at the University. They gave me good advise that I was seeking for.

I still see Gretchen in my dorm, since she lives there, and we talk occasionally. They worked really well together and answered questions that they didn't know the answers to. That may sound impossible, but they did it.

very nice, a lot of energy, very informative

These two were absolutely amazing. They were so much fun!! I miss them already and it has only been two weeks of actual school. They really helped me become closer to the university.

They were so much fun and my group had a lot of fun. We bonded really well and felt close to one another.
He was very easy to get along with, and he didn't stress over the small stuff. He did an excellent job, even if his co-leader was missing.

They were very outgoing, easy to talk to and seemed like they enjoyed what they were doing.

They were both very fun and energetic. They were also really laid back, and that was how our group was, so it worked out quite perfectly! Kudos to Joel and Jessica!!!

I felt they did a really good job at making sure we all knew where we were going and what we were doing! They were a BIG help!

They were pretty cool.

They made the week as fun as possible by being upbeat and positive.

They were really cool about everything. It was nice that they weren't really obsessive about doing too much. It was a really tiring week, and they knew that.

They were great.

It was really cool that they were pretty much our age - they didn't act like they were a lot older or anything, meaning in the way that they didn't act like they were better than us. I think that is what made me feel more comfortable.

I think they did a great job getting us involved in small group. They were always energized and excited to do things and made us feel comfortable with one another.

Both of them were really great and cool.

They were both fun and helpful. They made me feel more comfortable on campus.

They were ok

He was hilarious and easy going.

They were very cool and fun. Definitely made Welcome Week a lot better.

They were very helpful with questions and made sessions not seem so bad.

I liked them. Give him a raise.

They were both very good, Erin was of particular interest because she was in the same college as I. Both were helpful and friendly.

Erin got repetitive, but she was the one who was always on schedule and knowing what was going on. She made me seem rushed. Nick was funny and told us about what happened on campus and the type of people here. He told us some of his experiences, which made us feel more welcome. Unfortunately he was the one not always on time.

I liked them.

They were amazing and very welcoming. They knew what to do and how to handle most all situations that arose, and they made the whole experience exciting. I couldn't be happier with the job Katie and Christa did.

My Welcome Week Leaders were easy to approach. They showed me how to get involved whether it was learning the Gopher song to clapping to performers on stage, they showed me how to have a good time!

I definitely think I got the best Welcome Week Leaders EVER! They were fun and enthusiastic and made a great first impression about the people here at the U of M.

They were very helpful and they made the activities fun and enjoyable.

I really enjoyed both of my Welcome Week Leaders. They made our group meetings fun and encouraged us to get to know other students.

My Welcome Week Leaders were great, but at times didn't really seem to know what they were doing (although I think that was because this is the first time program).

Very nice, energetic, positive. A little confused on what goes on during Welcome Week, but we all eventually figured it out.

They were fun

They were AWESOME. I loved them. :) They were very helpful with any questions we had about campus and college life.

Lindsay did an excellent job keeping us all interested and involved in Welcome Week. She was the only leader for our group, and she did a great job - other WWL's told her we were the best group ever.

My leaders were probably the best part about WW. They were very helpful with the whole icebreaker/get to meet ppl thing.

Dylan was much more outgoing than Maren, but they were both likable enough.

My Welcome Week Leaders were Rachel and Sydna. They were very informative and energetic and made our Welcome Week a lot of fun.

They were great! I had fun, and they were really helpful with all of the questions I had.

They were cool

They were always happy and outgoing. They always knew where we had to go. They were always well informed and answered any questions that we had.

Very fun, answered all of our questions, knew what they were doing.

They were really nice and easy to talk to and ask questions.
My welcome week leader was very helpful, fun, and enjoying to be around. He answered all questions and gave us heads up on campus stuff.

One of the nicest guys I have met on campus. Made every student in our group feel welcome and as though we were his friend. I highly recommend Rob for welcome week leader again in the years to come.

They both did a good job trying to keep us entertained while still getting done what we needed to.

She was enjoyable to be around and wasn't too overpowering at all. She was just another student like us.

Anne got sick and didn't help with our group except for the first and last day. Mallory got lost quite a bit, but was able to answer most of our questions.

They were really nice.

Very enthusiastic and helpful.

Sarah was super nice and made me feel comfortable right away! She was really approachable, very down to earth, and treated us more like friends than freshmen which was so nice! She answered every question anyone in my group had, and I'm so glad she was my leader!

They were fun and and helped us learn our way around at the same time. They were both very approachable and cool.

Chad for yudof was a great leader!

They were good.

She didn't really always know what was going on and she kind of wasn't very clear about the plans for the group (meeting places and times)

Really good

Very nice and welcoming.

Fun and energetic

They were tons of fun!! They were helpful and made Welcome Week so much more enjoyable!

She was really fun, talkative, made the University of Minnesota seem like a really nice place to be.

chris and laura were awesome(:

They were both very informative and welcoming. They were great and I enjoyed having them as leaders.

they always had energy and got the kids involved and answered all the questions we had

He was very personable and I really liked him.

Very fun!

I really enjoyed both of them. Anne was sick for a few days but Mallory was always a lot of fun.

He was awesome and helped engage the students!

they were lots of fun and full of energy!

very enthusiastic

They were great leaders and answerd all of the questions i had about the school.

They didn't seem to know what was going on some of the time. However, their lackadasical attitude towards the Week was actually preferred to the attitude of a strict leader.

My welcome week leader was very calm and informative.

Excellent leaders

They were great and they helped us with everything!!!

They didn't try to be something else, they presented themselves as our peers, which was very welcoming.

They were both nice and helpful.

they were helpful about each day's itinerary and were able to answer most of our questions about activities and events, they also were able to make our down time between sessions interesting

Fun, straight forward

They were nice but didn't help me feel like part of the U community.

they were absolutely fantastic and amazing !!

They were both very nice people.

He did a wonderful job!

i dont really remember the names of my welcome week leaders but they were very nice and warm people. they helped me feel involved in the university and showed me the ways around.

They were extremely friendly and out going. Very willing to help.
they were very enthusiastic
They were very nice and easy to get along with.
They were extremely friendly and answered any questions I asked.
Both leaders were extremely enthusiastic and made the week as fun as possible. You could care that they truly cared about the group.
she was pretty cool.
They were ok, we never really did anything that exciting just attended the things we needed to.
They were both fun and made our week a lot better
They are flexible, so we can meet down stairs instead of some other rear places in the morning.
Tara was awesome
Friendly!
My group loved our Welcome Week leaders. They were friendly, personable, and approachable, making the experience of meeting the new people in my Welcome Week group much less awkward. The leaders provided fun activities like Mad Libs that made our group's experience much more enjoyable.
Funny, talked to us about our schedules and stuff that we might have been nervous about, got to know us well, we started a facebook group.

They were really nice and really outgoing; however, they kind of seemed like they thought we were retarded and couldn't live without them.
For example, I used public transit instead of the provided busses to get downtown and I told my welcome week leader and she said, "oh im so proud of you! youre growing up so fast!" and it wasn't really in a joking tone...

They're awesome!!!
i like Rachel but couldn't understand Hiro.
She was nice, but kind of shy. She knew a lot and was informative.
They were cool.
Not always on the same page, a bit uptight
They were really nice and fun.
they did a good job at explaining things.
Funny and Nice
they gave me a solid foundation to build on for the rest of my college career
she is very energetic.
He is really nice guy. He helped me a lot and understand that I'm only one who is speaking different language.
They were awesome, welcome week was far from.
Adrian did a very good job at keeping us active in small activities that didn't force us to get out of our comfort zone just yet and still get to know a little bit about all our other group members.
I know they had good intentions but they were quiet and not entertaining as I thought an ambassador would be. The nice thing about them were that they were friendly.
They were both fantastic: sympathetic and helpful.
Grady and Afton were awesome.
They did an excellent job! Our group had a lot of fun together.
Very fun!
Both of them were very lax and they generally promoted a cooperative atmosphere.
very nice, fun and helpful
It would have helped if they had talked a bit louder.
My welcome week leader seemed very uninformed and unenthusiastic about what was going on. He gave us a team name and stuff, but that never really came into play, and I didn't feel like he was friendly with everyone.
They did a great job and had nothing negative to do with my experience with welcome week
they were really good and fun
She was very kind and friendly and made it clear that Welcome Week was for us freshmen and that we should take advantage of it.
She was the best! She got everyone to cooperate :)
I liked them. The really seemed to be intrested in what they were telling us.
They were kind of late sometimes.
Kim was fun, but most of the time she didn't have all the info. That might not have been her fault, it just seemed like things kept changing on her.
They should me that it's fun around campus but you have to stay on top of your work also.
They were wonderful!
Katie and Christa made a great team, and really made me laugh.
I loved my welcome week leaders!
I thought that Michelle and Ashley were awesome. I really thought that they made the somewhat boring welcome week activities exciting.
Eric and Jen are the best welcome week leaders at the U of M. Make them do it again next year. They made it fun.
Very nice and willing to answer questions and go out of her way to help
They were awesome! Josh and Catie LOVED them!!
She was great!
They were fun and made the experience of welcome week more exciting.
They did their jobs well but I do not feel like they followed the schedule too well.
They seemed like real college students and seemed to know what they were talking about for the most part.
I loved my welcome week leaders because they did activities with us, not just the simple games in the classroom, but they brought us out onto the mall area to play ultimate frisbee, and made going to all of the boring activities worth it. They were energetic but not to the point of being annoying. One of them even took the time to play his bagpipes for us. They were both very down to earth and understood the problems with welcome week and politely sought out our opinions on Welcome Week. They made the experience more enjoyable and getting to meet them and have them talk about what the campus is like in an intimate setting was the best part. They didn't lead us around, they had fun meeting us and honestly I thought meeting them was probably the best part of Welcome Week. Joel and Jessica were the coolest and the best leaders in all of Welcome Week.
Hiro was very helpful, while the other one just got upset and was kind of a divider at times. They did a great job of making us feel welcome and it was a great way to make this huge university seem not so big.
Ross was very good at letting us know things about the U that he felt would help us succeed.
Hilary was really cool!
y'all were awesome!!!!!!!!!!
They were the best!
They were way cool. Down to earth and easy to relate to.
very enthusiastic!
Helped show me the campus well, and made the week, which itself was not the good, very enjoyable.
My welcome week leaders were awesome.
They were very energetic and made things more fun.
They were really nice.
My welcome week leaders stayed positive throughout the event.
Zainah was very controlling and somewhat negative, the male welcome week leader was very nice though
They were friendly and tried to energetic. They answered questions when we had them and were helpful.
They were cool but seemed not as informed as they should have been. They did the best they could with what they were given
they are so helpful and explained everything you need to know. They are so welcome and represent the U of M so well.
She did a great job answering all of my questions and leading and preparing me for each day.
Nice!
They were friendly, welcoming, etc. Very good.
Very nice and fun to be around
they were really fun and nice. and they seemed to want to be a part of the process which really helped me get though the week. except they were a little too enthusiastic about ice breaker activities that involved singing... which I wasn't too fond of...
They were very calm and organized. I think they were great leaders to have. I think they did great helping us freshamn out in anyway they could.
They were really sociable and cool about showing us around campus. We say hi whenever I see them around campus.
They did not seem prepared or interested in anything we were doing or anything we had to say.
They were really fun and understanding. They could usually answer all of our questions.
They were really good at making sure that we knew where we were going and what to do. I heard from other friends that they didn't know what they were suppose to do. I knew everyday day what i was suppose to do and where i was going.
well i dont even remember their names, so obviously they didn't make much of an impact.
She was nice
Great lady!
very nice.

My welcome week leader was not a person i looked forward to seeing everyday. Maybe a few of the guys in my group felt differently, but i know the girls didn't enjoy her.
They did an excellent job of welcoming me to the U of M, and knew a lot about the University.
They were fun to talk to and I felt comfortable asking questions.
Drew seemed pretty down to earth, which I think was the best sort of representative to have.
Austin and Sarah were awesome. They worked really well together and really well with us, and listened to what we had to say and how we were feeling, and were willing to alter the schedule to give us the best experience they could.
Leland was really outgoing and helped me feel excited to be at the U. Meredith was more quiet and I didn't feel like she was as welcoming.
She talked to us a lot about things we actually needed and wanted to know about the University as opposed to the cut and dry information we recived through the rest of Welcome Week.
they made us feel comfortable and helped show us around. They also answered all our questions to the best of their ability.
I really liked my Welcome Week leaders. I feel like they could even be my friends is real life.
They were really nice.
They were nice, helpful when i asked questions.
Good job.
They seemed a bit uncomfortable with the situation.
great, really friendly and easy to talk to
Kayleigh was great as was Hiro.
they did their job, I have nothing against them.
I loved my Welcome Week leaders. I think they were the best part of Welcome Week.
My welcome week leaders were very fun and energetic.
they were fairly apathetic
Whitney and Joe made my experience soo much better! Many of the other groups had a negative view of their Welcome Week Groups but our leaders brought us together and we all had a GREAT time together!
They lightened the mood and answered every question we had.
great job
They were very good leaders.
They were so awesome! So much fun and helpful. Really made it fun when the days got long.
They were nice. Takuihiro took pride in what he spoke about and also the UofM.
Although I wasn't very excited about our required events that we participated in, I really enjoyed our small group chats that we had. Our leaders Brooke and Same were awesome!
They showed us around the campus more than what was expected. They were very strict and not so much fun.
they were both very fun and made the experience a lot of fun considering the circumstances were not very fun.
The leaders were nice and helpful. They did a good job.
Very friendly and outgoing.
NICE
My leader did a very good job helping us get to know the university
I really enjoyed both my leaders, I felt comfortable and was able to ask them anything if I didn't understand something.
They were really nice and welcoming. They were also really easy to go to for questions.
She was extremely helpful in many ways. She taught us some of the short cuts, things that we need to know to succeed in college, tips on classes and advice on how to get help for your classes. She was very kind and she always made sure that we knew what we were doing and where we were going just in case we fell behind. She was extremely kind and she seemed like she really cared about helping us!

They are very nice guys

They were really nice and energetic all the time. They told us exactly what we had to do and where we had to be at what time. They showed us where to go if we didn't know. They knew what they were doing. They always answered our questions to the best of their abilities and would ask for help if they needed it.

They were amazing, full of spirit and more friends than leaders.

I connected very well with Katie. She did everything she could to answer all of our questions and make sure we got off on the right foot. She was very sincere in her concern for everyone in the group and tried to make every activity meaningful and helpful to us as new students.

Should've told us when we needed to meet on certain days when we had free time until a certain point. On a couple of days they weren't clear as to when and where to meet.

I loved my leaders

The were really helpful and answered all out questions with as much information as they knew or could find out.

Very friendly and didn't talk down or anything like that

They did a great job making us feel more comfortable with the campus, though some of them made the incoming freshmen already feel separated from the rest of campus just for being "freshies"

They were very nice and enthusiastic, but sometimes they didn't really know what we were supposed to be doing.

They made the long days more fun and relaxed.

They both seemed like really nice people, different from what I first expected. Unfortunately, I don't see them on campus at all during school.

Great thanks

They both helped answer my questions about the week and about college life. They got tasks done in a timely matter and made us feel like part of the college.

Dylan and Maren were both fun, and I enjoyed being around both of them.

My welcome week leader was really cool and really helped us find where to go when we needed to be places. He was really fun and made the activities we had to do worthwhile.

My leaders were awesome and they really helped me and my group a lot through welcome week and they made it a better experience.

They were very helpful and they knew what they were doing.

My leaders were awesome! I loved hanging out with them.

They weren't very organized

I loved my leaders! They were very helpful and understanding and helped us feel welcome and confident.

Matt was an awesome leader and he was always answering and sharing stories. If he didn't know something he would either direct us to someone who might know or just say "I don't really know." Muna didn't have that much experience, she tried to answer questions, I think that if she would have had one more year under her then she would've been great.

She was very helpful in answering all of my questions, and she was a great leader.

Ross was great!

They were very informative, energetic, and nice. I learned a lot from them and had fun being in their group.

They were very friendly. I liked them.

They were great. They made the entire week lots of fun.

They answered all the questions I had.

Ross was a great welcome week leader! He really helped me out and answered all my questions. He also let me know that I was always welcome to contact him with questions!

They were really funny. I like that they still remember me.

They were very outgoing and were able to answer any questions that was asked upon.

Drew was excellent and Brooke was just a step behind

We were in marching band and didn't participate in most of the Welcome Week activities.

Amanda was excellent, nice, and helpful!

Excellent

They sometimes didn't know all the details but that's understandable because welcome week was new for everyone.

Leaders made us feel like preschoolers. I guess they were just doing what they were told.
They were laid back so we didn't feel inferior to them. They were also willing to answer any questions we had regarding the campus or school in general.

The leaders were awesome, the welcome week in itself, not so much.

Both of my Welcome Week leaders were fun to be around, and they helped us out as much as possible.

They were cool most of the time, at times they would trip about us not following the "strict" schedule which was really irritating.

not enthusiastic enough, for the most part boring and not engaged. i had 2 leaders, and most of the time 1 showed up and didn't know what to do. not good communicators.

They were nice and fun.

They were both really good. They gave us all the information we needed to know, but didn't baby us or herd us around.

They were great! Very helpful and kind.

Happy, cheerful, full of experience I could relate too. Help ease my tense and nervous feeling as we go through ice breakers. I come to enjoy and know people in my group. They give me advice and answer my questions.

Our welcome week leader, Sarah I truthfully did not care for. She treated us all as if we were 5 years old, in reality she is only a sophomore this year in college which means some members of our group could have been the same age as her. She also acted like she knew everything on God's earth. It was frustrated because she overpowered, Sammy, our other welcome week leader. Also, she got upset with me because I was late for our final dinner together, but she did not realize I got finished with my community service project at 4:30 and dinner was scheduled at 5:00, so honestly it was not my fault. She needs to grow up.

Nick and Sarah were very, very successful in welcoming me to the University. They both helped me with various questions that I had. They were friendly, funny, and very nice. They made the new student process very casual and relaxed, yet still informative.

They were very helpful and understanding about different situations at the U and during welcome week, i.e., if someone needed to catch a bus they would let them go 20 min early so they didn't have to wait 2 hrs for the next one (my group was all commuters).

sweet.

They both seemed very nice, fun, and welcoming girls. However, they seemed unclear on some of their directions, which, in turn, left the students feeling even more confused.

They were really easy to talk to, and very welcoming. Sometimes it seemed like they didn't know what was going on, but that is understandable considering it's the first year that welcome week has been held at the university.

I LOVED my welcome week leaders!! They were both VERY fun and tried to make everything more enjoyable for us!

They were very nice and tried to be very helpful.

Friendly

Awesome!!!!

he is a very nice person. Give me lots of information about here.

He was nice and laid back. He just didn't care all that much about the events, not to say that I would disagree.

She was really nice.

they were very nice.

They were great! A lot of fun and really nice!!

He gave us inside information on campus events and classes.

they were very helpful with all my questions!

They were great! Very knowledgeable and any information they gave was very well thought out and they were very interested in helping us be as successful as possible here at the University of Minnesota.

He was the best. I was able to learn a lot from him.

I loved my welcome week leaders.

they were awesome

They were cool.

Alice is very kind and lovely, she help me know a lot about UM. She is a good girl.

They seemed unprepared and never knew a lot of activities we were going to.

Matt was awesome, since he was a senior he had all kinds of stories and also a bunch of experience to just about. Muna was awesome, always trying to answer our question and both were always honest when they didn't know some answer. In addition to that they would try to direct us to someone or a website (basically One Stop - everything is there) where we could get our answer.

He wasn't condescending just because he is older than we are, which was refreshing. He spoke to us like equals and was a great representative of the University.

One of my welcome week leaders was really awesome, but the other one was kinda...not so nice.

He was very knowledgeable and fun!
They didn't have enough responsibility.

They were enthusiastic and helpful.

They were very nice and helpful.

Very Nice but unclear at times

She was okay, but didn't really help me much at all.

Both of my Welcome Week Leaders were great. They were enthusiastic and fun, and they made me feel very comfortable and welcome. They did a wonderful job.

They were cool

they were awesome

Personable, funny, knowlegeable


They were fun and informative!

Joe was especially enthusiastic which carried over to the rest of the group which was good.

he was awesome

Was very enthusiastic and showed motivation to get through the day.

Took time to get to know us and talk to us in a friendly, non-intrusive way. The put no pressure on us.

They did a good job of helping me get to know the group members, without doing too many cheesy games.

both my welcome week leaders were really helpful and energetic

Both were extremely nice and helpful, and made our small-group sessions a lot of fun! They always kept a positive attitude and really tried their hardest to answer all of our questions.

Kevin and Jason were awesome.

They didn't always wait for everyone

They WEEEEERE AWWWWWWESOMEOME.

she was really cool and did a good job

you were nice to us. thank you

she was cool

she was very good and nice

Nice job.

One of them overpowered the other

Andy was really awesome. The only problem was that he was really strict about following guidelines when he knew and we all knew that the rest of the welcome week leaders were being a little more lenient about attending all the activities.

They were both very personable and easy to get along with. They told me things i would actually want to know about the U. I was excited to get started after talking to them about college. They were fun and energetic.

I liked him because he was nice and made me feel welcome at the U.

Marching band conflicted with welcome week, but I enjoyed the college day I was able to attend.

They made everything sound like it was exciting and yet down to earth.

They were very helpful in answering any questions we have. They were very prepare everyday and take good care of us. always making sure everyone is here and would freak out if one of us go missing. They treated us like we are their classmate already from the very first day we met. they were friendly people and encourage us to do our best in college. We were overwhelm with information during welcome week, but they kind of went through some of the information with us, which make me feel like I do not have to do everything so fast in college.

It's OK.

He was very friendly and helpful and didn't try to make us go to any of the events we didn't want to.

They were really friendly people and they made me feel really welcomed and enjoy the Welcome week.

They did a great job of helping us transition into college without talking down to us like "little freshman." I really appreciated how they treated us like peers.

she was fine, it's not her fault the program sucked

I really liked him. He was a nice guy and very informative. He did a great job.

They were fine.
She was fun to be around

They were both nice and funny.

They were both energetic and helpful

She was a good representative of the school

My welcome week leaders were more than displeased with my group's apparent lack of school spirit and could not understand why certain members of the group did not want to participate in late night activities in order to sleep.

Rocky was amazing! She made everyone very comfortable and it was easy to talk to her.

They were informative and very fun to hang around. They are somebody who i would definitely go to if i have questions for concerns.

The leaders were great, down to earth and weren't robotic in the sense of reading everything out of the book.

They were really fun to hang out with

cool

none

I cant remember their names but the girl was welcoming the other was not

Cool people. Somewhat quiet at times, more enthusiasm!!! Overwhelmed me...

She was very open to questions and responded with her best ability.

I really liked my WWL

Very fun and energetic. Great people to get to know. Couldn't have asked for better leaders.

They were awesome!! And i like that they say hi to me on campus.

I didn't feel very welcomed and our group leaders seemed extremely unprepared. They often failed to give advice and would resort to giggling and talking to each other when they didn't know the answer to something. They made people in the group feel awkward and uncomfortable with asking questions about the school. They didn't seem excited to be our leaders and acted like it was a job they just wanted to get finished as quickly as possible. A few times they forgot to tell us where we would be meeting and/or at what time. At our final meeting (which was one of those with confusion on where and when to meet) they told us as a group that the reason that they did a poor job giving us information on meetings was because we made them feel strange. They said, "The way you all stare at us makes us feel weird." They tried to shift the blame to us, the followers, so they didn't feel so guilty. Maybe they shouldn't have signed up for this because clearly they were uncomfortable and unprepared.

They just seemed like they needed more details and kind of like the whole thing was a little disorganized.

They both had very good attitudes and seemed to genuinely want to get to know us during the time we spent together.

They were friendly and helpful

They both acted like real students here, not just ambassadors for the school, so it felt good to get straight answers from them for whatever questions we had.

They truly understood the idea of real life college tips and help and advice instead of trying to feed us fluff.

He was very engaging towards a group that was very unengaged.

They were awesome.

They helped keep me sane during the whole week.

Great leaders, made everything fun and seemed down to earth!

They were both very upbeat and even though the days were super long they helped make it some what bearable.

They were both really friendly and had a lot to tell us about life, some of which was maybe a little more applicable than just the different seminars we sat in on.

they were nice

enthusiastic and that was cool

My welcome week leaders were very friendly, open, and helpful. They did their best to make us feel comfortable in our new environment.

good kids

It was pretty confusing for the most part.

she didn't tell me anything about the separate group and didn't read over many things that I heard other groups did

Tommy made me laugh. Getting to talk to kristin one on one was a great way to hear about her experience, and what she is doing now.

Awesome

They were terrific. They were the ones that made welcome week any sort of fun. From, their favorite "first year" Adam
They were awesome.

Terrible at public speaking, and never really payed attention to us.

she was really nice and cool.

she didnt like facilitate everyone to talk and make friends with eachother.

they were super fun and down to earth

not very energetc about anything that was going on

They both were very helpful and made my Welcome Week experience the best it could be.

she was very nice, and tried to help us out..but sometimes she didnt exactly know what was going on either. she was really nice though and i liked her.

They were a lot of fun! Really laid back, but that made them more relatable.

they were both really nice, but mike definitely made me feel more welcome.

Perfect, kind people.

tyey were good leaders

Awesome

Chris was really really cool. He helped us learn a lot.

They were fun. Amanda's experience as a freshmen puts things in perspective.

i didnt get to know them at all really

They were great and very helpful.

They were nice.

Enthusiastic, Energized, Ecstatic

He was a good leader, he was funny and helpful.

they were really fun and helpful

Went above and beyond to make the group feel welcome and bond with each other.

Very enthusiastic, helpful, and nice.

He was nice and was able to answer any questions.

They seemed to feel just like the rest of us: tired, apathetic, bored, and sick of the nonstop excessive activities. For volunteers, they must be very brave. They were friendly and tried but there comes a point where apathy rules.

Nice!

They were helpful, spent a lot of time preparing stuff, and overall seemed well informed

She was alone as a leader and really did do quite a good job as a group leader--especially considering she was alone for all of it.

Good for the most part. Some times when they seemed like they didn't know what to do exactly.

Very nice and very good at answering questions and if they didn't know the answer they found it out.

they rocked they really got me excited about attending the u and made sure i was ready for it all to start :)

this probably wasnt their fault but they didnt know what was going on most of the time

Ali Was a great leader and put a lot of effort into it but Ashton didn't show up for like 2 days.

She would try to assist us and present to us, but there were to many people in the group and it was hard for her to control everyone. Nothing was ever really accomplished.

They did very good in talking to everyone in the group and kept things interesting.

They were really fun and energetic. They did a good job.

they were bomb!

leaders were really patient and helpful, even though welcome week was way too much time and activites and repeats of orientation, most of all too long!!

MY welcome week leader was pretty good but sometimes we would lose her because she didn't raise her hand.

They were both awesome!

very helpful and created lots of fun
Ailene was very helpful!

She was nice and very knowledgeable about the university. She went out of her way to make sure that we knew where we would go and to guide us.

They are great

They were Fabulous!

very nice and helpful

very informative

My Welcome Week leaders were excited about their job, but their enthusiasm didn't really rub off on me. That's probably not their fault.

They were both pretty nice but they could tell we didn't really want to play the icebreaker games and stuff

They were very fun

They were awesome. We did a lot of fun activity that allow us to learn about other people in our group and the campus. They also answer all my questions and even gave me tips on how to survive college.

They were nice. It was fun. Sometimes the discussions were a bit awkward because of the facilitation, but over all it was fine.

I thought my welcome week leaders did a good job of helping me get a little acclimated on campus. They definitely made it feel like a more comfortable place for me.

Quinn did an excellent job. He made us feel welcome, and showed us a lot of practical things to do/use at the U. He made our group a lot of fun to be in. In fact, we still get together as a group to go to football games, events, etc.

Despite the fact that the welcome week activities arranged were almost all somewhat of a waste of time, I feel as if he did a good job connecting with everybody in the group while still maintaining a leadership role. He was funny, and helpful.

They were really tired after the first day or two. Seemed to be losing sanity.

they were outgoing and were really passionate about their job. they made the entire welcome week group 113 feel welcome to the university.

They were really laid back and cool. They made me feel comfortable and welcome, but not like I was a little kid which I liked.

i liked them a lot

They were friendly and they always tried to answer my question to the best of their knowledge. But it seem like at times they were just ads mis-informed as me.

Both were very helpful & friendly

They made things realistic to us and gave us straight answers. They related everything to us and were awesome!

This is less of a problem with my individual welcome week leaders and more of a problem with the overall setup of these welcome week groups. To be honest, I only attended an one hour long meeting with my group and within that time we went over the day's schedule in approximately 10 minutes, and for the rest of the time we played games reminiscent of my days in elementary school. I am sorry, but playing games like Duck-Duck-Grey Duck is not something which should be a primary focus of any welcome week leader. This childish treatment deterred me from returning to any more of the group related activities.

They were both very nice girls! They helped us get to where we needed to be anad tried to explain things the best that they could, despite some of the activities being a little unorganized.

very energetic, kept us on track, well organized and over-all great person.

They were definitely the best welcome week leaders ever!!! not only were they helpful, they were very friendly and made our group feel like a family. they both had a great sense of humor and we were all very open and everyone in the group got along with each other!! i'm so lucky to have had them as my leaders!!

My Welcome Week leaders were laid-back, and it made the atmosphere much more comfortable. It helped to be able to approach them if we had concerns about something.

She was okay.

The welcome week leaders did a great job answering questions that the group had. They even created a group on facebook to keep in touch with us if we have any other questions about the U of MN.

Well....at first they seemed really bad, I mean c'mon, they're only sophomores. They were really confused about what they were suppose to do and more like "we'll tell you when we find out." But they ended up being really awesome and they weren't like the super over-spirited people so it felt like they were giving more honest answers to questions instead of whatever sounds good and they were much more relatable.

the welcome week leader from the collage of education had a stick up her butt. She treated us like we where in the 2nd grade. The other one was ok.
She was easy to relate to and get along with. I couldn't have asked for a better person to make me feel comfortable here at the U.

Quinn was a really nice young man. He was friendly and helpful. He was willing to answer various questions that we had and effectively lead our group through the welcome week material.

ey were fun but didn't make everyone feel welcome

They both genuinely wanted to make us feel welcome and at home at the U.

Really good. Good connector and coordinator. We learned a lot from them.

Thye tended to leave people behind or leave sessions before everyone was done, resulting in a number of people from our group always being lost

My Welcome Week leaders were awesome! Very helpful, friendly, and REAL.

I thought they were very friendly and helpful. They made me feel welcomed and were able to answer all of my questions.

He was really nice and told us about college life but I don't know if he really knew all that was going on with the welcome week stuff.

They were awesome

Very friendly and willing to help you out even after welcome week was over.

she was awesome

Both were very nice, and wanted to answer all of our questions.

She was awesome!

She didn't really seem to know what was going on. She liked the group to play pointless yard games that no one wanted to play. She was kind of scatter-brained.

They both we super energetic and welcoming. Always willing to answer questions and engage us. Couldn't ask for better leaders!

They gave really good advise and talked about all their experiences at the U. They were very helpful, and they seemed genuine about how they felt when giving advise and talking about the U in general; which in return, helped guide myself, and my fellow group members easily into the U's atmosphere.

They were very nice and friendly. I saw my welcome week leader yesterday and she remembered my name and it made me feel really good that she took the effort to remember who I was!

She was always upbeat and in a good mood no matter how early in the morning we had to meet.

Both Nichole and Jessie were very fun and nice. They knew what was going on and helped us to understand the crazy-nightmare that was welcome week.

Very nice.

Rob was a lot of fun. I heard complaints from other group members that their WWL was boring or lame. Rob was awesome. He was never dull.

ey were fun and easy to talk too.

Both of my welcome week leaders were enthusiastic but not too pushy. They really were great people.

They were good and I hope to see them around campus.

I want to thank them and I had a great time. It was really fun and I liked the activities we did as a group.

They were both very nice.

They were helpful with getting to know the campus.

They were always positive and enthusiastic about the University of Minnesota but were realistic about problems that naturally occur, which was nice.

They seemed somewhat disinterested at our group meetings.

Both of them were really awesome and I actually have hung out with Joe quite a bit since welcome week.

Andrew was awesome, very friendly and very helpful.

they were awesome

They were awesome

Quinn is the greatest welcome week leader ever and deserves a promotion...no, several promotions!

They were great and had a lot of fun together. They worked well together, Maridith had to keep Leyland on track but they knew what they were doing and help me transition better to college. They gave good advise for the group and we were able to talk about any problems we had.

They are awesome

They were okay. A few times, they didn't really know what they were doing.

Nice!
They were pretty cool and had answers to a lot of the questions the group had to ask and were very willing to be of help.
I like them both, they were very nice and helpful.
they were fun
They were fun but the fact that we were herded like sheep into the auditorium for 4 hours on end got way to old and made me not want to talk to anybody. I met more people by sitting around and discussing how pointless it felt.
Very fun
They had an overall positive attitude about the week and were fun to be around.
very enjoyable
george knows where it's at.
Fun, knowledgeable, and didn't stress out too much
They’re really friendly and helpful, especially Lizzie
you were awesome and they helped a lot with what REALLY happens in college
it seemed that whoever told the leaders what to do that day they weren't very clear on their directions
really nice and fun
Awesome.
Great
great enthusiasm, but lacked organization
They seemed genuinely interested in the students.
very fun
i had a good time meeting them.
Hi, she was cool
She was really fun and knowledgeable. She answered every question we had and if she didn't know the answer she looked into it for us.
My welcome week leader wasn't clear on meeting spots so i often got left behind and added into other groups.
Chase was really great. He was punctual and was able to answer most of our questions. He was very understanding of how we felt throughout everything and tried hard to make us have fun.
I loved both of mine. I cannot remember the girls name but they were both incredibly helpful.
Made us all feel comfortable and well organized.
They were friendly, relaxed, and helpful.
Amanda was so fun!
The leaders were fine; it was just the actual events that drained my soul.
They knew what was going on and did a good job letting me know what was going on.
They were very helpful in answering various question I had of the university.
Our WW leaders were very friendly.
She was nice and super informed. she didn't always follow the guidlines which made it much more personal and informative.
Quinn is the man. He did an awesome job as the only leader of our group. He kept us in line but was also a lot of fun.
Fun, helpful, laid-back
they were very friendly.
They were fun but they led us everywhere, we should have had to lead ourselves so we were forced to learn where things were.
very nice, and excited about what we were doing which made it seem funner
Katie Kennedy was such a sweetheart! She was very helpful and honest with all of our questions! After welcome week I even missed her!
They were awesome, we had a lot of fun
They were both very upbeat and friendly with all of us.
They were very nice and helpful.
I felt that our leader was not always prepared. Many times our group would sit and wait for 5 minutes until she was ready to present. This causes many students to become restless; some even left the meeting. The meetings would have been more enjoyable and effective had she been prepared.

They were very helpful and entertaining.

They were awesome

Issac was so cool! He helped me out a lot

She didn't want to be there

She was full of energy and funny

They are responsible, and help me a lot.

They were very nice girls.

Awesome!

They were friendly, helpful, and really well organized. I never questioned them because they always knew exactly what they were doing. They even would help kids that were lost. It was great.

They were both very kind and helped make me feel comfortable in a new place.

They were nice, but didn't always know what was going on.

Super awesome

She was very nice and helpful and encouraged us to come to everything.

They were very good, but I can't remember their names, or my group number. I think I was in group 21, or 121 or something like that, and my leaders were both girls. One was blonde and the other was brunette.

Nice and happy

Great!

They were pretty good. Nice.

I like Wade.

Kept up the energy even if we were dead tired.

They were super nice and did a good job but they didn't seem to know what was going on a lot of the time.

They were very friendly and approachable. They knew a great deal of the ins and outs at the University. I felt welcomed with them.

They were always very positive and always kept us informed on what was needed of us through out the whole experience. I never felt confused or lost. They were very active so they kept us active and involved throughout the whole week!

She was cool, nice, good and quick to get along with.. keep her around she is very helpful and useful.

My welcome week leader was great!

Super nice and friendly

They were both nice and helpful.

My welcome week leaders were very friendly and helpful in making me feel welcome at the U. They were also very funny and made the experience fun. They helped answer my questions and if they didn't know an answer they would go find out for me.

They were fun and entertaining. Answered questions helpfully

They were cool

Very fun and friendly

I loved Matt and Todd! They were hilarious!

They were friendly

The leaders were not paired effectively, and struggled to present information together.

Very nice and made me feel comfortable! They were very helpful.

They were great and very enthusiastic

They were friendly, but disorganized.

I loved both of my welcome week leaders, they were great. They were both super enthusiastic and they made the week a lot of fun!

He was absolutely great and extremely helpful.

They were not as informed about what was going on as I thought they would be or should have been.

She really made sure we all felt welcomed and did a great job at everything
They were fun and seemed very welcoming!

They didn't seem to know what was going on most of the time.

Dey were da Sh!T.

They were really cool and nice.

They were nice.

They were both really fun, and always had fun things to do when we had our meetings and between activities.

The girl seemed really overpowering and didn't really want to interact with her co leader or us.

They were very friendly and were able to knowledgebly answer our questions.

Cool and informative, welcoming

I loved them both. They were very inclusive and helpful!

She was kind and very helpful with questions

They were nice and cool, they actually tried to make it interesting for us

buck fiddy rules

They were easy to talk to and had great group activies:)

She was involved n a sorority which was cool because I was going to do recruitment, so she answered those questions too. She was also very nice and outgoing.

They provided a positive experience despite an overly busy schedule

Very friendly. They acted a little to cheesy though. However once we knew them for a few days they became more relaxed.

she wasnt really on time for anything. made it seem like she didnt really want to be there. but she tried....

They were really nice.

They were great. I've heard stories of the other leaders not being the best, but our group was great.

Our group got separated for most of a day, and a large portion of us couldn't find the group the next day.

They were very nice and made me feel comfortable

they were very understanding and well informed

Didn't seem too excited!

i thought my welcome week leaders were really excited about the university and were a lot of fun

Chase was a lot of fun, and he didn't waste time on the unimportant stuff.

Neutral

Fun, kind, and helpful.

She was really nice and fun to talk to.

They did a satisfactory job doing what they were expected to do.

Seemed a little disorganized with the facts, but overall very well.

She was very bubbly.

They were really good, they encouraged us to come to everything, but didn't try to force us into it. And they were really knowledgable about everything, they could answer almost all of our questions. Whoo!

They were extremely nice.

i did like them though

They were really nice and made me feel welcome

They were the best part about welcome week!

They were cool, welcome week wasn't

Very good at answering questions!

They were REALLY nice and helpful. Mike was hilarious.

Informative and willing to help.

They were very helpful, made me feel welcomed.
They were lots of fun, they were laid back and made the first week much more enjoyable.

They hit all the marks though there was a slight mix up in scheduling.

what the hell?!

I thought that both of them were very nice and did the best with what they were given to make Welcome Week meaningful instead of just something to fill time. Some of the meetings seemed a little unnecessary, but they did their best to make every meeting fun.

They enjoyed what they were doing They

my welcome week leaders were both really nice. They both made everyone feel welcome to the group, as well as the university. They had lots of school spirit and were always excited about the activities we were going to do.

I loved my welcome week leaders! They were extremely nice, and helped me gain confidence for being at the U. They were great at answering questions, and always assisted if we needed help with something!

She did a wonderful job.

They did a good job, it wasn't the leaders that was the problem.

Both were super nice and helped me learn more about what college will actually be like.

Very enthusiastic and fun, very enjoyable

She was great and didn't make her group feel like five year olds.

They were great, Leland was very nice and very helpful. He made things interesting and fun. Even though they were unorganized we did ok. They knew what was going on. They also worked well together!!!

they were very good leaders

They were fine.

Very fun, very cool, very focused

I liked that she was an upper classmen because it seemed like she had more perspective to offer.

Friendly

They were really willing to answer any questions we had. They were so much fun too!

He is a great guy and he allowed us, more than most leaders did, to get to see the real side of him. He also had a strong love for the school that got me a lot more excited.

They were awesome. They stuck to the schedule, but they also gave us some time for relaxing.

They were easy to get a long with and listened to our suggestions throughout the week.

They were both really cool people who knew what they were doing. Other than that, I don't know.

no

They worked very well as a team and made welcome week a lot more fun than what it could have been. They willingly answered questions and gave us some "upperclassmen" insight to what goes on at the U. I couldn't have asked for better leaders.

Very nice, made me feel welcomed.

They were fun and made me feel incredibly comfortable.

She was very friendly and informative.

Great! Helped me feel comfortable here

not experienced and not professional

awesome!!

Both of them were very warm and welcoming, and extremely helpful with all the questions I had for them. They both seemed to care a lot about all the students in their group, and I would like to say thanks to them.

They were awesome. They always tried to get us up and running. Very polite and easy to talk to. I felt very comfortable with the whole experience...largely on their part. They were funny and nice. Probably the best ones. Except Natasha ditched us one time...because she said she had to "go to the bathroom". Right. I have seen them both around campus and they are still very friendly.

They were nice, I don't really want to bash them because they did a decent job, they just weren't very exciting.

He was very funny and made us feel more at home. We had a great group and Kevin kept us together and made sure our questions were answered. He was overall a great leader.

Both of my welcome week leaders were great. They made going every day to the different activities a lot of fun. And i learned a lot about the university and my way around campus from them. They were amazing!

Chris was awesome!

Zainah and Jokondo were amazing. We seriously could not have gotten better Welcome Week leaders!

She was very friendly. She answered all of our questions. She was very helpful and easy to talk to.
Muna didn’t do much and didn’t know a lot of the info. Melissa tried to get us where we needed to go
Ashley didn’t show up for two or three days. Ali worked really hard to keep us motivated.
She had a lot of energy which helped us get through the really long week.
Hillary was really dedicated to helping me and she was super nice.
They were both very friendly.
They were both great. They made everything so welcoming and helped us get acclimated, while still being a lot of fun to be around. They were one of the best parts of welcome week.
They were very nice and friendly. Also they were very energetic.
They were awesome!
They were fun and outgoing. I enjoyed the small group times and other times I got to talk to them about certain classes and workload. It was extremely helpful.
Liz and Casey were excellent group leaders.
They are nice, especially Denny Huang. He helped us a lot in finding the way.
They were both really fun and insightful.
Emily and Holly were great. They really helped us by showing us where different buildings were and encouraging us to get involved with the U. They worked well together and had a lot of fun working with us.
They were very nice people.
They were friendly, but didn’t make us feel motivated. The days would’ve gone by better if they had more personality and enthusiasm.
They seemed to understand that this was a learning experience for everyone since this was the first year and it was nice that they were relaxed about the whole week.
They actually wanted to be there and make our experience better than theirs were.
Very nice and outgoing, could talk to them and they really were interested in all of us and what we had to say.
My Welcome Week Leaders were absolutely amazing. They helped me so much with any question I had and if they weren’t able to answer a question they guided me in the right direction. They truly had a great impact on my experience at the U.
She was really nice and always enjoyable to be around.
They were very nice and helped us out a lot.
They were nice, but they didn’t seem very informed about what was going on. Also, when I would ask to use the restroom, they often would tell me that we were going to sit down first, and maybe I could go after we sat down. Once we sat down, I would often end up in the middle of a row and I couldn’t get out to use the restroom. I asked to use the restroom out of respect for my leader, but I felt I was treated like I was in elementary school. I asked to go back to the dorm one night to get some rest, but they told me we were going to Fun Zone first. I had to call security to escort me back to the dorm because they would not take me back on their own.
They were awesome! They did a great job helping me feel like I belong at the University.
They were always really excited and full of energy.
Mark was very good because he was laid back and understanding of how much we disliked some of the parts of welcome week.
Very nice and easy to talk to.
Liz and Casey were so nice! They were very informative, but they also made everything fun, too. Every time I’ve seen them since Welcome Week, they’ve taken the time to talk to me and ask how everything’s going.
Even though I for got their names they were cool and made my experience more comfortable.
Both were very nice, however they were not very engaging and helpful in finding out what was going on during the week.
They were really nice to us.
They were very friendly and taught me a lot about the U of M. I felt that they were both great leaders.
They were both funny and good people to talk to.
Kim was a wonderful and helpful welcome week leader.
The two of them were fun enough.
Both leaders made us feel welcome and accepted. They answered any questions we had and were very open about their experiences. I was glad we had them as mentors for the week.
Good good.
There were sometimes miscommunications about meeting places and times, but overall they were very helpful.
Very friendly and helpful. Assisted me whenever I needed their help.

Both of them were awesome and make the week a lot better.

Very enthusiastic, understood when we really didn't like something and helped us when we had questions.

Kara talked a lot. When she started answering one question, it would take several minutes before someone could ask another.

They were really relaxed and understanding. They helped me feel welcome and a part of the community.

Both of my WW leaders were really friendly and included everyone in the group. We all had more fun when they didn't exactly follow the requirements for what they were supposed to read at meetings and stuff, though - I liked that they were relaxed about that.

Cool people

Brittney was the best!

I really liked my welcome week leaders. They were both super nice and enthusiastic. They also didn't underestimate us. For instance, they had us find Rapson Hall on our own for our second group meeting. They were also fun.

They had awesome games for us to play to kill time.

They were awesome!

They were very nice!

He seemed nervous!

Dillion was awesome, always up and full of energy. He was also really easy to hear over large crowds.

She did a great job, but did not have any of the correct information given to her. Consequently a lot of time was spent trying to find what we were supposed to be doing, rather than doing it. I think management could be better from the higher positions. You did do a great job for the first year.

He was really kool and listened to our feedback. He also was able to get down to a level of trust with us which made the experience that much better!

She was very nice and helpful.

They were very fun to be around and were very acknowledgeable of what they were doing.

Fun to be around, tried to make things interesting. Knew what was going on.

Great!

Alice was amazing, especially considering she was by herself with my group. She put so much effort into what she was doing and made sure that no one had any unanswered questions.

I was very happy with my welcome week leaders and the effort they put forth. Brittany was very helpful and answered a lot of my questions.

They were lively and energetic also resourceful if we had questions.

They were very nice and enthusiastic.

They were really nice and easy to get along with

Eric was a lot of fun, very understanding, great guy. Alex was a lot of fun, i could really relate to her, down to earth.

They were fantastic and fun
dey were purty...

They were friendly and outgoing, and related to us as incoming freshman.

They were very friendly, organized, and helped answer some school related questions that we were wondering about.

They both were very helpful

Nice and good natured.

I really liked Katelyn. She was extremely nice and friendly and answered all questions with enthusiasm. She made me feel a lot less nervous about attending university.

They were both really cool and made all of us feel welcome.

She tried her hardest to make it fun.

Casey was cool.

They were very nice

They were not very good leaders especially betsy who was very rude to me and some people in our group multiple times

eric and jenny were great
they are soooo cool...

They were very friendly and up beat but not too crazy scary friendly :) They made it fun.

They did a good job of staying positive even though overall the week was boring for everyone

I couldn't have asked for better welcome week leaders - they almost always knew the answers to our questions and if they didn't know they made sure to find out. They were very welcoming and extremely fun.

She was very bubbly and helpful with answering questions to the group, and one-on-one as well.

I loved my welcome week leaders! They were amazing, helpful, and energetic.

Very fun and gave helpful tips.

Kind and Nice - Helpful

They were very good, funny, and made me feel very comfortable.

Very nice and helpful!

She was pretty cool. gave us info well.

She did a wonderful job making us feel welcomed and connected.

They were both really nice and funny and I feel like I can ask them questions whenever I need help.

They didn't seem to know what they were doing

They were really nice and tried to make it fun for us. They did a good job.

She was very helpful and since she was only a sophomore and we were freshman, she understood most recently what we were going through.

They were fun, but sometimes there were conflicts of interest and they did not help each other facilitate a meeting, but rather they inhibited discussion between the two and delayed the meetings.

They are great. They help me feel welcome at The U.

should not have been so long time wise. It was hard as a commuter to get there and leave at the designated times.

good guy

She is so good. But I can't remember her name. She is in Calson School. She helps me a lot.

They were funny and helpful, very good people!

Very friendly

They were both very fun and made us feel like adults, and not kids they had to babysit.

My welcome week leaders were very informative! They also went above and beyond their job I feel, by giving us advice on all areas of being a college student.

She was great. I enjoyed having her as our leader! She answered all our questions, and if she didn't know an answer then and there, she would get back to us the next time she saw us about anything we needed to know.

they were nice and helpful

they were fun and excited

fun guys! very enthusiastic and friendly!

He was the best.

He was the best!

I just felt very welcomed, they were so easy to talk to.

Weren't too enthusiastic about activities that were planned, but they were nice.

sweet

Both of them were a lot of fun and really energetic. I really enjoyed myself and met a lot of cool people right away. I still stay in contact with them and have lunch with them occasionally. I also liked that they showed us important places that we would actually use. The commuter connection was by far the most beneficial experience.

They were very nice and helpful. You could tell they really cared.

After attending Jermaine Davis “Do It Now!” presentation, I: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1800
The Fun Zone gave me the opportunity to: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1740

eat nachos!
realize how much I hate loud noise - it was too loud for me
Didn't attend
I felt ill, and returned to my room to sleep.
I did not attend the Fun Zone

Eat

Did not attend

I didn't enjoy the Fun Zone experience, because it was overhyped and didn't reach expectations.

obtain a headache

Did not attend

Check my weekend events

Play frisbee with a random group of people

did not attend

Did not attend

it was bad

Did not go

did not attend: geared toward Minneapolis kids

I didn't go.

was a waste of my time

meet up with some people from high school as I didn't know many new people at the time

My main complaint is that the music was too loud.

Get my football tickets

Was too full to enjoy.

I did not attend the fun zone

I did not attend

Learn to Disco!!

meet with old friends and socialize

I didn't go

eat

Eat some food.

realize how much I liked peace and quiet

I didn't go

get some free stuff

I was unable to participate

Get my ears blown away by the speakers.

I did not attend

Did not attend

I did not attend

I didn't go.

just got free food, not so fun

I did not attend

Don't remember attending

do not remember

I watched Barack Obama's speech, and that was pretty fun.

Slept instead of Funzone.

Could not attend: had to catch a bus home

I couldn't attend

stand awkwardly

Free Food!

take a break from the otherwise obnoxious schedule that was set out for us.

Take a lot of Fuze

I did not attend.

Want the 27 million spent on welcome week given back to the students

Have a late night snack

to get free stuff and leave

I did not stay very long because it was too loud to hear anyone talk.
I expected more things blown up.

It was boring.

Get my football tickets

never went

I didn't go

Did Not Attend-Excused for Marching Band

eat pizza

It's not really set up to help you meet people well

Meet up with my old friends and hang out.

Feel alienated because I didn't already have friends from Minnesota so I didn't have a social circle to be a part of and hang out with.

I didn't go

Get free stuff

went quickly then left

It was boring.

Free food

I did not attend.

Get free FUZE

free food

get free fuze drinks

Didn't attend

I do not remember what the fun zone was

did not attend

couldn't attend.

Did not attend

Did not attend
dance.

Commuter so had to go home early.

Go back to my dorm and sleep instead of being herded around like cattle every day.

did not attend

Dance!

did not attend

Did not Attend

i did not go

Get free stuff

Leave

Eat

free food

didn't go. too loud

I did not attend.

get free food

Rock out with my socks out

Did not attend

Eat free food

make the day seem to go on forever

it was fun to have it especially after a long day/week and be able to catch up with people you had met throughout the week.

I did not attend

did not attend

Did not attend

Did not attend

I didn't like the fun zone

Dont really remember it, there was too much going on.

Forget about my pre-college nerves for a while

I didn't go

OH MY GOD FUN ZONE WAS AMAZING

Go back to my dorm and sleep.

didn't go
i did not attend
not get any fuze because people took cases full
I got free food.
I did not attend.
To take Ibuprofen.
get free food
I didn't go
Was not able to attend because of commuter status.
I was so tired I didn't go.
I wasn't there
i did not attend
did not attend
Didn't attend
I didn't attend
get sleep
I don't think I participated in this.
meet up with old friends and enjoy free treats
Too Late for me
I did not go. I was too tired after a full day of activities.
None of the above. The Fun Zone was advertised incorrectly and was not my type of party.
start an awesome game of ultimate frisbee in the field house!
GET FREE FUZE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Did Not Go.
I did not attend
did not attend
to have free time and go back to my dorm to get settled in
Did not attend
I did not attend.
Was boring
didn't really enjoy it
i did not attend
Did not attend
Did not attend
It was too loud to really meet new people
I was unable to attend Fun Zone
I didn't go to the Fun Zone
find something else to do
Didn't go.
was not interested because it was at the end of such a long day
As soon as I got there everything was gone, so I didn't stay.
By the time we got to the fun zone we were so tired out that we weren't able to even enjoy ourselves
i did not attend
Didn't have fun
didn't go
I didn't attend
do absolutely nothing
Eat food
catch up with friends from orientation and in other welcome week groups
Not get enough sleep
have free pizza
feel awkward
waste time that I could have used doing something had I not been on campus. It doesn't count as free time if I don't have time to go home.
not a whole lot
Get Fuze
Did not attend
I didn't attend
Didn't stay long enough to have an opinion
did not go
Free Food!
did not go
Walk around with my one friend from high school and awkwardly watch everyone else.
I didn't go.
get free Fuze!
didn't participate
didn't attend
Get free food
Did not attend because im a commuter.
I didn't attend
I didn't attend
I did not attend.
was a waste of time and should of gone to sleep
Did not attend
I did attend the Fun Zone.
meet up with old friends
get FUZE
did not go
get free Fuze
did not attend
Didn't go
i did not go to the fun zone
The name fun zone made me not want to attend
to gamble (play gamble)
free stuff
did not attend
Get a really bad headache
Get pizza.
i didn't go
It was terrible.
i was at the presentation and missed all the free stuff.. stupid!!
did not go
Get free drinks.
i didn't go, i am a commuter.
hang out with people I had met during welcome week
Did not attend.
I did not attend
didn't go
socialize and get food
waste my time on yet another welcome week event.
Learn how to salsa-very fun!
It was boring and all of the food ran out
did not attend
did not attend
Get Fuze.
went home
too crowded, not much to do.
I didn't go to the Fun Zone
eat free food
I didn't attend
Quinn Rules
Eat. I was hungry by night time.
grab some free beverages
bounce
eat pizza!!!
Get free Fuze drinks!
I couldn't go because I was a commuter and the buses don't run then
eat pizza.
Feel alienated
i didn't attend
Get free food, but the Fun Zone was awkward.
did not attend
I didn't like it
it was good but it was hard to socialize
meet up with people from high school
I didn't go.
I didn't attend because I needed sleep.
get free Fuze
Did not attend because I was so exhausted and needed to be up so early.
realize how childish the university thinks we are.
I did not attend
not fun at all
want to shoot myself
I did not want to attend.
free stuff
I didn't go.
Too crowded
i did not attend
Get free Fuze
bored
Hang out with old friends.
didn't attend
i had to catch my bus
did not attend
contemplate suicide
i did not attend the fun zone
Get free Fuze.
did not attend
What's the difference between the first and second check?
Dance
free fuze!
It was loud and annoying. We looked like annoying freshman
Get free food
did not attend
didn't attend
stand in line a lot
Didn't attend

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My small group meetings: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1908
I really liked the small group meetings because it helped me meet new freshmen at the U.

I'm glad we had group meeting. It was a chance for me to meet people in my dorm complex. I also enjoyed the meeting because I met someone who is now my closes friend since I've been on the campus.

It helped me consolidate and filter the information I actually need. But they were to early in the morning and too late in the evening for me to attend all of them and be able to take the bus home, as a commuter student.

Our ice breakers may not have been fun all of the time, but they made fun memories.

I did not enjoy or find them useful.

I don't think they should have been necessary.

Sometimes allotted too much time for very simplistic tasks.

I did not like small group meetings at all. I felt like it was completely contradictory of what we were suppose to be doing. We're at college now we don't need to be treated like we're 5 years old and have babysitters. I think it's alright to have leaders but it's hard when they're only a year older than us. I felt talked down to the entire time.

The small group meetings for me was always fun because we all got a long and played games and talked about our experiences. It was very enjoyable!

I did not like going to them. We played too many icebreaker games, and I did not like to discuss what we did during the day.

Some of them were somewhat pointless...sometimes we just sat there doing nothing.

They were a good idea...I just wish they wouldn't have been so early in the morning.

They should have been more often so students knew where to go and when.

Meetings were fun because we got to form friendships within our group, but it would have been nice to spend less time with our group members so we could get to know other people.

Sometimes meetings were held far form our own Campus. As a person living in Bailey it was challenging to meet the group in some specified place when I had never been there before, and didn't live in the vicinity.

I have become great friends with the people I've met in the small group meetings. The whole group still trys to get together. We've already had a volleyball meet up. I don't know how I would have met them if I didn't meet them at Welcome Week.

It was really nice to get to know other people from the Middlebrook dorms.

They were completely unnecessary. Most people don't make friends by playing irritating games. I didn't learn anything new about the school or the campus, all they did was waste my time.
I felt that they were sometimes unnecessary. The first few days were nice to be in the groups and to meet people, but I don't think it was crucial to continue having meetings throughout the weekend.

It was great to meet so the people in small groups, because after Welcome Week was over, I still felt like I could talk to any of those people when I meet them in my dorm or on campus.

They were too early (in the morning), and did not really add anything to the experience. There were too many of them as well.

I would have liked the schedule to be more relaxed. It was somewhat overwhelming. In a way it was quite similar to orientation.

my leaders made them fun!

In addition to the small groups, we should have had the opportunity to meet with all other freshman in our major. I would have liked to get to know all of the music majors because thats who I will be having a lot of my classes with.

Small group meetings were sometimes held too early when the activities were later on. In small group meetings we basically talked about what was gonna happen and where we are going, so if the handbook was more specific, the meetings could be condensed.

I loved my group!

Some were at random times in the day. I don't think we should be required to go to all of them.

The Human Knot is a pretty fun game to get to know each other.

There could have been at least 2 less meetings, and they shouldn't have been as long.

They became kind of pointless toward the end of welcome week, they only made us get up earlier than necessary

there seemed to be too much time & the welcome week leaders were never fully informed of what was going on. we did use the time to socialize and make connections with new people.

They were fun! Yeah, some of the name games and stuff were kinda corny, but they helped me get to know people in my group better which was WAY cool because it's difficult for me to meet new people and this way I was actually able to make some new friends. I am still really good friends with three of the people from my small group, which is amazing!

Some were too long and dragged on.

It was great just getting to know the others in my group, I meet a lot of people who I'm sure I'll stay connected with for a long time!

The small group meeting were always fun and helpful. We got to ask any questions that we had on our mind, as well as get to know some of the peopel in our group.

These were incredibly helpful in getting to know people around me. Living in an apartment, I probably never would have gotten to know very many people. Now I know around 25!

I think that these small group meetings actually helped out a lot of the freshman. I actually met a friend through these small group meetings and we hang out a lot now and have a lot in common.

Small group meetings were sometimes very long and pointless, but they were fun from time to time.

The small group meetings seemed very repetitive and unneccisary

My small group didnt go over anything. Like the rules that everyone else had to go over nor did we discuss what was coming up that day.

Kind of pointless... leaders did not even know what was happening... many kids did not attend... no one wanted to be there... did not help to understand what was going on

some of the provided questions and things in the guide were pretty lame and made me feel like i was being treated like a child

There was too much meetings after meetings.

okay

kind of pointless

not very helpful for anything at all

Don't make them do icebreaker activities with us. Nobody likes them.

There were way too many of them.

I thought that there were too many of the small group meetings, but at the same time, I didn't really meet any one in the group that I was friends with, so that's probably why.

The small group meetings were far too long for the amount of stuff that we had to cover. We were always done early. We would play games, but it was hard to be excited at 8 in the morning when you want to be sleeping, since you kept us up til 1 a.m. the previous nights.

Sometimes very pointless.

There were a few too many.

I liked them and made a lot of friends in them, but now that welcome week is over, I don't see a lot of the time and I think it would have been better to have the groups made up of people we would have met up with more later.

They were more about the group than getting to actually know people.

Too many
The small group meetings were nice because you could interact with people who you'd probably see again since they live in the same hall as you. I made two really good friends from my small group.

I really enjoyed the small group meetings because it allowed me to form friendships that carried on past welcome week. I would even recommend more small group activities for next year to further encourage bonding amongst group members.

It's good to have people around you and talk to each other. We gradually become good friends.

Many of the group meetings could have been shorter since they seemed to be acting as a space filler. They were useful for finding out where we needed to be but really more down time would have been better.

It was nice having a core group of people to associate myself with when I didn't know very many people. I also liked how they were made up of people from our halls that we would actually see later in the year.

Too many.

They were good to help us connect and talk about what we did that day.

Good place to start.

Again it seemed like they had too much to get done at the meetings that were not feasible with the time given. It seemed like we had to press to get all of the information in and not enough time to have fun with the group.

I feel like we had too many scheduled meetings and some felt very pointless.

I think they were useful so that we could get information on where to be and ask questions about the University, but the games and 'get to know your group members' exercises were very reminiscent of a high school retreat.

They were probably the best part of the welcome week, because we were in small groups, we could move around and were not stuck in one place for an hour. We got to see familiar faces, so we were making our first new friends.

I honestly believe that these meetings helped others bond with their group.

Only change that I would make to small group meetings, is that they be a little bit shorter.

none

They were not all necessary.

It's a good idea to have the same small group throughout the week, but I sadly didn't get to know all of the people in my group, it got a little cliquey. I felt like not everyone was interested in getting to know everyone because they already had their group of friends at the U or felt like they were never going to see each other anymore so why get to know people.

They were a little bit repetitive, and the welcome week planners kind of made me feel like I was in high school again! :( 

Too far away...why couldn't we just have them in Comstock?

Small group meetings were, in my opinion the most effective for networking because we actually go to know the other members of our small group better than just acquaintances.

It might have been better to get together for more social stuff!

really helpful

I wish we had more cause I really liked my group and we played some fun games.

none

I didn't go to many small group meetings because I was a commuter that had to leave early to catch a bus.

They were too long, a lot of the time we ran out of stuff to do, so it was a waste.

They were pretty good overall.

The small groups were a good idea. It made the university seem a little less overwhelming. I wish they had been on a set schedule though, instead of scattered times, once a day in the mornings would have been sufficient.

We really didn't do much in the small group meetings.

I liked having familiar faces to come back to. It got hard sometimes trying to socialize as much as I did. Sometimes it felt like "okay, talk with these people, and then we're going to split you up and you may never see them again."

I made friends from my small group and we still hangout.

Other than telling us where we had to go for the day, they didn't seem very helpful in getting to better know my group--we met so many other people, I had a hard time remembering the names of the many groups I was in.

I enjoyed them! Especially since my welcome week leaders were fun!

They dragged on when I needed sleep.

I thought the small group meetings were pointless. They did not help me in any way.

some seemed unnecessary...i would have rather slept in

It was basically just a reason for us to wake up earlier. We didn't really do anything pertinent to our experience.

Again, with band I really didn't get the time to participate in the majority of Welcome Week. While I was there though it was fun and a good way to get to meet people.
More time to settle in alone is needed. I was required to attend all, and had little time to settle my things except during the night when I cut in my sleep to do so.

For some groups, it works well but for my group, it seems to me that it's not really works, most of the member were just keeping silent and didn't talk much.

I thought that in our small group meetings, the leaders just read us information from our welcome week packets that we could have read on our own. I truly think they were pointless and a waste of time.

They were a good way to round out the day and touch base when needed.

Some meetings were lame but other meetins were fun!

Either too short or too long.

They were fun and funny.

They were really early...

They can at least more beneficial to the incomming freshmen. Not just to talk about what it is that well be happening during the day and maybe the next.

The couple of places we met for small group weren't really appropriate for the activities we did. One time we met outside, but otherwise it was cramped.

Although most people where tired, they where very fun to interact with.

I stopped going because it was pointless.

I wish that the small interacted with commuters and on campus people. It was really hard to meet people who lived on campus because the whole week (except once) we were separated.

I hated the group meetings. I felt like I could have done everything on my own without the "help" of my leader or my group. Although I felt it was a good opportunity to meet people I felt like it was a waste of time.

Our small group became extremely close and good friends. We are the 59er's. "59 is more than an attitude, it is a way of life." That was our motto for Welcome Week.

They needed to be more physically engaging (not too much otherwise it would be tiring) to keep everyone participated.

I didn't think they were necessary since we did the same things during orientation.

Too many, and hard to find.

There were too many.

I'M IN THE MARCHING BAND

the small group meetings felt more like day care for preschoolers, like we were being shuffled around by our baby sitters.

not fun if you are shy

wish there weren't so many

I liked the games we played because everyone participated, and no one felt the need to keep their guards up at all times.

pointless

They were the only good thing about welcome week.

There were too many meetings. I feel like we were forced to spend all of our time with one group of people.

They shouldn't be so late for commuters on one of the days I couldn't get home until 1245 at night and i had to wake up early to have an early small group meeting the next day...It was exhausting.

too many games

ok i guess

My group lacked focus and drive at times, many kids skipped events.

I found them useless.

Were too long. Could have been shorter and more efficient.

Too many. Unimportant topics.

I loved our group meetings. it helped us get to know our group members better.

good interaction, but a waste of time

too many... too long... boring and a waste of time, i had fun at first then it got old

A lot of the stuff could have just been left out.

it was nice being around the same group of people a lot to actually get to know them
Too many of them 

waste of time 

Helps make friends. 

There were too many that were not necessary 

why did they have to be in such random places 

some were weird 

No comments! 

Didn't have any (marching band member) 

too many. 

I thought the last few were not a very good use of our time. It was very frustrating to have to wake up early every morning after having scheduled activities from 8 am to 10 pm the day before and then attend a meeting in which we were not very productive. 

The meetings were kinda not really needed as many there were 

They were nice but i felt that they were not necessary for the length of the period that was allotted. They also some of them ended late and it was dangerous to navigate to the bus stop and home. 

Overall, the only good thing about welcome week was having a few familiar faces once school started. 

Many times, the meetings did not the huge amount of time given. It just made us get up earlier than we had to and we just ended up hanging around doing nothing. 

Seemed pointless at times 

they were a waist of time. None of them were that necessary, the only thing they were good for was to take us to where we needed to be. 

good 

Some of the meetings late at night got a little long and tiresome, but otherwise they were a great opportunity to meet people 

they were fun 

lindsay and abby did a great job with everything and they worked together very well with each other and the group. the small group meetings may have been my favorite part of the week, although i had to leave early so i missed the last few days. p.s. the last one before "did not attend" seems to be incomplete, but i'm pretty sure they helped me do that too. 

My small group was amazing, I got to meet a whole set of people that I still see and hang out with. 

too long 

Wish we would have spent more time getting to know other group members. 

They were a waste of time. 

A few of them were to long 

Should have had more of them. 

Our small group really got a long and I am still in contact with a few of my small group members. 

The meetings were kind of too long and we didn't talk that much. I think we needed better topics. 

Having so many group meetings seemed unnecessary; the leaders would run out of topics to discuss, and they tended to draw out as long as possible what they decided to talk about. they were nice because i could ask questions easily and freely. the group gave welcome week a sense of structure. 

Fewer people showed up each time. We didn't do much anyway. Each of our meetings were way shorter than scheduled. 

i would have liked to have fewer small group meetings 

helpful about learning about the activities for the day. 

They were more fun when the leaders took them at their own pace. When they wanted to do something fun instead of going over the schedule for the day everybody else was more engaged. 

I'm still very good friends with people in my group, and I felt it was a great way to become acquainted with people living in my Res. hall. Sometimes the small group meets ran a little long, to the point where we would be finished early with all the material needed to be covered, and we would be left with nothing else to do. 

The small group meetings ran a lot smoother when the leader was not reading through the goals, objectives, and other required materials from his Welcome Week book. Open discussions about college life were the most helpful part of small group meetings. 

It was tough to attend all of the small group meetings because I am a commuter. Most of the small group meetings were later at night and, had I stayed for them, I probably wouldn't have gotten home until about 11p.m. 

I felt closer to the people that were in my group and we learned new things about everyone and where everyone came from.
There were too many over the week, with little being accomplished.

The small group meetings were basically a waste of time. All they were for was to tell us the daily schedule, and we could have done that in the lobby of comstock or something. None of the members of the group appreciated getting marched all over the campus to the end and back just to have a meeting. Having to walk over to faulwel or to blegen just to have a meeting and then come right back is ridiculous!

I thought they were pointless.

I didn't like reading the manuals and didn't like that we had to sit there for a required amount of time even when we were finished talking about what we had to talk about. I liked spending time with my group though. I met quite a few people that way!

I was exempt b/c of Marching Band.

The meetings were good, but there were too many of them.

they were long.

The questions that were mandatory where really annoying and repetitive—maybe a little more free discussion or choosing to just hang out would be equally effective.

It was kind of difficult for me—as a commuter student from the south metro—to attend some of the later group meetings due to bus schedules. Overall, I thought they were effective. Sometimes they seemed very drawn out.

Very informational...sometimes it was almost an information overload...and too late at night to listen to that much talking. Also, next year, the groups should be spread out more. We had to keep moving because we could not hear each other, we got distracted, or the "Barn" was too hot to sit in!

They were a good idea in principle, and I thought the leaders did a good job with what they could, but there were way too many, and I thought the reasons we were brought together were pointless. one day, we met for 45 min. just to go over the schedule that we could read in our packet.

were too long after such a tiring day

Honestly, they were a huge waste of time. We played name games, again, like we were in 5th grade at summer camp. It caused more stress having to attend these small group meetings because we weren't given enough free time after moving in to get situated, buy books, find classes, etc.

They were also a very big waste of time. I could have done all the things I checked above in one meeting. It was overkill for the leaders to have to read to us something we had in front of our own eyes and could read on our own time. Half the the meeting time was spent going over the welcome week schedule, over and over again, and the other half was spent with ice breakers. I'm positive there could have been something more productive going on. Like getting five hours of sleep instead of four.

overall they were a waste of time

The small groups are great times to get to know people, although it almost felt as though they were too large as our group had to split to get to know people. Also, it would help if I saw the people more after welcome week.

since the groups were random, it did give us a chance to meet people who might be different than us, but I also have seen maybe one person from my small group since classes started. I recognize a few people but don't remember names; none of us really stayed connected because we're all from different colleges.

It made me feel like more than just a number, and welcome and part of a group.

IT students should not all be placed in a single group, you should mix them in. Although I am an IT student, I don't fit many, if any of the stereotypes associated with being in this college.

I would have liked to have alot more time in the small groups and less structured time outside of the groups.

not good use of our time.

We had a lot of good conversations in our small groups and then we got to play games.

too many

Bored me.

They seem like they didn't have to be an hour long. Especially after the first couple out group meetings were only to tell us what time we needed to be somewhere on the next day.

I think that having the small group meetings helped me to understand various things about the university, but mostly it helped me to jumpstart some friendships and make campus a little less intimidating.

eh it was relaxing

I didn't think they were really necessary, all the necessary information could be found elsewhere

Too long

The meetings seemed pointless. If I wanted to read the materials, I could have done it myself. Also, the games were nice and all, but if I would have known that the first half of the day would be spent on games I would have showed up later.

N/A

They were too early and too often. it was nice to get to know the people in our group but i can only handle so many icebreakers. i would have liked to use them more as a base group not as mandatory information sessions.

We didn't do much.
Our small group meetings were pretty successful for the fact that our group got along very well, and we became pretty good friends.

Other than getting around campus in groups, these meetings were kind of pointless. Especially the games - worst part.

Sometimes we didn't do much in them, so there wasn't really a point to waking up early and going to them.

They seemed kind of useless except to lead us to where we needed to go and if we had any questions about anything then we had somewhere to ask.

less ice breakers

We had only two very short meetings, just to give us the information to get us through college day. Many of the leaders in the marching band group did not have enough cinch bags for everyone, which was very upsetting. It doesn't seem like that hard of a task to give enough bags to each leader for as many students as they have.

The were too forceful in their approach to create relationships among the freshman.

I thought that they were pointless and took up too much time. We played games in the free time, but it got boring after the 2nd day because we had played too many ice breaker games. Also, their morning sessions were too early, and we also often did nothing, but play games.

fun times to get to know people

It was a good way to get to know people in the dorm.

Awesome

They were not fulfilling.

ok

I met new people and that was awesome because I made some new friends.

We got to know each other really well. I can still remember everyone's name if I see them. I felt it was necessary to have them so the leaders can explain what events occur the next day. After a few meetings, though, it didn't seem too much worth it.

They were mostly awkward.

There were a couple to many- at times they got redundant

I am still friends with and still see my friends that I made in my small group. It helped that they all lived in the same res hall as me.

Small group meetings would have been great, but they were too long, and too numerous. Also, I would like to bring to your attention the lack of diversity in answers for the survey questions, especially Jermaine Davis. Either it was spectacular, or you didn't attend. I think a bit of revising is in order.

It was a really great opportunity to meet new people and to share my thoughts.

They were too long. My leaders would get through the information in a few min and then we would just have to sit there and wait for the hour to end so we could move on to our next activity.

What small group meetings are you talking about??? I you meant the ones at like the Utopia they were really boring.

I thought they were a complete waste of time!!! especially when all we did was play games. I had to commute to the u and i got there and all we did was play games lets just say i was very disappointed.

Totally pointless, as stated above. Had they actually done something, I might have been more encouraged to attend. I could not ask my group leaders questions because they A) could not answer B) avoided the question or C) glared at me as if I was asking something completely inappropriate.

They were very effective

We should have had more small group meetings!

Small meeting were helpful.

The small group was nice and cool. Everyone was friendly and open minded.

It was fun

How should I put this nicely...pointless? A complete waste of time? I get pretty sick of hearing about "opportunities at the U of M" and "diversity" and "traveling abroad". I will find out about those things on my own, no need to shove it down my throat. Why not talk about something practical, like the bus system or gopher tunnels?

Great to connect and share ideas with one another. Difficult because they made the day a lot longer. 8am to 10pm starting and ending with the small group advocated little sleep while trying to adjust to new settings. Stressful.

Some of the games played were fun.

They were pointless.

It was good to actually stay with ONE group throughout the week instead of being thrown into a bunch of different groups and being overwhelmed several times a day and learning nothing about people besides their names.

I'm glad I was able to make bonds with people I otherwise would not have met.

Sometimes we were given too much time for our meetings.

I met one of my best friends in my small group but I think our roommate should be in the same group.
They got a little boring and it seemed silly to have to walk all the way to west bank just to meet for a few minutes each time.

Kinda boring

There were a few too many, but in general they were alright.

Too long most of the time, repetitive, dry.

It was hard to hear what everybody was saying and most people did not pay attention. It was more effective when we split up into smaller small groups to go over things more individually.

They were very interesting. It helped me feel more comfortable on campus by walking around and going to different buildings.

Provide the welcome week leaders with more information ahead of time!

They had scheduled too much time for the meetings, so we would just sit their pointlessly for long periods of time.

I like the meeting because it gave me a chance to ask questions and get answers personally.

These were a good idea, but my group had to walk all the way to the West Bank to sit in a tiny classroom for 20 minutes, which felt really unnecessary.

There were a lot of them...

The meetings were much longer than necessary and usually involved time-wasting activities which were ridiculous and/or discomforting.

They were too long.

There was too much free time and not enough to do

They were ok. I disliked the earliness of it all through. Spending all day doing things then having to wake up early? Not fun. Don't you know the best sleep is achieved during the periods of 9 to midnight?

We didn't learn much, just got to know each other.

I liked it.

My group was very fun. Our leaders were very good at getting us to interact with each other and meet new people.

Small groups were beneficial and helped to meet new people that live in the same halls.

There were ineffective and a waste of time. It was nice to be in a group of students so we could meet people but there was no purpose to huge circles and walking in herds following numbered clip boards.

While I could interact with others, these people were from mixed colleges, and I haven't seen any of them since Welcome Week ended.

It was good

People didn't want to have group meetings during the weekend. If there could be less then it would be more fun. I did enjoy meeting people who all lived in my dorm.

TOOO LONG! We sat and wasted so much time.

Too many small group meetings. Somewhat too long and boring. Pointless at times.

Small groups were a good way of meeting people as opposed to huge group settings

The placement of the meetings really made me familiar with the buildings on campus.

I didn't care for all of the pointless games. the small group meetings seemed like a waste of time when we had books to buy, needed to get our rooms together and look for jobs, etc...

there were too many, unnecessary small group meetings.

Too many of them and the times were set too early in the morning, there was too much extra time.

They were a little too often. I felt like they were just check-in/attendance points and could be eliminated.

They were kind of interesting and they helped me get to know the campus better

Too Much meetings in sooo little time

It was small, and a group meeting.

Some of them were pointless like the ones really early in the morning, when the activity for the day was scheduled two hours later.

Some of the members didn't show up, which made the group appear smaller.

There were too many of them and they were too long, but I think that the small group meetings were the best part about Welcome Week. They were the only thing that really helped me out. It was nice to sit and talk to people to learn more about them instead of having to do activities.

I liked how our small groups weren't awkward or anything like that and it really connected me to the people in the group especially since we live in the same building. I am now really good friends with most of the people in my small group and it was comforting to know that I already knew people before I started college!!!
sometimes were real long.
Too many.
Get kinda tedious and repetitive after a while.
they were of extreme interest. with lots of information.
I don't think they should be at 8 in the morning.
Felt that they were a waste of time. did not like the childish games that we played.... we are in college not 6th grade.
Good use of time. Helped in getting to make new friends.
Some of the meetings I felt were unnecessary because we are all 18 years old and to sit around and play name games and silly ice breaker games, did not make people want to continue in their attendance. At first doing things like that is fine, but not for the whole week.
It was good and relaxing.
They didn't need to be an hour long, 15 minutes would be good.
We had a great time playing games, but I think the time for small group meetings is so limited that we did not have time to get familiar with each other as we wished. And the activities are limited. So when we are finished with the games, we just sat wondering what to do.
They were nice to have for the first day or two, but then they became pointless and we were just repeating things that had already been said.
Some of the discussion suggestions seemed a little bit weak.
I was in marching band, so I didn't go to the meetings.
The small group meeting helped me get to know my group and I became friends with a lot of them now.
they were cool. but i wish there was more of that and less of the repetetive "sessions" we were forced to attend throughout welcome week.
Better than large group meetings.
A bit too long, could have been more effective.
It made me feel welcome to my new school.
Sometimes got lost.
It was nice to be forced to meet people.
I liked being with my small group so we could talk and all get to know each other. It would have been nice if we all could have talked more about what we wanted though so we could have all became better friends.
If every meeting has a topic, it will be better.
I felt out of place because I was technically a commuter student, but I didn't connect with kids who were driving or busing from off campus. I couldn't really make lasting friendships because I would probably never see them on campus again. I suggest that freshman staying in the vicinity of the campus should not be in commuter groups.
Excellent.
I liked this time the best because we could get to know the other kids in our group and have smaller discussions.
I understand the need for a couple of small group meetings. For example it was nice to be shown around campus and to get information a couple of times but I do not feel that we need to have as many small group meetings as well did. Only a couple would do it.
they were not very fun.
I liked these, but nothing else really...or maybe it just felt a little too loooong.
there was a lot of them...

interesting
it was fun
The essence of my being was replenished by the miniscule fraction of the university population creating a comfortable safety net from the social pressures regarding college.
good
Small group meetings were good. Some of the information was repetitive or overwhelming at times.
Seriously it wasn't really helpful.
got repetitive.
Too many. It made the quality of the meetings less because there were so many. One or two good meetings goes a long way.
good for asking questions.
none
I like the fact that we were able to act as kids and play games introducing ourselves.

I really got to meet a lot of great new people that soon after become good friends with.

They were too long and I felt unnecessary at times, they ran too late.

They were too structured. I would have liked more time to actually get to know the people in my group instead of being talked at the entire time. This is a general criticism of Welcome Week not really of my group leaders.

Great time to get advice and ask questions.

It was nice to have a set group to go to at sometimes, but overall I think it was just too much. The fact that our group had to meet at certain times and talk about things that weren't even relevant, as well as play games that were childish, gave me no sense of the independence I was looking for. I barely had any free time to settle in my room-something that we are all anxious to do the first couple of days. The meetings were either short and pointless, or long because we had to kill time by playing games. The only information I took from these meetings was where we had to meet next. The meetings helped me become familiar to where buildings were on campus. I did not like the fact that we were stuck with one specific group of people for the whole week.

Good for Q & A, but ineffective in welcome week organization.

The small groups were okay, but I felt limited in my ability to speak because there were still a lot of people in my group. I would have liked to get to know more of them better.

I liked the small group meetings, but probably only because of Quinn and the people in my group. Quinn told us all the important stuff, but he wasn't like a boring robot reading the packet you gave him.

The small group meeting were fun. We ended up doing a lot of fun activities during these meetings, which made the meeting something to look forward too.

I still see the people from my Welcome Week group around campus, and it's nice to see familiar faces once in a while. I think our group meetings were successful in establishing friendships.

sometimes it was early!

The small group meetings were one of my favorite things of welcome week, and they should definitely be a part of welcome week in the years to come. I like them because they helped us make friends with students and it wasn't so forced. People became familiar faces, and it was helpful to reconnect with the same group of students.

My group was real cool. we all knew eachother with the duration of after the 2nd day. I still keep in contact with some of them. Most of other groups didn't bother much to get to know their WWG, but my group, we were different, we were really cool with one another.

They were repetitive and useless.

IT WAS ALLRIGHT.

Too many of them and too early in the morning.

Made me feel over pressured to meet new people. I think i could have met more people on my own time.

I wish we did not have so many meetings, and that we didn't play stupid name games and stuff. There are better ways to get to know people.

I think 5 days of this was unnecessary. I felt like I was being baby-sat by people my own age.

Boring.

I felt that there should have been more free time, and less mandatory events.

Could have been funner and not so structured.... the leaders could have been better.

some of the things were a waste of time.

I am still interacting with people from my group!

I think the small group meetings were okay for the first two days because no one knew anyone and it was nice to have a group to belong to. After that, they just got boring and pointless. I think altogether, we played about four hours of ice breakers and sat around a lot. No one wanted to take the extra time to hear information that was completely redundant. It would have been much better if we could have had free time to get the things done that we needed to do. Also, it would have been much better to have time to meet people in our dorms instead of random people. I hardly ever see the people from my group anymore and I had to spend the first week with them. It would have been much better to have time to meet people my own way.

My group and I really clicked and a lot of us still hang out today.

Sometimes they went a little long, but overall they were fine.

They were too long.

They were a great way to settle the specifics for the day, especially on the days when we all went different places. Also the more relaxed setting was a great way to unwind and get to know people.

I felt that the small group meetings were awkward. Again, the leaders did there best, but I think our initial reactions as new college students was to be put off by the way we were treated. It felt like middle school summer camp. The games that we played were painful for some shy people to have to participate in.

Some were pointless. Unecessary to "re-cap".
They could be shorter. A lot of times there was a lot of left over time where we did nothing but play games. But the games we played were a lot of fun! And they were great with remembering names.

It was nice to meet with the same group of people. The small group meetings weren’t very valuable other than providing the opportunity to make friends.

It was nice getting to know people in my small group but it would also be nice to have more opportunity to get to know people on our own time during welcome week. It would have been useful to have more free time.

They were nice, but could have been better if there wasn’t so much business to cover and not so early.

There was no ironclad time/place of meeting, but I was usually able to find Chris for the morning meetings. The late night meetings were very low-energy. People were so chill they were falling asleep (myself included). I enjoyed just hanging out with my small group, and it’s kind of sad that I can’t do that any more. I never see them on campus.

Were lame.

The games were annoying, but I like the theory of having a small group.

Most of the time was wasted on games and ice-breakers. We could have been doing something more constructive with our time.

We were a very close small group and I still keep in touch with many of my friends from the welcome week group.

This was the only part of Welcome Week that I enjoyed. I gained my group of friends from Welcome Week, and the rest of the activities seemed forced, whereas my group naturally clicked and had fun.

Small group meetings sometimes took too long and were boring. At times, activities and meetings ended early, leaving us with nothing to do.

They were good to get what you had on your mind out in the open. They also were really helpful to get you prepared for the next day.

Small group meetings were fun and informational. They explained the rules of campus and did all the required stuff, then we played games and laughed.

The topics were boring but they got the point across very successfully.

The small group meetings were nice so we all knew where we were going, but they were a little long.

Pointless. Breakfast lines were terribly long so I missed the group at our usual spot. I called the help number and they led me from one wrong spot to the next to find them. The service was pointless. But no big deal in missing the majority of the meeting. Not like the Welcome Week program was good for much anyways.

Helped the group become more like “a group”.

They were not necessary. We didn’t have time to sleep and most of the small group meetings were just to tell us again where we were supposed to go later.

They were neither fun nor interesting.

Meetings were made fun by our leaders.

They were helpful because you could questions in a smaller setting.

Have them be more open. There was very little interaction between the students.

A little early, but otherwise good. Some of the meetings could probably be condensed with other meetings (such as the Saturday meeting items could have been covered on Friday).

Small group meetings make the most of welcome week if all know that everyone can be comfortable around each other and judgement won’t be made.

The locations were impractical. The one day we had one in the area, I could not hear anything over all the noise, and it was a pain to walk all the way to our meeting spot when the meetings were only 20 minutes long or less.

The small group were a good way to get to know some people on more of a personal level.

I liked meeting new people and being part of a group, but sometimes the meetings dragged on and were a waste of time once the important information was given.

More small group free time.

They were good to connect with the people in your group, so you could get to know some people better, it made welcome week seem a little smaller, and you knew some familiar faces. I liked the meetings because you got the chance to ask questions and know for sure what was going on for the day.

Our small group meetings were quick and to the point, which was good. We all interacted really well as a group, and most of us still keep in contact.

Having a group meeting every morning was kinda annoying. My leaders were helpful, but staying up at night, and getting up early was very tiring.

I thought they were very repetitive and having that many group meetings was unnecessary.

The group meetings were effective. I still remember and keep in touch with several people from my welcome week group.

They were fun and helped to clarify events for the next day and kind of wrap up that day’s events.

Great way to meet new people who are in my hall.

Small group meetings were a bit pointless. A few ice breakers, and games here and there. It didn’t connect me to anyone at all.
It was fun, interactive, and informational. I made some new friends who have made my school year so far on campus fun and not stressful. Most of them were not needed. What we did there was read the guide which everyone here at the U can do, and have the leaders tell us what time our next meeting was. I liked the idea of getting to know our small groups, but even for that we didn't have time to actually get to know them, we just did those little icebreaker things which don't tell you about others' interests.

They were usually fun and informative.

I was able to talk to my group members more.

I thought they were kinda pointless.

They were too long and too late at night. Everyone just wanted to be done. The ones in the morning were ok, just to clear up questions.

friendly and easy

They were rather boring and seemed somewhat unimportant.

It was nice to get to meet some new people, but I felt that a lot of the small group meetings were pointless and a waste of time. For the majority of the time, we played name games. I would have liked to have time to explore the campus on my own instead of small group meetings.

They didn't need to be so long. We would talk about relevant stuff for only a few minutes, and then our leaders would have to come up with activities just to fill the extra time. It was good "bonding" experience as a group, I guess, it just felt like we were wasting time.

we made a facebook group (:)

The small group meetings were good but the welcome week activities from 8 in the morning to 10 at night were dreadful.

It was nice to have a small group to be with all week to get to actually know a few kids before the school year started.

Some were too long

Get to know you games were a bit too much...

They did get boring toward the end of the week but they kept me informed about what was going on throughout the week. In all honesty, my small group meetings were completely useless. I have a 2-year associates degree with honors because I was a PSEO student and I don't need to be told how to be a "responsible" college student. I attended welcome week and didn't benefit at all while my peers from my college didn't because they were "transfer" students. I did an internship for 6 weeks at the U of M and was already familiar with the campus. I'm now taking 6 class this semester and 5 of them are 3xxx level. Looking at my credits, I'm a junior. Welcome week was almost a complete waste of time. I did enjoy the lecture from jermaine, but I can't think of another benefit of attending welcome week. You can't experience, you have to experience college to know how to succeed in it.

It was nice to come together in a small group and discuss what went on that day.

Too many name games!

small group meetings were nice at the end of the day to wrap things up

We had a fun group that I wish I could have spent more time with to really get to know them

They were a good way to just sit down and relax for a little while

Awkward and uncomfortable at first but got better and better as the week went on and everybody sort of settled in and became more open with each other.

Some of my small group meetings appeared pointless, however, it gave me a chance to interact with people and the people I met in small group have remained my friends.

I liked playing zip-bong!!!

this was a great way to make friends and actually some of the people in my welcome week group are my closest friends today.

They were sometimes a little redundant and almost time consuming more than anything

pointless, we should all know how to read a packet.

Small group meetings were generally much more effective in making me feel included and at home on campus than lengthy, large group meetings.

nice and relaxed, but also organized for what we were doing that day. food when we didn't have breakfast!!

I hate ice breakers....

They were a bit overdone. It was not necessary to have so many. Also, the whole event was a bit too much, we were way too overbooked.

They're cool and now some of them became my study buddies or friends.

Most of the time the time allotted was far too much for the material we needed to cover. We seemed to be sitting around or playing games for the most part and more time to sleep would have been appreciated. Welcome week activities got a little excessive.

BORING!!!!!!

Too much time spent in small group meetings. Seemed like there was a lot of wasted time when in them.

The small group meetings were good that Adrian helped us keep updated with activities that were going to happen.
They were pretty much useless. We didn't do much in them.

The small group meetings gave me an opportunity to get to know the people in my group, but sometimes seemed to be too long.

They were informational and fun!

The small group meetings always seemed to long, although that could be due to the fact that my leader pretty much just skimmed things over and told us what are events were for the day. I HATED discussing what I got out of seminars, or how I was “feeling” after attending any speaker. I'm an adult, I don't need to talk about thing like that with people I don't know.

they were a little pointless. I believed that there were too many of them

I enjoyed them because they provided us with an opportunity to check in with those in our groups.

I liked that they were divided up so we didn't have one long info session of everything at once.

I don't think we needed as many small group meetings as there was. 

It felt really forced and awkward, and I never really saw those people again.

such a waste of time...most of the time we had to find other group leaders to get the correct info.

TOO Early in the morning

The icebreaker games were terrible. They only made us feel more awkward.

BANG BANG is a great game

The group meetings were good but sometimes they seemed a little long.

They were pretty boring and we played really awkward games that were designed for middle school children.

ice breakers were actually fun

N/A

I preferred the small group meetings to the actual events we were supposed to be doing in most cases.

There was too many of them though!

It was nice trying to get to know all the others, I guess. Some of the games were okay, but trying to wait for everyone to get there on time was a little tiring.

waste of time

i met some of my neighbors!!

it was fun and we get to know more about the leader and students

They were good. I think that the small group meetings might have actually been the best thing out of the entire week, because I was able to make some new friends on campus; especially because everyone in my group is living within a few floors of each other.

They helped interact with the others in my group and set the schedule for the rest of the day. Helped feel more comfortable around the other members.

small group meetings were always way too late at night. and too long. but i liked my group so it was fun sometimes.

They were too frequent and somewhat unnecessary

I think some of them could have been a bit more interesting.

I probably enjoyed the small group meetings the most. Because, not knowing a single person when I first got here was pretty intimidating, and I was able to meet two of my best friends in my Welcome Week Group.

They were kind of boring with no useful information.

There was waaaaay too much lag time in small group meetings. We usually covered all materials and then just sat waiting for the next activity. I would have much rather have had more time to sleep in in the morning and less lag time during the day.

My welcome week leader was nice and excited about Welcome Week but I wasn't into it at all.

They were mostly boring and played really awkward games that were designed for middle school children.

They were mostly filled with boring information that we could just read on our own. I had the most fun when we were just hanging out and playing games.

They were REALLY early in the morning- especially when we didn't typically get back to the dorms until 10:30- even later if we went to evening activities.

look above
There were too many. They were too structured.

It was cool

I thought they were mostly pointless. They didn't really do anything for me.

six may have been a little unnecessary.

Sometimes the small group meetings became a nuisance, especially the ones late at night. I was so tired and did not feel like participating. I didn't make any friends through my Welcome Week group.

highly unnecessary. we are not children and I do not appreciate being treated like a child.

they were patronizing and a waste of time. I paid for college, not summer camp.

I don't think that we needed to meet as many times as we did.

They were very fun and enjoyable.

Thought they were helpful. I don't know why some of them had to be in a certain building though when we could of just had them outside somewhere if the weather was nice.

My leaders were awesome and had a lot of information for us and were willing to answer any questions we had.

We had to walk halfway across campus most of the time when we all lived in the same residence hall.

I don't think the small group meetings were necessary...i liked that we met to be taken to our activities and to have our questions answered, but having actual meetings wasn't needed. I felt like i was at a middle school summer camp when we had to do ice breakers and other such activities. as a college student, i felt like i was being treated like a child. those games are no longer appealing to most people our age...we are not little children anymore. and the fact that it was mandatory to participate in these juvenile games made it even worse.

Very strange meeting times and unnecessary locations.

They were ok.

I hang a lot with people i met in my small group, so it was a nice base of getting to know people.

They were sometimes informative, but most of the time were unnecessary.

Small group meetings provided a time to ask the questions that you were wondering from walking around the campus, or just anything that you wanted to know. It was a good time to bond with the people in your group as well as get information that was needed for college life. I would say that most of the activities were unorganized and sometimes made it difficult to get all that was intended from the exercise.

Good

I liked the fact we were outside. It made it feel more comfortable and relaxed then being cooped up in a small classroom.

Sometimes the meetings were longer than they needed to be.

Some were a little lengthy but they helped us figure out what we were going to do during the day so we would all make it to our destinations.(e.g where to meet for community involvement day or side trips)

My small group was very fun, we got along amazingly well. From hearing about other small groups, I realize that my team bonded really well.

I didn't really see the point in meeting with my small group. By no fault of our leaders, i felt babied when i'm supposed to be given new responsibility. What really frustrate me was that the "meetings" were hour long question and answer sessions (not necessary, especially that early in the morning and for each consecutive day) and also used to "inform" us of what activities we were supposed to do each day.

Orientation allowed me much more freedom and responsibility to get to where i needed to be, where as Welcome Week was ridiculous because of the amount of oversight that was forced upon everyone. My suggestion is that you give each COLLEGE STUDENT their own personal agenda and allow them to get to their respective meetings on their own. Every day i felt like my group leaders job was to read to us what they Welcome Week packet already said. It was pointless. College is supposed to be about new freedom and responsibility, and the University was completely hypocritical in its treatment of incoming freshmen students. There is much improvement needed next year for Welcome Week to be considered successful.

Too many "ice breakers"

pointless

Were helpful for setting a "home base" to jump into welcome week from.

It was nice having a consistant small group of people from my floor that I could get to know, and see on an everyday basis now that school has started.

They were definitely helpful, but we had too much time to do them.

They were fun even though our group was small. The people weren't like what i expected and I learned about the song wars game, which seems to be really popular with everybody including the other leaders.

thanks alice

They were a little long and sometimes pointless.

Rock on! 'nough said

I became very close friends with a lot of people who were in my Welcome Week group. It was a great idea to have these groups because we were able to meet with the same people every day and get to know them better. I think it worked really well.
I enjoyed them, but they could have been shorter in length.

they were a little long at times but other than that they were great

Sometimes they were at really odd times.

After welcome week, i got to know my small group very well and some of us even became friends since we live right next door to each other.

I don't think strong friendships are built by being forced to play awkward circle games with people I don't know...I felt out of position.

There were too many of them. Fewer would have sufficed.

We played a lot of fun games!

Meetings early in the morning weren't worth it because everyone was too tired to be there.

Felt awkward because there were so many structured activities we had to do. Would have liked more time to just informally mingle.

Found some really good friends through our small groups!

Their were too many name games and highschool games, we just left H.S., don't bring us back.

Some of the meetings lasted like 5 mins, and were really stupid ans wasted our time.

too much forced social interaction, too many of the same "ice breakers"

Shouldn't have been so early. But that's more about the scheduling in general, not the small group

I really liked these-especially Shelby's group!

Very werid but fun and welcome at the same time.

Some of them were very worthless. It was also frustrating when we had to do "activities" that were just not so much fun because our group was not fun all because our leader was not exactly the greatest.

Small group meetings were informative and fun. My small group bonded very well, mostly due to the guidance of the leaders.

There were too many.

Some of the information presented during out small groups didn't seem necessary. The welcome week leaders written dialogue was cheesy, and a bit much. Also not needed.

They were good, it would've been nice to get one on one advice from an advisor if I'd anted to though.

We did not really get to know each other through our small groups because we were too busy listening to our welcome week leader.

Whenever we did have free time we played ridiculous games instead of getting to know one another.

Missing even one made your whole day difficult because you wouldnt know where to go when.

Rather boring and we didn't do much in them.

They gave no information that I needed. They were a waste of time and didn't address any crucial questions that I had about the University. I was dissapointed with orientation for this reason as well. Welcome Week as a whole was to glorify the social aspects of college and that is not why I am here. I am here for myself to learn, not attend a football game. It was ridiculous.

i don't think that there needs to be so many of them.

They were helpful

they were really cool

They were fun.

meet more people, have more friends

Short, concise, awesome!!

Small group meetings detract from the time that is already scarce during Welcome Week, and should be replaced by free time, as they do not accomplish much anyhow.

None

they were fun!

A very good idea! Probably one of my favorite aspects of Welcome Week.

They were very insightful.

They were not as informative as they could have been

THEY WERE AWESOME!

it was interactive

sometimes they were a bit dry

Redundant.
They were almost a complete waste of time. Almost, because the only reason I liked them was to see my friends. Otherwise I would not have wanted to attend.

We only had one for marching band

It's OK.

They were nice, a little boring and lengthy however.

The Small group meeting was a great way for me to meet a lot of new people and get comfortable talking to them.

They were pointless. I am a camp counselor and I felt like a camper. Not to mention don't wake me up before the dining hall is open for breakfast, unless you are serving me breakfast.

Long with not anything important to do.

They were nice, it would have been fun to change up the groups so we could meet more people.

We only had one for marching band

Sometimes we didn't do that much in the groups and all the students were tired and wanted to go to bed but we had to meet with our group. Sometimes I felt like we got in our groups together too much. But some of them were fun and we played some sweet games.

I think the structure of the group meetings was not helpful or relevant but the opportunity to meet other people was beneficial.

They were short and to the point, so we did not waste time.

They were good and for the most part, brief.

I really liked getting to know the small group. It gave me a connection to people that I would see around the dorms and made it easy to start up a conversation with someone other than my high school friends.

Some of the meetings were pointless because we had a meeting before Jermaine Davis that was supposed to talk about what we thought of Jermaine Davis.

They were very repetitive, some of the games were unhelpful.

My small group meetings consisted of people that weren't similar to me at all. I tried to socialize but felt like an outcast in the end. During these meetings I became more stressed about starting at the university more than anything. I felt anxiety the whole time.

There's a typo in the question above.

They were one of the better parts of welcome week.

As I said above, group meetings were awkward and uncomfortable. If we asked a question it was always followed by giggles between the two leaders and then some answer that was unhelpful or the answer would be "I don't know."

It was weird that we had 2 or 3 some days and then only 1 or none some days.

The ice breakers were a little awkward in the beginning of the week but the games we played later in the week were much more relaxed.

We didn't need as many warm/ icebreaker activities.

Not as early would be nice.

They were one of the better things we did during welcome week.

They were somewhat helpful but they weren't necessary to have so many. After awhile they became very boring and unbearable.

I've become close friends with a few of my small group members, which was nice, after coming to the U knowing very few people.

Small group meetings were a nice time to sit down and make new friends and ask questions in a more personal way than the information meetings allowed.

didn't do much except play some lame games and got told about stuff from the little book

The meetings were very redundant, and some were unnecessary.

SHORTER.

There was not a lot to do in the meetings and I ended up in a small group with 3 other people. I graduated high school with so I didn't get to meet at many new people.

These were stupid. It was fine to rgroup, but I think it was ridiculous to make us write things in our little booklets. THIS WON'T REALLY HELP US MUCH AT ALL!

They were the best part of welcome week!

it was a little confusing with meeting places and such, but otherwise I liked them.

It can be better if it's shorter and not early in the morn'

ok

too many of them, some were useless

not so many ice breakers pleaseee

All the ice breakers were pretty lame. If we had more free time to just simply walk and talk with people, I would have made better friendships with the people in my group. On the first day that I moved in, I found two strangers and walked around campus with them. This is the sort of thing that provides good memories, not the bond of common awkwardness and suffering.
why couldn't they all have been in our residence hall instead of having to meet all over campus in classrooms?

They were pointless.

the small group sessions were not that helpful and we never seemed to learn anything or get anything done within the hour or so. I did like that the smaller breakdowns into groups helped us make friends - I still hang out with at least 5 people from my group and they are some of my best friends! :)

helpful but too long for the few things we had to do overall not that helpful

Some members of the group made it difficult to do activities or meet others. There's nothing to do to prevent it really, just an attitude problem for some people in the group.

the leaders made them a blast

Small group meetings were a little excessive, definitely not needed after every activity that we did.

Nothing was ever really accomplished at our group meetings. I could not tell you what they were about, and I felt really left out.

They were ok but sometimes longer than they needed to be and could have been more fun.

I loved my group.

some were pointless. they could have just let us read our schedules for that day and we could have skipped the morning meetings

Were too long at times

Many were pointless and did not need an hour to complete. The only fun part was playing the games within the group

necessary for not getting lost and good direction

Most of our group meetings were pretty boring, or maybe we were just already bored from all the other activities beforehand. Too many introductions, not enough substance (or fun).

Too many icebreaker activities and games

I didn't think we needed as many small group meetings as we had.

They should've been more straight-informative and less fluffed with get to know you games and awkward ice-breakers. I understood the need to meet up with the group but the other stuff felt pointless.

They were unnecessary

I honestly felt that some of them were a waste of time.

Too long

I am going to say this straight out. The small group meeting I attended made me feel like I was being treated like a 5 year-old. Actually, I think I was treated more like an adult when I attended day care. In the small group meeting after going over the daily schedule, a task which I could see as important, the small group leaders decided we should play games like Duck-Duck-Grey Duck for the remainder of the time, which was around 50 minutes. I believe students coming to college are ready to be treated like adults, and do not need to be led around by

the hand and play games in a circle. That one group meeting I attended assured me that I no longer had any desire to attend any more meetings. Onto another topic. Another thing that bugged me about the small group meetings, welcome week, and even the orientation days was that there was no differentiation between students who have attended the University of Minnesota through programs like PSEO and students who have not. I had a decent understanding of the college, but I kept feeling like during these events they kept repeating the same basic thing over and over again with only bits and pieces of new information, at least to me, appearing every now and then.

I thought they were helpful, but the ones that were towards the end of the day seemed more like work that having a conversation about the day. Most of us were tired, and being a commuter I thought it was a waste of time to do it at night, as opposed to having them in the morning.

They were lots of fun.

The small group meetings were fun to hang out with people.

I ended up befriending one person from my small group, but after the entire Welcome Week ordeal was over. I wouldn't say it helped me make friends. It was kind of useless other than to let us know where to go and stuff.

the meetings allowed us to bitch to each other about how useless welcome week was and that if they just let us go find our classes it would have been a much more useful.

The only thing that was frustrating about our small groups was that I didn't feel like I had the opportunity to meet that many people because we were with the same 20 people for six days. If I didn't find potential friends in that group, it was difficult.

They were helpful and enjoyable. Our group was out-going and we did various activities together, such as playing ultimate frisbee in the park (after one of the sessions, it did not take away from small group time). Quinn was an efficient leader and made sure that we went through all the material and there was plenty of time for questions and other discussion topics.

some were fun, some were awful

I really like how we got to know a certain group of people. It was a great start to feeling welcome here to know that we had good acquaintances right around the corner.

I liked how our groups were set up that we were with people in our dorm buildings. I live in UV, and all the people I met lived in UV, so it helped create new friendships. Also makes the college experience a lot less nerve racking and fun.
I enjoyed the most of the small group meetings. I liked how they laid out the plans for the day and informed us of what was going on. I didn't like how they were all over campus. We had to walk 15 minutes every day to get to and from my small group meeting site. They should be closer to the dorms and outside if the weather is nice.

Too many small groups made it inconvenient to meet and remember people.

Too many of them and too early in the morning

Too many meetings during the week. Students wanted time to get adjusted to college life, but instead everyone felt rushed to get to their next meeting. There was no real down time.

Sometimes they weren't always the best, but I met a ton of great people.

The activities really didn't work so well in our group, because we sat and talked with our leaders about the campus, classes, what to expect, and their own personal first year experiences. Our leaders always tried to get us 'back to the binder' but we asked so many questions we hardly could. But I liked that experience a lot better.

It was odd that sometimes we were required to meet in the IT building; why not just somewhere in University Village?

Met new people.

They were good for direction on what we were doing that day.

they were nice, but felt it was too long

Quinn made the meetings awesome!

They were the best activity for getting to know people. Have more time not in discussion in the future but just some time that the small groups could do activities and just mingle. That would make welcome week better.

No icebreaker games

They were fun, but to many "Ice Breaker" games. After the first and second and third day...it was a bit much

Six meetings were more than enough, I think three or four meetings would have been better.

They were fun when we had stuff planned, but most of the time we just hung out and got to know each other which was a nice break from all the stuff we had to go to for welcome week.

The different places and buildings that they were in were kind of far, especially since it was only for about half an hour.

Meeting people straight away was Nice!

They were fine but somewhat uneventful.

I thought the small group meetings were a waste of time. I felt like enough information regarding where I was supposed to go - such as speakers and side trips - was given to me and I didn't need to meet an hour earlier so my group leaders could tell me.

Small group meeting were the only part of this entire week that was worthwhile. Honestly it wasn't fun any time else except for this. The small group meeting is where i met a lot of my new friends here.

The meetings were good for understanding exactly what we'd be doing.

Small group leaders need to be more well informed about the activities. It would really help if the meetings took place at least an hour later, allowing students to have more sleep. Also, leaders shouldn't have to inform students about what activities they signed up for. This issue seemed to plague many of the meetings and wasted a great deal of time. Students should either receive a hard copy of their schedule in the mail before Welcome Week, or have one delivered to their room on the first day.

I really like my group. I think at the end of welcome week, we're much closer than before

they were long And some Of them were pointless

they seemed too tedious and were a little pointless

"How to meet a cop" was very informative

none

It was nice to have the same small group of people to travel with. But it would have been nicer if you were in groups that have your same major or live in the same area of the dorm not just a random spattering of people all over the dorm.

They were too long and somewhat pointless. We were basically told what the plan was for the next day and then played a game. I was ok with the games but we would have to meet so early and then wait around for events and then end so late just to reflect on the day. I think next year you could do away witht all the meetings

It was a tight schedule.

Wasn't able to go to too many small group meetings because of football.

Amanda was awesome!

They were all, for the most part, pointless...rather reminiscent of high school orientation.

They were fun and a good way to interact with other freshmen/make friends.

n/a
They were "no-brainers".
nice to see the same people everyday and get to know them better
I really felt like I was connected with each member of my group. I made lots of friendships that I still have.
It was helpful to get to know some students before school actually started
We always played games to help get to know one another, but those games interrupted the times where we were making small talk and actually getting to know one another. The games didn't really help us do that.
Small group meetings were the most effective aspect of Welcome Week.
There were too many small group meetings. They took up all possible free time to meet with new students in your dorm.
pointless
the games/ice breakers were a little much..no one seemed to enjoy them
Can't find the place sometimes
I think there was way too many small groups. We did get to know people in our group but I do not think they were all necessary.
I believe that the meetings were too much. Welcome week should be a very relaxed atmosphere without all of the structure. We should have only played fun games, like rock band and inflatable obstacle courses. We shouldn't have had so many classes, and had to wake up so early for nothing. This rigid structure made interacting with people a chore rather than an exciting thing.
Great
They were too long and we didn't do too much.
I don't think we needed all six small group meetings. It was a bit over the top.
they were kind of boring..well some..but very helpful..they were ok i guess..
The small groups was a good way to connect, and socialize with others.
They were pointless and too long.
too many
They were pretty good but they sometimes got kind of boring.
They were too long and there was often wasted time, and there was too many "name games."
it was nice
They were actually very boring. If it wasn't for my leader, I would have never attended.
I thought that there were too many small group meetings and that they were often too long or too early in the morning. I realize that they were there to help us adjust to such a large campus community, but at the same time it was very frustrating to have to follow around an orientation leader for so many days. By the end of the week we were all too exhausted to pay attention.
They helped us bond with other group members.
They were a repetitive waste of my time.
some were boring.
I thought that there was a lot of wasted time, and precious time. Four hours of ice breakers and name games is just way too much. Especially for people who are trying to figure everything out. Follow the group doesn't help me learn where things are, so I felt like there was much wasted time
They were ridiculous. I felt like I was at summer camp.
Have them later than 8:30 in the morning
boring mostly, Hated stupid games
buck fiddy h*** yea!
I felt i made a lot of friends in my small group
We all got together well, and we still say hi to each other if we see one another around campus.
The games we played were pointless and I don't think there was any reason to play child games when we are entering college. Treat us like adults not kids.
yes we interacted but we really didn't connect. we didn't really follow the small group meetings that much. or even at all maybe for the first small group meeting
They were good. It was fun to meet other Middlebrook freshmen.
sometimes they were too long, or really hard to find.
A couple meetings were somewhat unnecessary.
I felt like I was being read to from the handbook. Believe it or not, I am literate.

they were a good way to meet new people on such a large campus

Some were unnecessary and redundant

They were pretty lame.

Often held at times that were very inconvenient because they were either at night after a really long and strenuous day of activities or in the morning when we were all still tired from the day before.

Too many of them. Some of them were late, and I just wanted to sleep. If I had gotten to sleep, I may have been more alert for the rest of the activities.

The small group meetings were awkward. Everybody pretty much kept to themselves and the exercises were entirely pointless.

mallory told me to say good things, but I don't know any. ann and mal are great leaders anyway.

I thought that they were often too early considering how late the activities for the previous night were scheduled and that we did far too many "get to know you" games, especially during the fourth and fifth days when we already knew everyone's names/etc.

the small group meetings were really helpful in letting us know what we needed to do that day or the next day, and they helped us to reflect on our activities and learn the lessons we were supposed to gather from them.

Most meetings gave information that could have been distributed and saved a ton of time.

Although the small group meetings were helpful I thought that maybe having a little less of them would have been okay!

they were a complete waste of my precious time that i could have spent doing anything else.

They were fine but it was dumb that even after we finished what was supposed to be done we had to sit there for the whole time the meeting was supposed to go for.

They were pointless.

They were the best part about welcome week. I met some good friends there and we are still hanging out now. It was good.

Unnecessary

I felt they should have been optional. I understand that some students needed them for their own personal reasons, but for my own personal reasons, they were a waste of time.

boring

i would have actually preferred to have more time in small group

There were too many meetings!

Sometimes we found that our group leaders hadn't been given enough information to answer all of our questions.

no

My group got along extremely well, so we all looked forward to going to them. It was great to interact with different kinds of people. On the plus side, most of us stayed friends after welcome week.

Great help getting to know people

Very relaxed and helpful. I always knew where I needed to be and whatnot. good stuff.

Small group meetings were much too long. We would have an hour to go over a list of items and then we would have nothing to do.

I think there should have been set times for the meetings that did not conflict with any of the scheduled events because I had to miss one due to the Darfur Symposium.

I loved having small group meetings. It was a great way to meet with the people in your small group. And to tell you the truth, I still talk and hang out with a least seven of the people that were in my small group. We are all great friends and would have never been if it wasn't for being in the same small group.

They were helpful to get to know people but sometimes they were kind of long and we ran out of things to talk about

very repetitive

It was sometimes a little confusing to know where to go for the meeting, since they changed so often. And it was easy for one person miss what was said and be lost the next day. But the meetings themselves were good.

While being informative, they were still fun. The icebreaker games we played really helped connect our group, so by the end of the week everyone was talking to everyone and it was a great time.

seemed pointless...

More informal small group time would have been appreciated

more time in small groups would be better

They were fun and entertaining. Even though we had things we had to do, Emily and Holly made it an interesting experience that motivated me to want to come back to the following meeting.

It was great that everyone in our small groups were all from the same residence hall, so we actually see each other around the building and around campus.
There were very pointless. The early ones were just a waste of time before events. Our group did not participate in any activities, we just got up and sat there waiting for the day of events to begin. I did not get to know any of the group members really. It was super awkward and did not inspire to venture out to make friends within my group.

The group meetings could be fewer and shorter.

they were a great way to get to know people on a basis that you would actually be friends with them later on.

Though I did get to socialize with the people in my group, it felt rushed because we were always doing some sort of “activity.” Small groups could have been more laid back and informal.

Small group meetings were too early in the morning. If we stayed up and went to Fun Zone or anything of the sort, it’s ludicrous to think we can then get up the next day at 6 or 7 and go to our meeting by 8. Also, at our meetings, we would go to them, we would get information for maybe 10 minutes, and then we would play games for an hour. I didn't think it was necessary to wake up at 6 and then go play games. There was very little sleep during Welcome Week.

Small group meetings helped set a good base for each day.

The meetings were not effective in communicating many of the ideals that were outlined in the booklet. The small group meetings should be outlined in a different way. Some of the games were fun, but many of them seemed a little childish and not useful in making new friends. Small groups were helpful in making friends, but they need to be reworked into learning more useful things and less games and unimportant discussions.

Most of them were pointless.

Some were effective but not all of them.

Too many

The icebreakers made me dislike them. I did make one friend through them though, so it was a good experience overall.

The meetings were fun for the most part, but I think some were unneeded. It seemed to get really long toward the end of the week.

They were the best part of the week.

Not all were necessary.

They were usually far longer than they should have been, and I never really got to know the people in my group. The interactions I had with my 1-time college day group were more lasting than the small group meetings, even though I saw the same people every day all week.

It was nicest when we had a balance between team-building/getting-to-know-you activities and down time. I would’ve appreciated more time to just hang out with the other group members rather than constantly playing games and stuff.

Super Fun!!

Super fun getting to know everyone in my group and play games!

boring

THEY WERE BORING AND WE HAD NO FREE TIME.

Fun time, but for commuters it was hard to stay late.

They were pretty cool, but I didn't like having to go to them.

I felt very welcomed and have made many friends.

There were many of them. Many of them seemed like common sense. They could have handed me a packet with the stuff I wanted to look at and I would have been more pleased with that.

Some of the meetings were too late at night. I'm a commuter so it was hard for me to stay that late at college.

None.

small group meetings were a lot of fun, got to be kinda repetitive feeling like a waste of time. However, they were beneficial.

COOLIO?!?!?

They were helpful to meet other people in the residence hall and get attuned to our new learning facility.

Good idea

I felt like these were unorganized and that the leaders weren't always sure what they were suppose to be discussing at them.

They were a waste of time

Alot of us felt that they were too long and on the pointless side.

Yes they helped us connect somewhat with our group but they were very pointless meetings that made us get up at about 6 in the morning every morning. They had very little information to provide us with and they seemed to be a waste of time.

Sometimes we had quite a bit of time but not that much material to go over; that could've been bad but in our group we put that time to getting to know each other. By the end of the week I considered people in my group to be good friends.

They were fun but unnecessarily long. It was nice to talk to a smaller group.

Too many~
There were too many.

I wish we'd done more ice breaker things and that they weren't just meetings to go over the schedule for an hour, but they were fine.

The were kind of annoying at the beginning but I can see how they are necessary.

Sometimes they were pointless in the fact that we would just sit there and not do anything productive.

They were a really good way to get to know a good 20 people before actually starting at the U. It was also helpful that they were from the same residence hall because then you don't feel so alienated in a new place.

Well, small group weren't my favorite thing but overall, I get to meet other new people.

more small group time would have been nice

Small group meetings really informed us and cleared questions on what was going to be happening the next day. I think that overall these meetings helped eliminate a lot of confusion.

Sometimes they could be way too long.

They were helpful for making good friends

Made Welcome Week less overwhelming

Uneventful

They were somewhat long and drawn out, but Katie and Kadija really made them interesting.

They could have been a little more interesting, and also sometimes they didn't need to be so long. I felt that a lot of the time we were just going over things we really didn't need to go over.

I am in the marching band and we only had one small group meeting to explain how the week would work for us. I was exempt from the rest of the extra activities.

During University Day on Friday, August 29th, I attended sessions with the following topics: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1967

These sessions gave me the opportunity to: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1859
"Other" Answers

I learned about condoms
I don't remember what I participated in
Meet cute girls.
Take a Nap
Realize that there's a lot people don't know about nutrition yet
Provide several sessions of un-necessary information, Created a lot of un-necessary, non-typical stress, and were non-interactive
Not much gained
I didn't enjoy the sessions
reflect on the time that I could be spending finding my classes.
again, want to shoot myself
I felt that many of these activities were either not beneficial or too minimalistic to be truly meaningful. The day was too full.
this is the day the group got separated
It didn't benefit me in any way whatsoever.
Just have fun.
Did not enjoy or learn anything i did not already know
they did not really help me in any way
think about anything that did not relate to those classes.
learn about myself
i don't remember friday.
I don't feel like it helped
Quickly meet people, and obtain a new contact or friend.
I don't think it served the purpose of learning your way around campus because we basically just walked to the session site and then back to the bus.
sleep
Interact with others
"How to Meet a Cop" was fun
meet people
learn about goldpass
Waste even more of my time.
Waste time. seriously.
i cant remember what activities they were
Didn't really do much for me.
Nothing, quite boring

too many activities, too stressful
Learn about the REC and how to eat healthy on campus.
Gave me information that is common sense, and gave no important information.
nothing
I wish there would have been an activity that would have helped me learn my way around campus.
they had nothing to do with getting to know the university
know what website to go on for yoga
The ones that i went to were not very informative...if i had any questions about the subject of the session...they certainly were not answered in the speeches we heard.
find more opportunities
sleep
waste large amounts of time that could have been better used getting something done.
watch the clock to see when it would all end
I didn't find them that interesting, got lost
once again, we attended so many that all the sessions lost their meanings. TOO MUCH
be bored

DIDNT HELP MUCH
A lot of the info was things I already knew from orientation
i hate to be so negative, but I don't even remember what I "learned"--that's how effective it was
Meet people
meet some new people
I couldn't stand these sessions. They were a complete waste of time and I did not learn anything from them.
Not much.
lame, did not like them
not very interesting
Be introduced to the collaborative arts department which seems awesome.
did not provide me with any new and useful information
They didn't really teach me anything
It delayed my chance to explore the campus and settle in rather than encourage it.
It did nothing really, but feed us more information which we'll likely forget anyways.
Get me excited for college to actually start and answer some questions I hadn't had answered yet.
hang out with group members... by this time I'd gotten quite used to having them around
Nothing
find out more about the university's fitness facilities
they were very long and i stopped listening during most of them!
kill 8 hours of time I could have spent in a far more entertaining way.
Get more rest.
Woah! I thought nothing could beat the fun zone but OMG!
I learned about the importance of health
wonder why we had to sit through the same talks as we did during orientation
Meet other people
Get to know more people.
listen to regurgitated information. also learned there were tools available but not what those tools are
See how much more complicated people make things then they really are
They were not very interesting at all.
Had no chance to find where my classes are, which would have been the best option.
Relax
Learn How to Meet a Cop
I don't even remember which ones I attended. I suppose that says a lot about how relevant the sessions were to my life.
I could not attend. I was at a dentist appointment
Not a lot of help...

Sit
Was not very helpful
Nothing, they were boring.
were super boring and I did not enjoy them
they weren't very interesting
They didn't help me get ready for campus life at all
Unhelpful and irrelevant
I did not learn much and spent the day in classrooms not exploring the campus
interact with new people
I don't remember which ones I went to.
Get some sweet magnets for my refrigerator.
I don't give credit to non-interpersonal communication telling me how to be me.
find things to do off campus
I did not think the sessions were very helpful.
Tire myself out walking all over campus
learn to stay active
nothing...i already knew them all...i did pseo for 2 years full time and im still a commuter...no change from the past 2 years for me...
the only thing i remerbe is how long and pointless they were
Waste my valuable time
be bored
waste time on something I wasn't extrememly passionate about in the first place.
be bored, except for our time with Tracy, that was great!
Talk about diversity
They did not seem helpful.
I thought all of the sessions were a waste of time. They did not provide me with any new information.
zone out
kind of repetitive, I was bored
The UROP presentation was very informative and helpful.
Most of this was already described in numerous mailings and orientation, Welcome week and these sessions did not further my knowledge in these areas by any means.
I can't quite remember all of the sessions I went to, but I felt like they could have been more helpful than they were.
I was overwhelmed by how many people we were forced to interact.
it was all common sense and it was pointless
They didn't seem to do much of anything.
no comment
they didn't really help
meet new people
were a waste of my time
did not help much, many did not feel they helped at all, kind of pointless
I was forced to go
Did not like University day
they were pointless and didn't really show us the campus, I didn't enjoy it at all
sleep! they were so boring! i don't like sitting in a room for hours and having someone talkto me like i am in 5th grade!
dread college
Learn about specific groups on campus.
Very poorly presented and prepared. Gave me virtually no new insight whatsoever.

**Icebreakers and Energizers with Tracy Knofla:** (mark all that apply)

**Response Count:** 1847
"Other" Answers

Touching elbows does not break the ice, it simply makes the concentration of wenis jokes increase tenfold.

I had more fun with my group.

Didn't feel it was worth it.

Think about my girlfriend.

Almost made me feel like I had regressed back to kindergarten.

Boring.

Pointless and annoying.

Was strange.

She was awesome!!!

Wastes of time.

Made me uncomfortable, because they were forcing unwanted physical interaction with others.

Unfortunately, the people who I got to meet— I didn't come away with any way to meet with them again. Bummer.

It was stupid.

Too short for any real benefit.

Was awkward.

Was a waste of time, I don't remember any of the people I met there.

I thought it was pointless.

Annoyed.

I don't think it was too effective in meeting new people.

Kind of lame we all ready did enough of this stuff.

Did not really get to know anyone new well because it was so quick.

Was pointless.

Were a poor attempt at something that should have been left in grade school.

I hate icebreakers.

We had to eat during that time.

I talked to people but that was it, never saw them again so it didn't matter.

Was embarrassing.

Was just another 20 minutes I had to attend but was a little bit more upbeat than the speeches.

I didn't think it was as helpful because the icebreaker didn't result in actually meeting new people, it was just 30 seconds or so of talking that ended with that.

Did not help was more awkward.
Was not beneficial
was intense
Waste of time.
I tried to interact with some people, and it was honestly a pointless effort... It was also my last rotation of the day, and I was completely 'wiped out'.

Once again... weird situations with people I didn't know.
was fun and all but if the point was to interact with other people then I think that small group (not so forced) situations are what really work. Forced interaction did not lead to any friendships for me personally during welcome week
A little dull
made me feel like i was being treated like a child and was at a summer camp or something...they are completely pointless...and you do not make friends doing them...it's not like you walk up to someone and go "hey you were in my small group and we did icebreakers together...wanna be my friend?" sorry...it doesn't work like that anymore. the only way icebreakers helps you make friends is when you mutually complain about them with others in your group.
There were too many people and not enough time, it was more confusing than anything else
boring
was a very large waste of time. It didn't help me meet people. nor did it help me to relax.
wasn't really worth it because i started relationships that last all of 5 minutes
was not very fun
I really enjoyed this session. I wasn't really expecting to, but it was a lot of fun.
so silly....i might have liked it if i had not been dragged all over campus.
It was fun, but it wasn't very long
Useless.
Made me feel overstimulated.
nothing
Didnt enjoy it.
lame, did not like them
made me feel like I was being treated like a pet/child.
Was the worst single event at Welcome Week
Gave me the opportunity to meet people for a split second that I will most likely never encounter again
It was hell
I don't think the game did anything to make me connect with others.
Our whole group missed it.
made me do a stupid dance, but it wasn't a huge deal
Our group was late from the last session and could not attend
It was much too early and I felt like I was in elementary school.
Was too shallow and informal
I noticed many people stayed with their original groups, it was easier that way.
was a waste of time, no matter how earnestly enthusiastic she was.
Made me feel uncomfortable
FUNNN!
seriously creeped me out.
waste of time
Was a little obnoxious that early in the morning ...
it needed to be longer to really be useful
Did not help build lasting connections. Was merely a superficial time waster.
more time would have been nice.
Was not helpful at all
was childish
made me want to leave
I have no idea what this was.
I don't remember the activity
It was weird.
She was really really good!!!
It was a time waster
was annoying and tiring
was awkward
was not very helpful
I didn't really get the point of the whole thing because it was so short and it didn't give us any time to make real connections with others outside of our groups.

It was really fast pace and did not really give enough time to interact with others.

No Opinion.

Was awful and boring.

my group was behind schedule so we couldn't go

I don't even remember who she was, what I did welcome week...

were not enjoyable

was awkward

was weird

allowed me to meet people i wouldnt remember 2 seconds later

i did not like her

Slightly unimportant

felt like middle school

was obnoxious

I found this rather annoying and unnecessary.

was a little too eccentric

probably one of the best parts of welcome week

This session was a waste of time also. I do not need to learn icebreaking skills to meet new people and make new friends.

sit

This activity was very good at making me nervous!

seemed a little pointless, other than the fact that I saw an old friend

just another set of name games we had played all week

I felt kind of awkward.

This got registered in the meaningless seminar section of my brain and had little impact in the long run.

was boring

was not fun

I was overwhelmed by how many people we were forced to interact.

Didn't enjoy it

Made me feel embarrassed and outraged

was a waste of my time

she was a fun presenter that helped us calm down and have fun

was bad and boring, along with everything else

No comment.

made no difference

were not enjoyable

I don't remember

Was awkward and unhelpful

A waste of time

It made me miss the last bus by 2 minutes, so I had to get a ride.

**Did you find the information presented in the Student Employment PowerPoint held on the St. Paul campus helpful?**

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**In the Student Employment PowerPoint, what information did you find most helpful?**

Response Count: 297

> Where to go if you have work study questions.
All of the information was important and interesting.
resources available.
All the resources named throughout the presentation were very helpful.
I already knew a lot of what it entailed.
I don't remember this powerpoint
Information on where to get help writing a Resume
The information about work study and how to apply.
There isn't one particular thing that stands out, all of it was beneficial.
There were good tips on what not to have for a voice-mail message.
It showed where to go to look for employment.
the power point
All of it! I didn't know a thing about student employment, really...
How to volunteer and where to go to get started.
They gave websites to aid in finding a job on campus
All of the different employment opportunities that are out there and how they are all so diverse. There is a strong percentage that there is a student job out there that involves what you enjoy doing. I found that helpful, because I was so worried before that I would not get a student job, or if I did, that I would not enjoy the job at all.
The whole thing. Most of it i knew but it was a good refresher.
how many different options there are
Information about the resume.
Taking pictures off of facebook.
The websites.
I don't remember what I read, but I know that at the time I thought it was helpful.
Where to go to get a job
certain resources
All of the websites and office material that was given to me, to help find a job at the U of M
How to find a job by attending job fairs and knowing the types of jobs you are looking for beforehand.
the websites to go to if you need help finding a job, etc.
The resume information was helpful.
Just the basic information I was questioning. It really enforced what I had been told all of my life.
The human resources website was an key information.
The part about "what not to say on your voicemail."
Where to find jobs and how to go about doing it. Finding where to get help.
the housing part
it is helpful for students to work on campus so that they can get connected to the university
I already have a job at the U, so I did not pay close attention.
The website that we could go to.
the information on how to act during an interview I think, because I have never actually had an interview before
the information regarding voice mail messages
The information on how to get involved with the community.
I thought when they showed us how to leave a voicemail message was very helpful.
Contact information provided in the powerpoint.
where to find different resources
how to use the employment system through the u of m and search for jobs both on and off campus
About how to act professional at a job interview.
Resume information
That I can be employed and still cope with school.
how to really be a student
uds info
The advice on how to act in an interview
Tips about interviewing.
the graduation planner
Community service and involvement
The places and websites that can help people find a job
The information about work study.
all of it was super informative
The advisors that were present to help me figure out my financial aid!
Where to find jobs
I just really liked the powerpoint, though I wish I could see it again.
interview
what possible jobs I could have.
On Campus jobs flexible with finals and homework
The information on money management.
The variety of opportunities available, and specific areas of interest highlighted.
where to look for a job
The approach to a job interviews: do's and don'ts.
Where I could find a job
Information about the campus and the things that were being offered and many of our options.
They told us directly where to go when looking for employment opportunities.
Where to go to find a job.
that they are easy to contact
Dress office casual for interviews
forgot
N/A
The fact that there are jobs available with decent hours.
I found it helpful that we learned about different jobs on campus.
I don't remember for sure, it was too long ago. However, I remember that at the time I thought it was helpful.
career center!!!!
they showed the students how to apply jobs on campus and off campus. It also showed me how to do a resume when applying a job.
different ways to get involved.
just the list of places you could find a job was helpful.
The information about Voice Messages and how to get a campus career were helpful tips.
How to prepare for the interview.
resume getting it right.
Where to find the information and how to act upon it
The fact that the material was actually relevant to student life. Finances, job hunting, how to fill out resumes, and taking out loans are all subjects every single student can relate to (unlike "minority pride" clubs and such).
Opportunities present
I don't remember much of it...

To show the opportunities that are available

Opportunities around campus

All the options shown.

The website. I don't really remember

The variety of options.

Just how to obtain all the info to get started.

Learning about all the different opportunities that were out there.

I found it useful that they told me how to apply for jobs.

The information about the student job site.

Learning more resources around campus

The ways to get involved

All of it. It was very helpful

the website

All the resources available to find jobs on campus.

How to be presentable in a business setting.

the speakers

Statistics and all the examples of what can be done on campus.

The Finances Part

How to find a job

The bad answering machine messages, because I am going to do it all the time now.

Research oppurtunities

jobs

don't remember

about how exactly to start finding a job

Learning about the different types of job available on campus.

The website to find jobs.

Everything was pretty much helpful, very informative and made me make my decisions on employment easier.

The information from the students. I liked hearing it first hand.

Everything

Learning more about your resume and how many job opportunities are available. also how much help there is for you with any questions you may have.

Residence hall information.

The information about working and the answering machine messages that are good.

How easy it is to find available jobs.

wages

The volunteer information

That the jobs on campus can be very flexible accomodating to all of my needs. And they pay well

Work in dinner room in Sanford Hall

It was all good information

About the job search online which I used to find my current job.

all the resources we have

The idea that the student jobs around here were so flexible with our schedules.

Learning about job opportunities
How to make a resume
I can't remember every detail. It was all interesting.

How to get a work study on campus
the opportunity that they get from it
knowing where to go to apply for on campus jobs
Job info.
The information about what to have on a resume and that your voicemail message should be professional and not silly.

The advice of not getting too bogged down too soon into college
the contact information
gave specific places where we could get involved in service on campus.
The section about work study
there are many, many job opportunities
That it is possible to succeed at school while having a job.
The website for the employment.
I learned that you're supposed to write a thank you note after an interview.
I will be honest and say that we didn't stay for long. The only real thing I learned was that I would have to take care of things myself, and find the website for all of that information. I think we were all a little disappointed that it was just a powerpoint. It would have been nice if it was a panel discussion. We did that for majors in CBS, and it was a great way to get information as well as get specific questions answered.

jobs on and off campus
well the steps to take when applying were helpful, but I do wish I would have had something to write down the information, as I don't remember a lot of it- or a pamphlet maybe,
I found the part concerning resumes very useful.

Where to get information about student employment
Interview skills
The appropriate strategies for getting a job. Like interviews, appropriate answering machines.
All of it was very interesting, but didn't really apply to me. I plan on getting involved on campus, but in my own ways.
It was all very helpful
What jobs are available and how certain jobs are different.
Where to look for jobs, types of jobs, etc.
Where to go to look for a job on campus
I don't really remember what information was in the Student Employment PowerPoint.
Where to look for jobs and what is all available.
internet accessment
How to appropriately apply for a job and prepare for interviews.
All the types of opportunities available to me.
How to find a job
The locations I could go to get help and ask for all kinds of opportunities
The skills of interview
facts about careers and how to find one, tips on interviews
Information about different kinds of jobs.
The information about employment opportunities and where to look up information.
How to talk to others
Don't remember
The number to call
how to prepare my resumes.
The resources that were provided and the speakers urge to use those resources to our advantage. Not a lot of public universities have resources like those.

Not that much.

The listing of the human resources employment website.

Work study info

Resume tips

tips on how to do interviews

I forgot about it.

the opportunities

Where I could find jobs

Information about work-study

How students were able to make a difference and resources for volunteering.

How to, where to, and what kind of jobs I can get.

I found that you could work on campus rather than outside of campus. There are some jobs outside of campus that are connected with the university.

The person that I talked to about Work-study was helpful

The web address.

I was not looking for a job but found it informative on what is available

The many different jobs that are available

UDS is a great place to work.

I was pretty tired and I didn't really know I was supposed to watch it.

The tip that one should have a professional voicemail.

where to get an internship and when I should be thinking about it

Everything is helpful

How to get a job on campus or where to go for more information.

the interview tips/answering machine messages.

Well.... I actually don't remember that well.

the little facts about what to do and what not to do for a job interview

The interview and resume information

How to prepare myself for an interview.

All of it was interesting.

just finding out where I could look to find the on-campus jobs

How to find a campus job.

How to build a strong resume and become a wanted prospective employee.

How many opportunities there actually are.

It reminded me to record a more serious voicemail message.

The volunteer and community work.

The many employers on campus who are excited to hire me, a poor college student.

The slideshow had basic information.

The random tips.

Time Management

time management

the work study part

where to find job offers.
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**Tips**

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**Information on how to have a good interview**

| I liked learning about the different opportunities to make money by working on campus. The most helpful part was the website address which is where I will go to look for a campus job. |
| That was sort of a failure.                                                |
| where to find a job                                                       |
| all of it had some helpfulness to it                                      |
| The information that was most helpful was about the different opportunities available and how to seek out these opportunities. |
| Don't know                                                               |
| the graduation planner                                                   |
| Where to go to find a job                                                 |

**Interview tips**

| Basically just get involved with groups.                               |
| What I am able to do here for jobs. Showed what kind of jobs are around the area. |
| The address for the Human Resources office                             |
| all of it                                                               |
| It was good to learn about jobs on campus.                             |
| everything                                                              |
| I learned about possible employment options i might be interested in.   |
| The volunteer opportunities.                                           |
| While the information was good, i was a participant in the freshman job guarantee program, so i didn't need the help of the information to find a job. |
| Where I can post my resume online through the university.              |
| I have no idea.                                                        |

**The portfolio**

| It should have been a presentation or a hand out with all the information that we could have kept. |
| websites                                                                                       |
| all the different ways we can get jobs                                                        |
| Ways to get involved and work on campus.                                                     |
Where to go to look for a job
Resume stuff
How to get a job on campus and where these opportunities are.
Money management
The work study and resume info.
I found the advice on job interviews to be the most helpful.
Information on conduct and dress for interviews and so forth.
I found the information about how to write a good resume, as well as where to go if you're having trouble writing your resume, very helpful.
Do not remember.
Really some but not much. It should have been talked about or explained not just playing for us to read.
How to apply/be successful at job interviews
Information about schedules and how they realize you are a student first.
The websites where we could find jobs
There was information about how many hours is average for working and that was useful to me.
The fact that there are many jobs out there so its not impossible to find a job of some sort.
Work study
The different opportunities for us.
How to find a job and how to do a good interview.
Have a professional voice mail for important people calling don't have your favorite ring tone playing.
How to search for jobs and how to dress for interviews.
Information about interviews
All.
how to find a job
Ways to enhance the search for a job so that it's specific with what i want.
Lots of great tips for situations. What to do types of things.
Learning about different employments was helpful.
There was simply a lot of facts and information that was necessary and i would never have looked up.
The tips on job interviews.
What jobs were available and the sites that listed jobs we could apply for
The website links given
It was all very good
It was a well put together slideshow
Information about work study and the freshman job guaruntee
websites.
The goldPASS website https://goldpass.umn.edu/
Information about where to seek out jobs.
Everythings
What kind of job can I do on campus.
Time management and financial spending.
Just the wide variety of jobs you can have on campus, and the benefits of working on campus vs. off campus.
the website
Just basic tips about the whole employment process.
In the Student Employment PowerPoint, what information would you have found helpful?

Response Count: 621

- Don't make it mandatory. I have no intention of getting a job this year.
- Someone actually presenting and more specific opportunities on location.
- It would have been better to have been a movie, because the information was not presented well as a powerpoint. It was hard to concentrate with everything else going on in the room. Having a formal screening would have been better.
- The powerpoint did not do anything. No one was watching and we were forced to sit there and watch it for ten minutes.
- We were under the impression there was going to be a presentation or some kind of speaker so it was kind of a joke.
- I did not find this portion of Welcome Week helpful in any way.
- Types of jobs and how they relate to certain career fields.
- None, this PowerPoint literally felt like a very large waste of time. It was both unorganized and uninteresting. A low point for the Welcome Week.
- I think if it would have been more interactive rather than just a powerpoint more people would have been interested. Personally I am not interested in an on campus job so I didn't really find any of the information pertinent to me.
- I didn't think it was necessary. Give us a handout.
- I was not interested in looking for a job on campus this semester.
- I don't think the powerpoint was very effective. I think that people should have done a presentation.
- No one paid attention to the powerpoint, it was just a crowded room with not enough seating—my group had to sit on the floor in the back of the room and couldn't even see the powerpoint from where we were.
- nothing! boring!
- We basically sat there and no one really knew what was going on for at least 15 minutes until some lady said the powerpoint would help and then we left because there weren't any booths to explore as I would've figured. Maybe recruiters present there would help. The powerpoint just told me what I could've read online. I wanted inside pointers.
- More names of places that employ many students.
- It would have been better if they had more job postings.
- I would have liked a presenter. It was very shoddily put together. It was the least effective part of Welcome Week.
- An actual presentation by someone rather than have a powerpoint continuously loop.
- Knowledge that the PowerPoint was the entire presentation.
- Didn't watch it.
- none
- The whole thing was very confusing, we were expecting a presentation, and our group leaders didn't know what was going on. Very boring.
- that the powerpoint was the actual presentation; everyone just thought it was something they were showing before a speaker was going to show up.
- Didn't know to pay attention to the powerpoint, our group thought it was pointless.
- I didn't pay attention because everybody around me was talking and nobody really knew what was going on.
- I thought that the St. Paul student center could have done a better job with the powerpoint. It was dull and I don't remember anything from it.
- I barely paid attention. I was waiting for a speaker of some sort, but that never happened.
- I did not find any helpful information.
- what jobs are available... presentation on jobs, how to get jobs here, more interactive or presented rather than self-guided and leave be
- I just felt like it would have been helpful to have someone speak about.
- knowing that there are jobs available
- nothing really. I've heard it all before
- If it would have been a presentation type, it would have been a lot more helpful. It was just a lot of stuff on a screen and not a lot of time to write it down or interact with facilitators.
- Actual employers at the presentation, and things that aren't common sense.
- The powerpoint was rather dry and not extremely interesting and my group just left early.
- I was there but didn't see it.
It was a waste because everything is already online.

I think that it would have been more helpful if the information wasn't presented on PowerPoint. When we got to the area, everyone was sitting there talking and most of us were waiting for a presentation or something and missed the PowerPoint completely.

If there was an actual speaker not just a power-point, or if the power-point talked/had more sound.

That there are a lot of job opportunities.

I thought they were going to present and talk about it. I didn't even know what we were doing until it was time to leave- we all thought we were waiting for them to present.

I think it would have been better if there would have been a presenter along with the power point

There really was not much available information at all, so anything would help.

People to present

Nothing.

Nothing. I did not pay attention to the powerpoint.

I did not find any information helpful. The setup was boring and not engaging. It was a poor job of pulling people into the employment opportunity. I was disappointed in the effort.

It was to crowded and no one really directed it which made it confusing, so no one really did any thing.

None of it really.

More opportunities and more tables with information.

nothing. It was completely pointless. No one knew what was supposed to be going on, it was chaotic and a waste of time.

Job Postings, How to secure a job, more about work-study

No one was really talking to us so we didn't really know what was going on

i wasn't interested in finding employment.

Not a good activity to go and sit and watch a powerpoint- no one knew what was going on.

Having actual employers giving the actual positions they had and an easy way to find them.

An actual presentation would have been helpful. It wasn't clear that the whole reason for our trip to St. Paul was only to watch a PowerPoint.

I really didn't pay attention, because I was so used to people talking to use, that I chatted with people during the whole presentation. I don't think many people actually watched the presentation because of this.

What to put on Resume

An actual presentation would have been nice. My group just sat there for about 20 minutes and then left.

none

I think this was the worst part of welcome week. It seemed more like a background slideshow than an actual presentation.

A presentation on the subject would have been more helpful then a powerpoint.

It was a very boring powerpoint. I think that there was a huge misunderstanding about what the "job fair" would entail. everyone in my group was expecting there to be booths that had information about the variety of jobs available to one on campus. The powerpoint was lame.

A presenter. Sitting and watching a powerpoint roll was probably one of the biggest wastes of time ever.

I probably would've found more of those resources helpful a week or two into college so I could more accurately perceive what kind of employment I could manage in college. For instance, if that PowerPoint was e-mailed to me now(ewer0046@umn.edu) I would probably find it more useful than I did before college began.

Nothing. The powerpoint was extremely monotonous and really a waste of my time.

A real person talking instead of a power point would have been more helpful.

I thought it was going to be a presentation by a person. I thought they were going to go over the slides, so I did not really read them.

I thought this was supposed to be like a job fair with people to actually talk too. It would have been helpful to talk with someone because I already knew all the information on the Powerpoint.

Who was hiring, how to contact them, how to work the employment system, how to get a job without work study funds

Our group was unsure what the powerpoint was for--when we attended, we were waiting for a speaker. We didn't really know what was going on. We didn't find anything at the St. Paul campus; we just ate lunch!

none

No one paid attention because everyone was expecting an actual presentation to begin (due to the way that is was set up). I personally was paying attention, but there wasn't anything informative.

an actual presentation...not a powerpoint
More information about UROP, employment applications, and additional interning options. A listing of possible positions would have been beneficial.

I don't know. I wasn't too interested in campus employment/work study.

It would have been more helpful if it wasn't the 4th time I'd been hearing this information. Everything that was a side-trip or after-hours activity was simply a reiteration of what we learned @ Orientation/Multicultural Kickoff.

Nothing. Many people thought it was pointless. I felt a lot of it was common sense. I suppose many people don't have that, and would have liked to see the powerpoint but it should be optional, because I did not benefit from it.

If I was interested in getting a job, it may have been more interesting.

Not in the powerpoint itself, but in general some place where you can physically go in and have someone to talk to and help you look for a job.

There was nothing helpful there. Our group was there for three minutes and left.

There was nothing there. Just a couple brochures and lots of chairs.

I would say the general pamphlet information kind of things were helpful just because it reminded me of what I needed.

Person actually talking, not just a slide show.

If there was a speaker I would have been more inclined to listen to the information presented but we just sat there and it was lame.

I couldn't really pay attention. The powerpoint seemed really pointless. There wasn't really a formal presentation so I didn't really take in any information from that station.

I already found a job before Welcome Week. Needed to be more attention grabbing. No one really paid much attention.

Nothing.

If actual employers would have been there to give out applications or talk to people about the jobs they had available.

Nothing...I already have a job.

NONE

This segment seemed rather unorganized, and was difficult to navigate.

A handout to go along with it. It was just a bunch of random tips.

None, my group rushed out of there really fast and I didn't have time to learn about the jobs.

It was mostly common sense. Kind of a waste going all the way over there to watch a slide show.

I didn't find any of it helpful. And actually, just a note on all of Welcome Week, I navigated my way around campus better by myself and with my friends than I did with my WW Group. I think you should scratch Welcome Week. It's boring, not all that helpful, and kids just DO NOT want to be there. So just stop it. Every graduating class before ours has gotten involved in the community, connected with their peers, navigated campus, and succeeded at the U, and none of those classes ever had Welcome Week. So it's really an unnecessary program, and it probably just costs you unnecessary money.

Different jobs available, actual people to talk to.

Nothing...I wasn't sure when it had started since nobody even talked...

It would have just been better to have someone present it. That session was advertised as a job fair and it wasn't even close to anything like that.

I was under the impression it would be a job fair, and the information I received was information I already had.

None, I fell asleep.

Job offers and ideas.

The powerpoint was fairly pointless. I just remember pictures zooming by, but I wasn't all that interested in getting a job, so I wasn't paying much attention.

None of it.

None.

I heard the improper way to leave a voice mail.

Not sure -- I knew most of the information they presented through my own research.

I did not watch it.

Didn't really find it that helpful.

An actual presentation would have been better than a PowerPoint.

None, since I fell asleep.

Neg.
Overall, I thought the student employment fair was not helpful at all. We went to the fair and sat there and did nothing for about an hour. It would have been much more helpful if someone had actually gotten up and spoken to us, instead of just having us sit there. I do not remember sorry

An explanation about how work-study works.

How to get a job, places that are actively hiring, current job openings.

I wasn't really looking for any information on student employment.

It would have been helpful if someone had presented the PowerPoint instead of just having it playing in the background.

I was/am not planning to work on campus or off campus (this year), so I used that time to collect my thoughts and relax a little.

Where to apply for jobs. Which jobs are flexible for students schedules.

I didn't realize that the powerpoint itself was the presentation. A speaker there would have been nice... even if just to say, "This powerpoint is important, read it."

I would have liked to have known more about work study referral forms.

an actual presentation would've helped more to keep my interest

Realistic information!

None—it was not interesting to read and did not make me want to find a job on campus. It should have been an interactive presentation.

Nothing.

it wasn't helpful it was a waste of time.

None

Gave us a website to view employment opportunities

It wasn't very informative. It was boring.

student employment powerpoint was a joke. no one watched it, not even the leaders. we were there for about five minutes and then our group left to sleep on the lawn.

There should've been a speaker explaining the powerpoint and something more than just brochures. There should be actual representatives from their places of employment giving out information regarding their positions available and what they're looking for.

Nothing. It was pointless. I did not like it at all. There was no point of being there whatsoever.

It wasn't that helpful. It helped me know about the types of jobs.

it was really short and pointless. it wasn't structured well.

Info about where to find jobs. Where to go to see sample resumes.

Job listings or a website that we could use to find a job.

I would have liked to see more information given out by different institutions that offered jobs here at the U.

Nothing.

I was excited to go to St. Paul campus because I thought they were going to give us a quick little tour of the campus. Going all the way there for a session that our group spent five minutes in and left was really irritating! It was not helpful at all! There were several people in my group looking into getting a job, and they couldn't find the help they needed. We were not shown the PowerPoint.

None of it. It was pathetic.

None, I found it insulting that there was a slide on how to shake someones hand.

The various jobs in the area. The power point was really boring and everyone was just sitting around talking, and waiting for lunch.

I would have enjoyed actually talked to local employers. After sitting through talks all day... some social interaction would have been much better than sitting and watching!

I thought it was pointless. Nobody was even there when we got there and our group leaders made us leave early because it was dumb.

No because it was all common sense.

How to get a campus job, not just general tips on how to act in any job.

I don't know.

The powerpoint was fine, but it was at the end of a long day, and there wasn't anyone actually presenting information. Our group was there for less than 10 minutes.
None it didn't really help because there was so much going on I really didn't pay attention to it.

Better Presentation

By that time, we were all far too exhausted to watch a powerpoint on our own, although I don't know if another presenter would have been any better.

The room wasn't laid out well, it was hard to tell when the powerpoint started, people were coming and going, the room was very warm

More information, and a more organized setting

I did not even know that it was a presentation. We just thought it was like the pre-show slides to the presentation. All of the sudden it was over, and I had no idea that it was a presentation.

I don't even remember what was on it.

I vaguely remember seeing the powerpoint but I don't really remember any information presented so I'm guessing I didn't find any of it helpful.

I already had a job so I didn't care about it.

I would have prefered a real person to explain it all and answer questions

Some of the tips on what to do and what not to do on resumes and interviews, etc.

information on job openings instead of testimonials. Most people who attended were interested in finding a job not just getting a folder and told that work was enriching.

None of it.

I thought it would have been more of a presentation, thats what we were told at least.

There really wasn't anything useful about jobs and where to find them.

I would have prefered there to be a fair. At the powerpoint there were no actual speakers or people talking about job opportunities on campus while I was there.

I would have prefered no power point at all. A question and answer session regarding student employment would have been much more rewarding and informational. I didn't take anything away from sitting in a room with a power point running continuously. I feel it should have also been more optional. Not all students are interested in finding a job on campus, so they shouldn't be thrown in the mix of those who are.

Someone actually talking to us would have helped considerably.

Them letting us know that the powerpoint was the presentation, I sat there ignoring the powerpoint waiting for a presentation to start then I discovered that was all they had for us.

It might have had useful info, they just didnt make it seem like we had to watch it so no one did

I would have gotten more out of it if someone were to actually present the power point.

We weren't told to pay attention to the screen. No one knew what was going on so no one got anything out of it?

No one payed attention to that. It was a waste.

nothing

I think that if were to have a presenation from a person it would have been more helpful.

Information about work studies: how to get a job that works with it, etc

ok

I'm not too sure. It did interest me to do community service events and travel abroad doing that, but I'm still unsure how I can do that.

types of available jobs on campus

nothing it was dumb

Students who have worked at various places around campus.

It was extremely confusing. No one knew where to go even my own leaders.

if we already have ajob it was a waste of time!!!

It would have been nice to have someone actually present the information in person. It would have also been nice if there was some place to apply for on campus employment right at the presentation.

A presenter would have been great.

Powerpoint was boring and I didn't pay much attention to it.

More tangible information like pamphlets or reminder cards to check out opportunities online would've been more helpful than a power point.

About exactly where to go to find jobs.

Information on specific job opportunities, how to set up GoldPass, etc.
I went, but really, I didn't even know that it was anything but a slideshow. I didn't know that it was actually the information session. No one knew.

nothing. Nobody talked to us and it was just a powerpoint presentation. Nobody was paying attention because we were waiting for someone to talk to us.

get rid of it. Actual job opportunities would be helpful

more specific about how to get a job on campus

Something like a career fair. Have representatives from the different job opportunities to explain what each on campus job entails, who's eligible, pay, etc. for that one specific job.

I just thought the whole thing was a waste of time. We were told to go around to "all" the booths, yet there were only 2 and they really didn't give out helpful information. I personally didn't understand the point of this session since it didn't really explain what was going to happen at this session.

Since the powerpoint was a failure, I assumed that we would be taught where to go for job opportunities, how to behave on the job, and other requirements.

A presenter not just a power point. I felt like anything I absorbed from the power point left me in days since it was just something to watch at the time and not really there "presented to the students"

We thought it would be more like a job fair.

Actual help on where to go for employment

None

I already had a job on campus, and being forced to attend this "meeting" in which nobody even presented a powerpoint to our group was ridiculous and time-wasting.

No information

They didn't present the powerpoint, so i didn't pay attention to it. They should have had people reading it to us. The only part i listened to was when the phone messages came up, and that's it.

More information on how work study works.

the power point was dumb there should have been speakers instead

We were told that there was to be a presentation in St. Paul, then when we got there, there was nothing there for us so we sat and waited for the bus to come. Even the welcome week leaders thought it was a waste of time.

It was totally a waste of time because we didn't know what to do. The lady sitting on the chair at the entrance handed us 2 sheets and asked us to take folders. We all sat and we were expecting someone to come and tell us something. But after 2 minutes we were done. No one even said that we were supposed to read the power point presentation. I understand that we aren't children anymore, but what would you expect us to do at that time. Everyone was talking and everyone was disappointed by that because everyone was expecting something through that student employment program.

Student perspective/story

any information... there wasn't much

Posibly a list of all the places you could choose to work at, i think they just talked about how to get involved, but not specifically at which places.

Some sort of speaker to clarify the main point.

I did not even know that the powerpoint was going on

I thought there would be a speaker. I didn't really pay too much attention to the PowerPoint. you could have told us we were suppose to watch it.

It needed a speaker, just sitting there with the PowerPoint wasn't very worthwhile.

None, I was already employed on campus through employment.umn.edu

It should have been presented by someone. My group got there and had no idea what we were supposed to do so we sat there for 3 minutes and left...

More about what work-study is.

Etiquette, such as how long should I wait before calling an employer I have applied to? Should I call at all? What information are they looking for? Should I leave a phone number?

If someone presented the information that would have made it better. After sitting in the room waiting for 10 minutes we found out that we were supposed to be reading the slides.

Something, anything. A speaker.

Nothing, it was kinda dumb.

to have an actual speaker

Did not pay attention to it.

the pamphlets were helpful and the people, but the powerpoint wasn't necessary.
Honestly no one read it.

Just some random tips.

It would have been more helpful if there was someone teaching us about the employment opportunities rather than us going to booths and asking questions. I remember having a question involving a work study and they were unable to answer it.

Actual jobs available and where to search

More substantial information on where and how to get a job

Nothing. I couldn't see the powerpoint and it was dumb that nothing was presented to us.

It would have been more effective is someone gave the presentation. A packet of information to be handed out would be helpful too because I was told to go to so many websites and do so many things during welcome week that I did not remember a single one.

Information about outside employment and good places to work outside of campus

More than just a powerpoint...

How to present a resume

More about how to go about finding a place to apply and how to get an interview

The tips on how to prepare for applying for jobs, filling out resumees and how to behave at interviews.

I was extremely worn out at that point from going to so many activities that it was hard for me to even pay attention.

More structure would have been helpful.

The information was kind of helpful, but it was all stuff I already knew.

Nothing really, it was pretty much just old news I already knew.

Do not remember this.

There should have been someone speaking instead of an ongoing powerpoint.

I never saw it

It was boring. We all thought a speaker was going to come out and that was just the background until then. we honestly did not watch much of it, it seemed like a waste of our time.

Not a powerpoint.....

It would have been helpful if they described more about the types of jobs offered on campus and how to apply for them.

I'm not sure what was in it, most people did not even realize it was going on.

N.A.

Maybe brochures to take so that i didn't forget everything I read on the PowerPoint

Honestly with all due respect,I didn't pay much attention.

There was no information that was helpful. It was poorly put together and provided no information.

I felt the whole system was wasted. A more effective and dynamic presentation would've been helpful. After being run-ragged all day the last thing I wanted to do was sit and watch a power-point.

Maybe an actual speaker instead of a power point that reminded you to shower and not fall asleep on the job.

It was in a distracting environment and hard to concentrate. also the slides were boring

none- at that point, we'd already heard too much information, in too short a period of time.

It was too boring.

Not a powerpoint. an actual person would have been nice.

A person actually talking to us. Everyone expected that the PowerPoint was a filler until the speaker came, but there wasn't a speaker.

The powerpoint didn't even play when my group got there. We sat there for twenty minutes staring at one slide and then decided to leave and sit in the grass where we played games and stared at each other.

It would have been helpful to have an actual person presenting.

Not really that helpful.

Not at all

I just prefer a speaker, whom you can ask questions

It was too dull.

I couldn't pay a lot of attention to the power point, it just wasn't interesting enough
An actual presentation, and not just a slideshow flipping through. Maybe more information, the room seemed kind of bare.
None.
Something I haven't learned about 50 million times, both here and back in high school would have been nice.
i dont plan to be apart of student enplotment
I didn't really pay much attention because I already have a job on campus before school started, so i'm not quite sure.
Less repetitive information
I went to it, but didn't really pay attention or read it because I was too tired to just sit and watch a powerpoint.
Square Footage
An actual presentation or introduction to the power point. My welcome week leaders were confused about this as well.
I don't know but it was not really worth the trip
Your employment website isn't helpful.... i know several people that applied many times on the web and didn't get anything... but they just walked up to the Manager of a dorm and asked for a job.... and got it didn't even need an application or resume.... your employment system sucks.
Something maybe more than a powerpoint would have been a lot better.
no comment
It didn't grab my attention.
None of it
Not very much.
They didn't really say anything, it was just several booths with all the same stuff and they just handed us a flyer and didn't have a lot of information
i dont remember the event, but i'm sure it was great!
It was long and hard to concentrate on the slides.
NOTHING. IT WAS BY FAR THE MOST IDIOTIC THING WE DID. I WAS WAITING FOR A SPEAKER OF SOME SORT TO START THE SESSION. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT UNTIL WE HAD SAT THERE FOR TEN MINUTES THAT WE REALIZED THAT THE POWERPOINT WAS THE SESSION. I was expecting booths of some sort with applications or at least resources for employment. The biggest waste of my time. I hope not much money or planning went into that powerpoint, because if so, they should be fired. And that money should be reimbursed to us.
Examples of job opportunities, maybe a tutorial on how to use the online job postings search. Information on a resume-building session.
none
An actual presentation, instead of random slides
If there actually was a powerpoint that worked with a presenter...
Maybe an actual presentation. Have someone talk about the PowerPoint. No one realized that we were supposed to be watching that and then we all just left once we realized that there wasn't a speaker.
Places that had job openings.
It would have been nice if there was an actual presenter there.
It would have been more useful if there were actual presenters or people there to discuss some offerings for campus jobs.
We didn't really know what was going on. We thought it was a presentation so we didn't pay attention to the power point because we thought someone was going to speak to us. It was a very strange set up.
I actually can't remember what it was about.
I would rather had a real person talk to us rather than being sat in front of a powerpoint presentation.
nothing, it was to boring so I left right away.
None since I will not be working.
Maybe someone actually talking. Its hard to just sit and watch a powerpoint
nothing since i already have a campus job
none.
I did not really pay attention, to tell the truth. I do not think anyone did, since everyone was talking to their neighbors.
The power point was pointless and it was frustrating to go to St. Paul for 1 booth and then come back.
Nothing in particular. I hardly got a chance to see it because we were late, and it was unclear that we were supposed to watch it by ourselves?

An actual speaker, instead of just reading a powerpoint.

actual employers there, or more information on when the actual job fair was going to be--the person I talked to behind the table was not friendly at all and made me feel dumb for not knowing anything about it.

Everyone in there thought there was going to be more of a presentation. The slide-show seemed like it was just full of information everyone had already heard.

I was disappointed with the powerpoint, not for its content but because when our group got there, there was nowhere to sit and not much for information at the booths. If what was contained in the powerpoint was handed out in flyers as well, I probably would have been more attentive towards it.

I believe that a speaker or some sort of activity would have been more informational than the powerpoint. The powerpoint was too boring and even though the information was probably useful, no one, including my whole group, was paying attention to it.

It seemed like I didn't get any information

Maybe if someone would have actually stood up and gave a 5 minute presentation and laid out the information straight forward, since my group thought that was what was going to happen until the room started it fill up and we had to leave. It was like watching a black and white film without the artistic aspect.

It wasn't set up well. Everyone thought there was going to be an actual presentation with a person talking and that the powerpoint was just going until it started. The slides were set up like we were stupid or little kids.

We should've scratched the power point and had a job fair

i don't remember anything from the powerpoint.

Nothing.

I don't remember seeing this.

I honestly didn't pay attention. It was poorly set up and I would be surprised if anyone got anything out of it.

I just took a handout. But I didn't find much of the PowerPoint very helpful.

There was a lack of information and of people guiding you toward different job opportunities.

it was all common sense

More opportunities for employment, set up more like a job fair....

They were havin problems with the time and so we didn't really have the opportunity to go through the powerpoint

What employers were looking for help and how to contact them.

NA

What jobs where available and if there would have been employers who were looking for students so that we could learn about the different opportunities.

It was too informal. No one knew what was going on.

they had very little if not any information

Not to repeat the same things everyone else had said that day or the day before

I don't know, just having a random powerpoint playing wasn't very efficient. I couldn't pay attention to it if i tried.

It seemed unorganized, I am sure the information would have been very helpful but it was hard to hear with everything else going on around it.

specific jobs and wages

It just wasn't very interesting. A simple slide show with no speakers and nothing that really grabbed your attention in any way.

I am not interested in getting a job right now.

more details

It would have been helpful to tell us that we were suppose to be reading the power point on our own because everyone I talked to was waiting for a speaker to present it to us but then we were rushed out of the room before we knew to read it on our own.

I think more places of where to find jobs should have been listed and someone should have been presenting the power point not just having it sit up there and have us read it.

none

Not much of it

Places to apply for jobs on campus A speaker instead of a slideshow

NOPE!!!

none
How to get a job.

When we went there the presentation turned out to be cancelled / delayed so we never got to hear/see anything.

A speaker, the powerpoint itself was boring and was kind of hard to get information from. It would have been better to just have a short speech on it.

I think something beside a powerpoint should have been used like a presenter or something.

None.

Booths set up with individual job information

It really didn't tell me anything that I didn't already know.

If someone were speaking about it, and I wasn't just staring at a screen.

Nothing... it was so weird.

It was nothing new or helpful. More job offerings at the online job site would be nice.

Information about how to get jobs and talk to possible employers

It was not good... I suggest a job fair...

We all thought someone was actually speaking so nobody paid attention.

I would have preferred speakers even though they’re not better, it’s better than going into a room, not understand why we’re there, realize we’re supposed to sit and watch information on a powerpoint slowly flash by.

If it had been more interactive or explained, it would have been more helpful.

It was just a powerpoint and was not set up well, a speaker would have been nice. And what is best to do for a student with work study.

What types of jobs are on campus.

None of it.

I think it is boring.

None.

Optional to your interests

The whole thing was extremely disorganized and confusing. We arrived in the auditorium and no one even knew that the powerpoint was the entire presentation; we all thought it was just kind of a pre-speaker thing and were waiting for a speaker to come on stage. Even the group leaders had no idea. So basically everyone there missed just about the entire thing.

The knowledge of employment on campus

There was not much that was too helpful. I picked up a card with the information on where to go online, but that was it. I thought there was going to be a presentation but there was not.

Specifics on budgets, jobs, etc.

It would have been a lot more useful to have someone explain what was in the powerpoint. As it was, an an hour was spent watching a powerpoint go through its cycle twice while a bunch of uninterested students sat awkwardly in the audience together. The information would have been really helpful but the way it was presented didn't work. In fact, despite watching the display twice, I don't remember a single thing from it....

I don't even remember the powerpoint.

Can't remember too much information at once!

What you need for job applications and information about how to find help for cover letters and resumes.

If someone was talking not just a powerpoint.

Places or suggestions of places to go and find employment.

Study abroad.

When we went to that presentation nobody was doing anything and the powerpoint wasn't showing. All that we received from that were some flyers telling us to look online for job opportunities.

The room was too chaotic to pay attention. No one wanted to be there.

I didn't know we were supposed to watch the powerpoint, I thought that someone was going to come up and talk. A lot of people were very confused, and then we were told to leave, and then realized the powerpoint was what we were supposed to be watching.

I did not find any of it helpful, I have had a student job on campus since summer began and I do not need help finding another, furthermore I do not think their advice would have helped me in getting my job had I had this presentation earlier in my college career.

Not being there.

A presentation would be better than a powerpoint.
Actually have a presentation, not just have us sit down and read the slides.

Barely any of it. We all thought that someone was going to get up and talk, and no one was really paying attention to the un-interesting slides that were going across the screen. The only useful thing was maybe the website at the very end of the slide show that was for student jobs.

More info in general- we were under the idea that it was going to be a job fair with lots of businesses and such, but when we got there, it was definitely a let down.

We've had it already so many times, it was redundant

An actual presentation

I thought it was unhelpful. They should of had someone talking through the powerpoint instead of us just sitting there and reading it. Most of my group was just waiting for someone to start talking or something to happen.

Well I could not really concentrate on the Power point because everyone was talking and distracting me. I would suggest to have a staff member or volunteer up there presenting the material so that people might actually pay attention.

What jobs are available on campus!

They only did the PowerPoint, so it would have been helpful if they talked to us, at least.

Different job opportunities not just a slide show. People from the actualy jobs or departments with applications you can pick up.

I found that the student employment PowerPoint had very useful information, which is why i was so confused as to why no one went more in depth about each topic. Instead of just displaying a slide show, have someone make the effort to SPEAK to the kids about very important information. Listening can be a very interactive way of learning, which is why i didn't understand how the U could expect to throw 100 kids in a room, put on a powerpoint, let them sit there and do whatever they pleased, and actually have the infomation sink in.

nobody knew it was going on and it was pointless...nobody watched it

Contact information, student experiences.

It was boring and didnt stay to watch.

There was no real presentation

The PowerPoint wasn't very helpful at all. It was boring to sit through and read all the slides, and I really didn't learn anything new.

Someone presenting it!!!!

I already knew where to search for jobs, it would have been more helpful to have representatives who were looking to hire on site.

I didn't really learn anything from the presentation.

None of it. I didn't even realize the powerpoint was going on until there was only two minutes before we left and what I did read on the powerpoint was not helpful.

Contact info. Practice interviews.

More information on different types of jobs and how to apply

More info about jobs available to those students without work study funds.

My group didn't really watch it... but I guess what not to sya in an interview.

... It was such a long trip there for such a slow and pointless power point, I think we know how to leave professional voicemails.

It was really dumb and a waste of time.

Well, it was called an employment fair, so I was expecting employers to be there, and that we would be able to pick up resumes. That would have been really helpful. Nobody even knew what was going on at the Power Point. It was one of the worst sessions, and that means it was pretty bad.

None of it-I don't think anyone even looked at it, we were expecting an interactive job fair.

I am not looking for a job of any sort, so it had no bearing on me.

I would have liked to talk on a more personal level.

Resources and guides to starting employment on campus.

I would have much rather it been a job fair that we walk around, instead of a powerpoint.

It would have been better if there had been actual job representatives.

tips for filling out an application, and where to start looking for on-campus jobs

More interactive, the slide show was almost useless because I didn't know it was going on

Nothing, I didn't pay much attention.

None. It is not the responsibility of the University to help kids realize that they need to manage their money. It's common sense, and if one can't manage their money, that's their problem. It was another pointless presentation.

i only watched a little bit of it, but i dont recall what it was about.
How to work the online application site and how to write a resume.

I felt I was not given enough information. The answering machine slide was a helpful reminder.

It could have offered other opportunities and to benefit the campus it could have stated why they are a bonus to you as the student rather than just being located conveniently on the campus.

It wasn't really presented well

when the job fair is and where it would be held.

First Hand Experience Presentations

Did not find any helpful information

all seemed like obvious information

problem wasn't the info there but the way it was presented...

not much

I'm sure a lot of it was useful, but at that time I already had a student job.

Where to get a job.

no

anything but what was on there, it wasn't relevant at all and was a waste of time

Non obvious information

None.

I thought the Student Employment presentation was a complete waste of time and did not present valuable information at all.

On the PowerPoint I found the step for how to find a work study job helpful because I did not know where to start to find a work study job.

It was hard to focus on the PowerPoint when that voice kept coming over the speaker. There really were too many things going on to keep focused.

I think the entire idea of the PowerPoint was the wrong way to go. It would have been much more informative and helpful to hear from the potential employers themselves about what they were looking for. It also would have been better if it had been an actual job fair as it was listed in our welcome week programs.

A person speaking to us, not just a PowerPoint.

I would have found booths by actual employers giving out information more helpful than a general PowerPoint. Perhaps a handout summarizing the information would have been more helpful.

Info about what jobs were still available at that moment. All it had was what to do at an interview.

None, paid very little attention to it, but it was nice to have some time to just sit and relax.

Way to disorganized, everyone just shuffled through and talked to each other.

Can't remember it.

nothing

I'm not really sure what information I was looking for but I just felt like I left the presentation with the same amount of knowledge as when I went into it.

I think I missed this session...or got lost?

It didn't really do anything for me. We just kind of went to it and sat through it with no discussion.

We were only in the room with the PowerPoint for a short amount of time, and we were all just relaxing. The timing was not right to give important information.

none I already have a job

I don't know it was pretty pointless I think.

I'm not sure

It was lame for me to go all the way to the St. Paul Campus to watch a PowerPoint. I did not know what I was supposed to do, so I sat in a chair for 30 minutes waiting for the other presentation to start. I did not know what the people at the tables were doing.

Have an actual person present.

I don't remember any of the information.

I don't remember this part at all, and I was there!

none really.
The PowerPoint presentation mostly consisted of quizzes about things that we, as young adults entering the world, should already know. If anyone is still dumb enough to wear tattered jeans to a job interview, I don't think watching a PowerPoint presentation would help them at all. Plus, we wasted time travelling to and fro, waiting for our group to assemble, and sitting outside when the PowerPoint failed to hold anyone's interest.

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I thought it would be more about the job opportunities at the UM-TC campus, not what I should do once I have an interview. That would have been much more helpful!

Someone talking or actually doing a presentation would have been nice.

It would have made a lot more sense if the event was actually a job fair with local businesses that were looking to hire...

None... too informal

My group didn’t even know that it was a powerpoint. We sat there talking, waiting for someone to speak.

How to use time management better.

This presentation almost put me to sleep, the information was good but it was presented very poorly.

If they had listed actual open job positions on campus and had some applications available at the tables.

Stuff that went beyond common sense

Give me job applications to fill out

Specific information about a job. I came there expecting said information but was disappointed when it was just a PowerPoint on going to the website and common-sense.

I didn’t find anything helpful. I thought it was the most pointless thing the whole entire welcome week. Please do not make next year’s freshman go through that. I beg of you, so DUMB.

Sorry, but I didn’t find anything helpful

Nothing was very helpful in this we didn’t get time to watch it

No one really knew it was starting so my group was sitting there waiting for a presentation and we thought that the powerpoint was just for something in between the transition of the speaker. So I didn’t even get to read what was on the powerpoint. Also I was sitting in the far back and you couldn’t really read what was up there.

Not really any. Most of us did not even know what we were doing.

Nothing. It was poorly planned and laid out. I didn’t even realize the presentation was happening until half-way through and then after watching it, felt more confused than before.

Well, considering we entered the room like herded cattle and had no idea what we were supposed to be doing, I can’t say I really even watched the powerpoint. We just went in, wondered why we were there, and then went back out.

I don’t really remember much about it. My group didn’t really want to stay for the entire thing...

No. There was no one running the powerpoint and we just sat there reading it. We did not pay very close attention because of this.

made it more engaging

Not a lot of it. It was very busy and hard to hear/focus on the powerpoint.

nothing

It was too boring

I already have a UDS job, so it was completely unnecessary for me to attend.

If there was an actual speaker, not just a powerpoint. I went there but did not watch.

I was there, but the powerpoint was not playing at that time

It was a little helpful but I already had been using it to look for a job.

I wish we didn’t have the student employment powerpoint.

Well... No one in my group realized that the powerpoint WAS the activity, so we sat around and talked until we figured out that it WAS the activity... Maybe make it more clear next time. But I think a powerpoint is not the best way to get someone to learn if there’s no one up there interacting with students.

I don’t remember it.

It would have been helpful if someone actually gave us a presentation.

more specific information on where and how to find jobs on campus. more like a job fair.

information on majors and minors.

I got there late so I didn’t get a chance to watch it

The information was fine- the delivery was not.

I thought it would have been helpful to have more information and also to have a speaker instead of just a powerpoint playing in the front.

If a person was actually talking to us, instead of reading information on the powerpoint.

Links to find jobs on campus, reviews from students who have had on campus jobs.
Nothing

none really. I was so sick of welcome week by that time i felt like jumping out of the nearest window.

More information about what jobs were currently available at the time would have been helpful. Also, better organization. My group sat around waiting for someone to talk to us before we realized that all that was there was the power point. Also, a lot of that information could have easily been found on the internet for interested students.

I don't know, but if there had been actual people hiring for jobs there, I definitely would have applied. That would have been helpful.

It was boring and didn't get my attention

I would have liked to have more handouts about the various student jobs that are available and maybe a speaker would have been helpful as well

I didn't like the powerpoint.

it was kind of pointless. it was a powerpoint and our welcome leader told it was a fair so we sat there thinking it was going to start but it never did not knowing that we had to read the power point.

What was presented was a helpful start.

The answering machine response thing was funny.

a real speaker

an actual presenter

none of it! it made us seem like you thought we were really stupid.

None

None, I fell asleep.

The power point was ok, in general (for people who have never had a job). It was the environment surrounding the powerpoint that was off. We were under the impression it was a job fair and there were no tables explaining the different types of jobs on campus or how to apply for them or anything. There was also very loud music playing and a woman trying to announce things over the music, but not having any success.

Nothing.

It was dumb.

The information may have been helpful, but it wasn't for me because it was very crowded in the room where it was being presented and I could neither see nor hear any of the information.

almost nothing.

None...it wasn't presented so none of us in my group really knew to read it, and even when we did read a few slides before leaving, they seemed really random and not that useful.

I didn't pay attention.

There were a hundred people running around in a rather small room and it was very loud. No one could have gotten much out of the experience.

I feel a presentation would have been more effective. The atmosphere was busy, so it was hard to sit down and concentrate on the powerpoint.

Actually jobs.. like an actual job fair. not just a powerpoint that presented the obvious. it was ridiculous

no

None

How to find a job, where to go to find places that are hiring, ect.

To be honest, the fact that it was just displayed through a power point did not make anything helpful. It should have been optional since not everyone is looking for a job on campus.

We didn't know that it had begun, so we all talked through it. It would have been nice to have someone tell us when it was beginning because most, if not all, didn't get to see it.

when i went to it, it wasn't working so our small group just left.

There was no actual presentation. This was unfortunately the worst part of welcome week because I was looking for an on campus job or opportunities like that. So...they should have had booths or tables of some sort and an actual presentation.

I missed this part because I got separated from my group. They left me at Folwell--I was confused about the schedule (the program was confusing and I thought we had more sessions to attend).

I didn't find it helpful.

We really couldn't see the power point and were quickly shuffled out of the room after sitting on the ground in the back behind all of the chairs.

none
The presentation itself just was not engaging since we had to just sit there and watch a powerpoint on its own. I think a real job-like fair would have been more successful.

An actual presentation and not waking up so early to get there.

None of it.

None.

I thought it would have been more helpful if they had students speak on how they found employment and the steps they took to get their jobs.

I never saw where to go to apply for work-study, so that could be added

What jobs were there and how we could go about finding who to contact.

THAT WAS RIDICULOUSLY STUPID!!!!!!! We walked so far and waited for so long to get on a bus to get to the St. Paul campus, which none of our group members had classes in. We got there, and all that was there was a stupid powerpoint. That information was not helpful and did not make any sense for the travel time (1.5 hours) back and forth. Poor Planning

It would have been better to either just hand out the important information or make everyone sit down and watch the powerpoint.

Anything that was actually about getting a job and making it work with classes.

None

I didn't even read it, it was way too boring.

The best strategy for applying to a job. There was no one at the tables to speak with.

More about off-campus jobs.

I was confused by the situation and did not understand it was only a powerpoint. A person should introduce powerpoint and stay for questions to be answered.

None of it! It was all completely pointless, and nobody even knew that we were supposed to be paying attention at that point.

I didn't find any really helpful

Our group went but didn't really watch it because the times were messed up.

Anything more than what they had.

Opportunities to find jobs

It was not helpful; everything was a repetition of things we had heard every single day of Welcome Week.

I would have liked to have seen information regarding paid research opportunities on campus.

it was a waste of time cause all that info is online!!!

A PRESENTER. Not reading a PowerPoint…no one knew what we were supposed to be doing. the next question is irrelevant because there was one table: a woman passing out flyers.

I didn't really find any of the information helpful. I thought it was pretty much all common sense that people going into college should already know from past job experiences.

It was entertaining, but not very helpful.

Nothing, it was poor. A waste of three hours because our group leader had no clue what it was. But it was just a repeating PowerPoint…that's inherently boring.

Actual information. There were literally 3 tables of people, none of which were actual employers, and all they could provide us was info on applying, which was on the brochure they gave us, so the whole event was pointless. No on really looked at the power point.

I thought that the student employment was a let down. There was not much information there. There were only two tables set up. We ended up leaving early and meeting with 3 other groups outside and playing games for about half an hour until lunch.

Who to see about getting a job, what types of jobs are available, how having a job can benefit academics (credits?)

The way the career area was set up the students could come and go, they did not have to watch it, I saw clips, but mostly was doing icebreakers with my group or other groups

some one actually speaking to us about jobs and interview facts I wasn't already aware of. Most of the "tips" and knowledge shown on the powerpoint were cliche common sense factors for any kind of job.

How to find jobs on campus

There was nothing in the power point that i found helpful

Our group stayed for less than 5 minutes, so I'm sure that it probably had some good information, but I think that the U should have just given us more papers if they weren't going to have someone present. But if it is not important enough to present, then PLEASE don't waste our time presenting it (like virtually all of college day).

It was just too long and not interesting enough to keep anyones attention after being lead around the campus all day

how to get the application and wat web site to go to

I didn't find any of it useful because no one was paying attention. It would have been helpful if someone was presenting the power point but I thought this was the worst part of welcome week.
No—I haven’t plan to work yet~

The amount of jobs that are available for me out there, and it made me realize that I may need a job in college.

If there was more information on the types of jobs available.

If it were set up more like a job fair and give students opportunities to actually talk with employees around campus, it would have been a lot more helpful.

I don't know.

none

I really didn't enjoy it. I knew most of the information already.

easy on campus jobs

None...it wasn't a good presentation

Job links

I wasn't looking for a job.

nothing

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**Did you speak with anyone at the Student Employment and/or Work Study tables at Welcome Week?**

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Total Responses: 1989 100%

Mean (Based on Assigned Alias): N/A

Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): N/A

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**Did the person at Student Employment and/or Work Study tables answer your questions?**

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Total Responses: 510 100%

Mean (Based on Assigned Alias): N/A

Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): N/A

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**What questions do you still have from the Student Employment and/or Work Study tables?**

Response Count: 368

N/A

I know very little about these subjects as I had to go take a placement test. The schedule did not allow for more important priorities.

Did not visit.

None.

None

None

None.

none

None at the moment.

none
I didn't really learn anything at the presentation. We stayed for like five minutes because it was bad...

Well it would've been nice if it was an actual job fair like it described. I expected booths with different people talking about jobs I could get and instead it was just a powerpoint. Even if someone had just talked that would've helped.

I was wondering if you have a list of all of the places that will accept Work Study.

Why didn't I get a mailing about student jobs?

There didn't seem to be many people available at the tables to ask a lot of questions

I guess I just have the question as to if we always need a resume to apply for a work study job; because online, when I checked out the website, it said that I needed a resume.

How can I effectively find a work study job? Applying to the postings online is getting me no where.

Applying to the job guarantee program would be good.

Who should I go to about getting a work study job in a lab?

I don't have any questions and have already started a work study job.

I have been awarded work study funds, but what if I don't find a job?

Why is it so hard to get a job w/o work study?

None. It's self explanatory.
How do I get a job on campus and close to my residence hall?

Why don't I have a job yet, even after applying for almost 20

Can I get more information about getting a job in the spring semester?

How many hours does an average person work?

Will I get a paycheck if I have work study so I can have spending money?

How does work-study work?

Why did I have to ride a bus to Saint Paul to watch a power point? Make the trip worth it next time.

Where to get a job.

I don't really have any because I'm not looking for a job for the first semester.

Where can I actually use my work study award?

Where is the Career Center located, and how can the people there help me find a job?

I don't even know what work study is! It was never really explained. I know it's part of my financial aid, but it was never presented well.

I would have liked to know more about work study and how it works with financial aid.
None, I found out the information on my own- sucks that I had to do that because I was told there was to be a "job fair" and that was nothing like what I had expected.

None.

I'm not going to work

None.

nothing

None.

what do i need to apply for student employment/work study in terms of resume, birth certificate, pass port.. etc..

NONE!!

How do I apply for a job on campus? Can I fill out one application that is seen by multiple employers? What should I expect for hourly pay? How many hours a week should I work? How flexible are employers? What are some good jobs for freshmen with little experience?

None really.

None right now.

None.

What jobs are available?

N/A

How can I find a job?

None.

None

None

How can I get a job, because i still don't have one.

None.

None.

Are the hours flexible?

Why did we have to come all the way over here just for this?

none apply

none

I am not currently interested in employment and will seek out information when I desire it.

None.

none

What were the work study tables even about? I didn't know what those tables were doing there, and why were folders being given out?

none

None.

I need a job, for real style. I guess that's not a question though.

None.

none right now

None.

none.

None.

None.

none.

no questions
How do you get a lab job?
None.

Nothing really.

How do I get an on-campus job? Where?
None.

I don't have any.
None.

What were they there to do or help with?
I don't remember.

Why the hell didn't I get a job if I was a part of the freshmen job guarantee program?
Nothing.

None. I was not interested in finding an on-campus job.
none b/c I don't remember going there.

None.

What kind of on-campus jobs are there? Where do you go about looking for these jobs?
Since I didn't attend, none. And I really don't care.

Where can I get a job
nothing.
I wish I had been able to attend but the bus to St. Paul was late.

Where is the office?

None.

None.

n/a

I am not interested in getting a job right now

none

None- I'm not interested in working this year so it was kind of a waste of time for me.

i would have liked to know more about on campus job opportunities

i don't have any.

None

When we get paid from our work study jobs, do we get the money or does it come off of our tuition? Or how does that work?

NONE

I don't have any.

I pretty much found them out for myself :) 

None, I have a Work Study job.

I have applied for 7 jobs and was given a work study reward of $2700 they have all turned me down... what do I do now? I really want a job but I feel applying 8 times would just lead to another no... -Micah Grotte (3706104)

How do I get a job on campus?

None, I attended a guaranteed work study program after welcome week and knew that I would receive all necessary information there.

How to easily find a job.

Where do I go to talk to someone about obtaining a job?

What jobs are really avialbe around campus?

Was very uninformative.

Job fairs promised by the first 500 job guarantee program

What are the positions available for certain jobs?

n/a

none

None

How do I get a work study job easily?
None. I know where to look for a student job thanks to my own research. Not from any information that we got that day. I can safely say that's how most others in my group felt as well, as we all complained about that too when we left.

I already have two jobs on campus.

I want an on-campus job but the applications of employment.umn.edy is always "under review" for more than a week

N/A.

Jobs available to me if I do not qualify for work studies.

None, I have the website if I needed any further questions.

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

Well, I found a job on my own, so none. They weren't much of a help.

I had wanted to talk to the people who were hiring, not get hand outs.

Where can I go to browse various on-campus jobs that are currently hiring?

Nothing. I am employed, and I am financially sound.

I think I'm good, I am just looking for a job right now.

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

what types of jobs are available?

i have work study and Im still getting declined... a lot

None.

none

none

none

there were no table when we went

what was the point of it?

none
If I need a resume for all jobs.

Nothing

None anymore.

I don't know if I have it and where would you apply and know of all the jobs?

I don't remember this part! There was just way too much going on that I cannot even think of what event this was.

I didn't know I needed work study to get a job on campus... almost all of them require it. How do I get signed up for it?

I thought there were going to be people, but it ended up just being a PowerPoint. I wanted to talk to individuals about their programs and what would work best for me.

Where do I get a job? How do I pick one? Can you use work study to volunteer?

None, really. I don't plan to work this semester, and I'll just look up information later if I want to in the future.

I still want to have a better idea of what the different types of jobs there are available on campus.

Is there a student employment center I can go to.

I wanted to know more about the work study opportunities and exactly how I would go about doing that.

Where you apply

None

None

None

How to work study and play- managing time.

What kinds of jobs are available besides UDS or library jobs?

I still have no idea where I could get involved with either, I didn't even know we could have talked to people about it.

What kinds of jobs are available on campus?

I have no questions.
I have applied to several of the jobs on the website and I still do not have a job. Is there a more personal way we can apply to campus jobs, particularly the office help ones.

None

None

None

what was the website

None

None

None

None

None

None

none i guess

why was it pointless?

n/a

none at this time

None.

None, I got a job for 4 years with no help from student employment.

None.

none

Why was it just a PowerPoint?

none.

none

None yet.

none

None.

none

I don't have any questions.

I don't have any.

I'm actually not interested in Student Employment or Work Study at the moment.

None

nothing, work study is confusing to me still

None

None.

None.

None.

nothing... Most people don't really qualify for work study and it is way too difficult right now to apply for a job. I am still a freshmen, and I do not know how much time I will need for my course load, plus I must get used to my schedule before applying for a job.

What is the easiest way to get a job on campus?

none

None.

none

n/a

What types of jobs are available for International Students?
None.

What were we there for again?

Why did we have to go to them?

Can we ask for more work study?

None.

None. I don't plan on working at the U.

None

Why on my student bill the work study hasn't been removed?

none

None

none

None.

I don't have any. I have a job.

None.

No.

None.

I am still confused as to how you can get a work study fund. While searching for jobs, I noticed many will only take applicants who have this qualification.

none

nada

The “Do What Matters” presentation: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1815

The “Do What Matters” presentation: (mark all that apply) - 1815 Responses

- Introduced me to resources including
- Introduced me to resources including
- Helped me understand the imp.
- Helped me understand the own
- I did not attend - 17.4%
The University Honors Dinner: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1841

"Other" Answers

was way too long and boringly frustrating
It made me feel very isolated from the rest of the community because since they all live together, they were not willing to branch out. Also, the speakers all said a lot of the same things and I felt that it was too long.
i do not want to be an honors student (nerds)
not honors, did not attend
Screw you.
I wanted to be in Honors but was denied to due grade inflation throughout highschools.
The food was pretty good.
Marching band conflicted
had delicious food!
made me feel like I was hanging out with a bunch of pretentious and stuck up snobs who all thought they were better than the person next to them.
nothing.
I am opting out of Honors, and so did not attend
Had Great Food
I went but left early because I felt sick.
Well, now I know I don't want to be in the honors program
Was awkward as it was held in a gymnasium very not suited for this sort of gathering.
boring and had bad food
Was well catered!
Did not attend
I wanted to attend but was unable to due to marching band rehearsal.
It was fun.
Was actually worth attending, unlike most of the events on the schedule.
was boring
eat bad food
A more enjoyable presentation: short, to the point, and good food
gave me a really good meal. Although I appreciate the integrity of my Math 3592H course and am happy that I am eligible the honors program otherwise isn't a terribly big achievement or honor to me.
I never received information about applying to the honors program, though I was interested in joining.
Had decent food, but was completely pointless.

**Gophers After Dark events: (mark all that apply)**

**Response Count: 1929**

**The Saturday side trips: (mark all that apply)**

**Response Count: 1905**
The Explore-U student organization and vendor fair: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1845

The Football game: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1923
The late night side trip I attended was:

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I did not attend a late night side trip because:

- I cannot take the bus that late, and I was too tired from all the stress during the preceding days.
- I was tired and wanted time to relax in my dorm and participate in Residence Hall activities.
- We did not get back till very late.
- I was dissatisfied with Welcome Week.
- I was tired after the football game.
- I was exhausted.
- I fell asleep.
- I was too tired.
- I went to dinner with my mother.
- I was exhausted from the excessive amount of activities during the week so chose to go to bed instead.
- Once again, I was tired so I slept.
- I was too tired.
- I hung out with friends instead.
- I was interested in doing other things.
- I was too tired!
- I was too tired! from being at boring things from like 8 in the morning till like ten at night!
- I am a commuter and we it wasn't mandatory for us.
- We got back so late from the game and the State Fair closed fairly soon.
- I didn't want to.
- I was tired from all the previous events, and I had to do a service project the next day.
- My roommate was having boyfriend problems, so I stayed to talk with her.
I was sick with a flu-type virus.
I was preparing for my classes.
I walked back from the football game.
I had work
too late to go to the state fair, not comfortable by myself that late there, nothing to do at the state fair that late
I was too tired.
i was too tired
I was tired
I was spending the day with my family at the fair and I live 10 minutes away from the Mall of America and do not need to be required to go there
I didn't want to
I forgot
I was exhausted. Every day was really full, which makes it hard to enjoy nighttime activities because you're so tired by that point.
I was exhausted from the week and was becoming sick.
I fell asleep early.
I didn't want to.
I like to get a good night's sleep.
I fell asleep after the football game.
I was too exhausted from all of the proceeding days' activities and waking up super early from them.
I am a commuter student.
I was exhausted.
I was too tired from the constant Welcome Week activities.
I was way too tired.
I didn't have to - it was optional.
I preferred to rest
sleep
I didn't want to
I was too tired from all the other stuff we had to do.
I had other plans
I was too tired, from all of the welcome week activities.
I live off campus and I had to get home
I was too tired after a long week.
Too tired
I was exhausted from the length and fullness of the days.
I was exhausted!
I was tired from the overscheduling of the day.
I was sick of all the planned events and wanted a break!
I was sleeping
I was too tired after a full day of activities.
i had better things to do
my shower needed cleaning as it hadn't been cleaned in a year or so.
I was exhausted
It was unconvienient as a commuter
I am a commuter and had no way home.
I was too tired...
the football game went later and I was tired so I would have only had about an hour at the m.o.a. so that seemed pointless.
we got back from the game too late because we had to wait for the last bus
I wanted to sleep!!
I was sick:(
The game got over too late
I was hanging with some friends from another town who came to visit.
I was too tired from the days before
I have lived in the state my entire life and have been to both the State Fair and the Mall of America numerous times.
Too Tired
I was pre-excused on Saturday for a wedding.
After a 2 weeks of Spat camp, I was exhausted, after the football game I went to sleep.
I was too tired.
I was tired from waking up at 8 a.m. every morning.
I am a commuter and I did not have a ride.
I did not want to.
I wanted to spend time with my roommates.
I had a prior family engagement and was exempt.
I was tired after being ushered around like a five year old for 3 days.
I didn't feel well.
I was too tired.
I had family obligations of Band.
I was sick.
I felt sick.
I didn't go to the football game, and then I did not know where to go to meet for the trips.
I played apples 2 apples in my dorm.
I was exempt from activities over the weekend.
I didn't feel like it, tired from all of these activities.
I was very tired.
I was too tired and ready to go home, because I'm a commuter student.
I'm in Marching Band.
I'm a commuter.
I am a commuter student and it was optional for us.
I am in marching band, and I was exhausted.
I did not want to.
I was tired and having more fun with my neighbors.
I didn't want to.
I did not like the one I was assigned.
I am a commuter and you don't supply taxis home.
I was too tired.
I was too tired from the football game.
I was too worn out from all of the other Welcome Week events.
I was too tired from the rest of the day.
I had better things to do with my time.
I went to sleep and I went to the fair the next day.
It was too late.
Too Tired.
I was very tired from the game.
I was too tired from Welcome Week activities.
I was too tired to conceivably walk around any longer.
I was kind of tired and my other friends didn't want to go.
I had no bus ride on Saturday or Sunday... I live in Woodbury, where the buses only operate on weekdays...
I was at the football game.
I was sick of Welcome Week.
I was tired.
I had gone to both already and didn't want to go again.
I was too tired.
I was busy.
I missed the bus.
Welcome Week was the biggest waste of my life.
I didn't feel like going.
I was not on campus for emergency reasons.
The bus that picked us up from the game was way too late and I had to get up early for my service project.
I was tired; the days were too busy.
I did activities in Middlebrook.
I did not want to.
It was late after the football game, and didn't feel like going to the mall of America.
It was too long of a day.
I was caught up in other priorities.
I wanted to prepare for classes.
missed bus
I was in band
I was too tired from the other activities.
Too late and really tired!!!
I did not want to.
i was doing something else and was tired and was going to the state fair with my sisters the next monday
I was tired after the long day of activities.
I was too tired from all the other welcome week stuff
i had to go home to attend a funeral
I was sick
I was exhausted after the all the long days.
i went home i live in minnesota
I had other priorities
It was too late.
I was too tired from being kept busy all week long. I just wanted to spend some free time just relaxing.
i found out my grandpa had cancer and went to be with my family.
They left to late and were not long enough
none of the people that i was with wanted to go and i didn't want to go by myself
i was to freaking tired from all the stupid stuff we'd had to do all week
i was too tired after the game.
i was tired
It was really hard to get back after the football game
I stayed at the dorm and watched movies with my floor.
I was too tired, plus I'm a commuter.
i was out of town
I was too tired from all the day's activities
welcome week wore me out
I thought the State Fair closed at 11 so I went to bed... :( 
i was tired
I was tired/not interested in the provided events...
I am a commuter and it made no sense for me to stay out late at night only to get back home at like two thirty in the morning.
had to work
I attended the alternative dorm activities offered
I was really sick of Welcome week and so much structured time.
I was sick
I was tired
i was too tired from the constant welcome week activities and was also sick from lack of sleep.
i was resting up from the two week Spat Camp from Marching Band.
I had exemption
I am a commuter student and I could not work out a ride because I am still a minor and I cannot drive after midnight.
I was too exhausted to go out.
i was scheduled for the State Fair but I was tired
I live in the metro and have been to both enough.
I'd rather watch paint dry.
exhausted!!! welcome week was too long!
i was tired
I was organizing my dorm room.
I was fucking exhausted
By this point in Welcome week we had been doing so much I was exhausted and tired of welcome week activities.
I didn't feel well
I was too tired after the game
I was tired.
Decided to do other stuff and didn't want to spend money.
I went to the football game
I was far too exhausted from the rest of the welcome week activities
I had to move in to my apartment the next morning.
i was exempt from welcome week
I was exempt from Welcome Week on this day.
I had a hard time finding the bus to get back to the U from the Metrodome
I didn't want to
I forgot.
my friends wouldn't go with me
I have been to State Fair and Mall of America
I was exhausted
there was something else I had going on
work in the morning of next day
I am in marching band and a. was too tired and b. did not know where to catch the buses.
I wanted some time to recover
i went to the American Idol concert with my aunt
i didn't know what bus to get on.
my sister got me concert tickets for my birthday
I was tired from all of the other stuff that I was forced to do.
I was too tired
I am a commuter and could not stay that late
i was drunk and i couldn't get on the trip to the state fair
I live in the metro area and go there all the time.
I was too tired!!
They were not what I wanted to do
I had previous engagements
I was exhausted from walking around all day.
Due to commuting, there were issues with getting home so late at night.
I was at the gopher's first football game and then went out to eat with friends
i am a commuter
I had abdominal pain.
i had to commute home
I was tired
I was too tired after over-scheduled week
I got lost and it was too late once I found my way back!
I was exhausted from all the other days and I wanted some time to meet people in my dorm and unpack
I felt tired after the football game
commuter had to go home
I had family gathering.
i was exempted
I was late.
I was too tired out from being herded around like a cow.
I was tired after the game
I was sick... :( 
I was tired from the rest of the day!
I was too tired from all the activities...it would have been fun though!
I was exhausted.
It was a long day
I work at the State Fair and was exempted
I had to bus home earlier.
I am a commuter and attending late night events where I would not get back till 10:00 or 11:00 Made my bus plan nearly impossible for the WEEKEND.
don't know
i commute
I was too tired.
i was trying to save money not buying food at the state fair.
i missed the bus.
I got lost after the football game :(
I want to relax with new friends.
Being from Minnesota, I have been to these places many times, and did not feel like enduring the crowds after an 18 hour structured day.

too tired
I was extremely tired
I was too exhausted from the rest of the welcome week required events.
I am from the Twin Cities and have already been to these places
I was tired.

got drunk
I was too tired and fell asleep.

there hadn't been any time to just relax so i used this opportunity to hang out with my roommate and catch up on sleep.

my dad hosted a graduation party for me that night.

I was extremely tired after the football game
I was super-tired.
I was too tired, and just wanted to relax in my dorm with my roommate and try to meet others who I was living with on the same floor.
I was extremely tired from all the other stuff we had to do and wanted some time to myself finally.
I was very tired and I was not feeling well.

so tired by the welcome week
I was too tired and exhausted from the week.
I fear crowds.
I was too tired.
I was too tired

the football game went really late and I was very tired.
I was so exhausted from all the rest of the weeks activities
I was tired
I have been there numerous times
My cousin was in town and I barely get to see him
I was sick.
i was so extremely tired that all i wanted to do was sit down and relax
I was tired
I was exhausted!!!!!
I was too tired...try pushing back the meeting times in the morning

Not enough room
I was too tired from the long week
Student Athlete
of transportation
I was tired
It was too much for one day.
I did not want to waste money on expensive, fried food, games, etc.
too tired
I was too exhausted by the activities in the day and all I wished at that time was a warm shower and a good sleep.

We explored on our own.

it was too late and I am a commuter student.
i had no way to get home that late at night
sick

The rest of the week wore me out!
I had to do family things that couldn't be skipped.
I was tired
I was too tired
I was sick.
i was to tired after the football game, it had been a long day, and it isn't as fun to walk around the fair at night

I didn't want to.
Too tired.
i was too exhausted
i hung out with my family who was in town
I wanted to do something else.
i was sick
i was too overwhelmed.
i was really tired
i had to go to work the next morning
i'm a commuter and didn't have a ride back to my house.
other plans
i had to go home due to other commitments.
i am a commuter
i don't live on campus
it was my birthday, so i spent it at my friends apartment.
i was tired after the long day and the game also. i went back to the dorms and just hung out with people in my hall.
i decided to hang out with friends elsewhere.
i was really tired.
nobody else showed up
i was exhausted.
i was exhausted
i got back from the game late and wanted to relax
too tired
i was too tired after the football game.
i was commuting
i wanted my own free time
i went home that night
family event
sick..
i was tired of being herded around all week.
i was feeling ill
i was tired by that time.
commuting made it too difficult.
i was tired and just hung with new friends
it was tiring
i was so tired. because you gave us no free time.
was too worn out from everything that i had done during the week.
i signed up for M o A but roller coasters scare me
i was too tired from the football game
i had to get up early for my community service project
i caught a cold that day, and decided that i would not have any fun attending.
i was too tired by the end of the day... too much that day
i was tired
commuters were told they didn't have to go, i was exempt from all weekend activities anyway
i had already gone downtown, was sleepy, and needed to commute home
i had to go home and babysit
i was tired
it was too late after the football game
i was too tired from the game
i wanted to stay in my dorm.
i didn't want to
i get nauseous easily
i was completely exhausted from the boot camp that was Welcome Week.
i was waaaaaaay too tired. if it was earlier i would have gone.
too tired from everything else we did.
i was too tired to go.
i was exhausted from all the activities through out the week. Welcome week is a helpful program for new students, but i think it should be just a few days, rather than a week.
i am too tired to attend it
i was too tired from Welcome week stuff
i was tired and needed a night to relax.
I was dead tired. I was exempt from welcome week.

The all day Welcome Week seminars really wore me down because they fed us little and gave us zero free time. I felt horrible by this point and retired to my bed.

I had to commute home!

I was too tired after the football game. I am a commuter student.

It was too late at night and I am a comuter with a comute (one way) that is an hour long on a good day

I was fatigued. I felt sick, so i slept.

I had a prior family commitment

I was really really really really tired

I was too worn out from the previous days and tight schedules.

I had to leave for family circumstances

I was so tired from the entire week already. I was exhausted.

I relaxed with my sister (also a student here)

we missed the bus by three minutes after getting back from the football game.

I was too tired from the weeks heavily scheduled meetings and activities.

I couldn't find where the shuttle buses were picking people up after the game and because I didn't know where to go after either

I was very tired.

I was too tired.

They were full

I was tired

I was tired from doing all that other stuff 24/7 the past 5 days.

It was too late and I did not want to go to either places then and spend money when i didnt need to

I was still unpacking

I wanted more time to organize my room

I was tired

I stayed for the whole Gopher game and was exhausted.

I was too tired

I wanted to hang out with friends and relax

I was tired

I was not feeling well

I wasn't feeling well.

I decided to skip out and spend some time with my family before i moved here

my feet were hurting

football got done late

I was too tired from previous activities

I was too tired from all the Welcome Week activities.

I got back from the football game too late.

too tired

I had family in from out of town.

I am a commuter

I didn't feel well

I heard the rides at the state fair weren't free and may not have been open; ive already been to the park at the MOA

I didn't want to go the the State Fair at night

I am a commuter and wanted to go home.

I was ill

it was too late

I was go back Dorm

I attended dorm activities

I had practice

I didn't want to go to the Mall. I wanted to go to state fair but couldn't get tickets.

I was tired and it was too late.

I had things to do at home.

I had plans that night with my family
I was not feeling well most of that day/night
I was really tired from the busy week and the state fair cost money to do anything fun
I was tired and ready to sleep
I did not want to go I would rather sleep
I was at state fair working
I was exhausted that day from all of Welcome Week activities, plus I'm from Minneapolis so I've been to both plenty of times before and didn't want to go that night,
unset stomach
I was tired and went back to my dorm to sleep.
I was too tired from the day
I was exhausted from the days events and would have fallen asleep on the bus or otherwise not have enjoyed myself
too tired and sick of events
I had previous obligations
I had family event going on
I'm a commuter.
We could not find the bus from the Metrodome
It was late and I had to commute back home.
i need to catch the bus
I had to move in whenever I had extra time.
Tired - worn out from the week and previous day's activities
It was late and the friends I was with just wanted to go out to eat instead.
I was not feeling well, but I would have gone to the State Fair.
I had previous plans to have dinner with my family who came in from out of town.
I am a commuter
I was too tired and didn't have anyone to go with.
i had to be up early the next morning
I had other plans
it was too late at night and i wanted to sleep
i was unbelievable tired by the time this point came. I was actually excited for the Mall but there was no way i was going to be able to stay awake.
It was optional and at that time I didn't feel like doing anything with the groups anymore.
i didn't want to
I went to the state fair by myself.
I was so tired of doing activities all the time and wanted to relax.
I was sick.
I attended the game and was very tired and wanted to go home and sleep.
i got back to late that evening and decided to just relax and catch up on sleep
I was too tired from all of the welcome week events
i didn't want to
I had an earache, but I would've liked to have gone.
i was playing basketball.
i was put in the wrong one, the one that i didnt sign up for and the one that none of my friends were going to, and wasn't allowed to switch them.
i was exempt for the weekend
I wanted some downtime.
I needed to sleep, I don't like malls, and the fair is expensive
busy
it was late and I was tired
I stayed in the dorms and met the people living around me.
i was too worn out from the week to stay out.
i was so tired after the game, I just went to bed.
my brother and I went to a friend's house.
too tired
I was tired after the football game.
i'm in the marching band
I was exhausted from all the ten hour days of activities.
they were too late for me as a commuter
I was exhausted after so many other mandatory activities. We had to be up early the next day to do important volunteer work.
Exhausted after the game
no food stands open at the state fair
I was exhausted from Welcome Week activities
I was tired.
way too tired
I was so exhausted from the JAM packed day we already had. I really would have appreciated spreading out these events because they were the ones's i was looking forward to the most, but i was too tired.
I had other plans that night.
I didn't want to go.
I didn't care to attend.
i am a commuter
I could not find the bus stop for the State Fair
I hung out with new friends
i was REAL tired!
the busses were too late after the football game
I had to work
I was too tired from the rest of the week and the football game.
I was very ill.
i did not feel up for it.
it's too late.
dance team
never got to it
I am a commuter.
Did not make it back on time from the Football game.
i was so sick of all of the organized activity
i was too tired after the long week
I was sick
I had trouble finding the pick up location
Family emergency
I was tired of doing stuff and had no energy
Way to late after the game and i was tired and had to be up early!
I was exhausted from being molly-coddled from 6:00am to 12:00am every night
it was too late
I was completely exhausted from all the useless welcome week activities they put us through.
I was tired
by the time i got on a bus from the football game, it was too late to go anywhere
I was a commuter and I have to drive about 40 mins home. So I did not want to go home too late and have to wake up early the next morning.
every night activity went so late, I was completely drained after the football game and the entire welcome week experience that I needed time to unwind and have some "me" time in my new surroundings.
It was late. I had better things to do. My friends and I wanted to relax.
it was too late, no ride.
I was tired and went to bed
I felt it necessary to rest for the next day.
I went on a self guided trip to St. Thomas to visit friends
I was exhausted
i was at the football game
I Started to not feel well because i had to time to relax during welcome week
I wanted to do something for myself.
didn't feel like going
I've been to both so many times I can't count and found no reason to go
I was tired and wanted to hang out with friends on campus.
work
Too late, had to commute and wake up in the morning
family
i didn't want to go to state fair.
i went home..
i was sick
I was very tired.
I was very very tired.
my girlfriend was visiting and they said she was not allowed on the trip
chose to socialize in the dorms instead
hung out with friends
i felt sick
I found other things to do.
Too tired
i fell asleep :)
I got back from the football game late
i was not here
I was exhausted
I had to go home
welcome week was way too much
we had no down time and I was exhausted all week, I hung out with people on my floor instead
i didn't feel like going, have all ready been to these places and wanted to relax because we were so busy during this whole week
Too long of days.
I had to leave Saturday to attend a funeral, so I missed Saturday events.
I went home. It was late. I was tired.
because I had become sick.
I am a commuter and it was an optional event for us.
I was hungry and decided to go out and eat with friends.
if i was too late i was too tired. it was all TOO MUCH!!! for one day
didn't feel like it
I had to go home
I was exhausted from welcome week activities.
i was sick and very exhausted from the long week.
my leader told me it was useless
too tired
I was not feeling well
I was tired from all we were supposed to do that day
I was too tired for all of the other activities that day.
it was my birthday and my parents took me out to eat :) 
I was confused about the times Between the two and was unable to make it with enough time.
Welcome Week was freakin’ exhausting, and believe it or not, we need more than 6 hours of sleep a night.
I was at the football game, then became tired.
I went back to Pio with my friends and played air hockey and pool in the gameroom for nearly four hours.
I went out of town.
i was tired
hung out at the dorm
I did residence hall bonding
i was really tired.
I had a family event planned for that day.
I was too tired from the week’s activities and decided to sleep.
I have been to the state fair and MOA on multiple occasions
did something else
I am a commuter student and the trip was too late for me.
I was tired and wanted sleep.
it was too late
we tried to go downtown instead
I was still at the CC camp.
i was too tired
i was too tired
I was tired.
i got tired
i was tired
WAY TOO TIRED!
we had too much to do and i needed sleep
I felt like sleeping instead.
i'm in band and i was tired
i was sick
I missed the bus.
I had to work at the State Fair.
i was so tired. There were way too many things going on during Welcome Week.
I was tired.
i was sick
i was at home with strep throat
I was tired
too tired from fball game
I was so tired.
Too tired
i was sick
I was frickin tired.
too exhausted
i went home for the weekend
it was too late after the game
i was exempt
I was too tired after everything I did that day and before that.
I was too tired
i was in my room throwing up.
of tiredness
sleeping
i didn't want to
Did not get back from the football game in time
KSA people introduced me the University
the day wore me out
i was tired
I was tired and needed sleep
I didn't have anybody to go with
I did not feel like it.
I didn't know where to go.
I was in Los Angeles
No one would go with me :(.
i was exhausted at this point
I was too tired to do anything else
I had other plans.
I slept through the time to meet the busses
we were never told where the buses were!
I went on a bicycle race instead.
No way to get home.
i was too tired
went to party
I had to get up early the next day for my service learning project.
I had to work at the football game.
I was really exhausted after the football game
Too tired because of too many activities.
I was very frustrated with the poorly executed welcome week activities, and wanted nothing more than to avoid it.
work
I overslept.
i hung out with other friends i had met
i went out
I was extremely tired that night and went to bed instead.
I wanted to go back to the dorm to get a full night's sleep.
I was so tired from constant activity
I had better things to do.
i was too tired.
i was tired
I didn't want to go
Nobody I knew decided to go.

Got done with other activities too late
I was really tired and didn't feel that great.

I was too tired and hot to go to the State Fair
I was supposed to go to the State Fair, but I did not because I wanted to visit some friends who came back in town the weekend.
I was too tired from all the other events that day: going downtown and then to the football game.
i am a commuter and didn't want to ride the bus that late
i felt sick that night
I am a commuter student and really do have to get home at a decent time.

my friends could not get on the bus
I had previous plans
i was tired
i didn't have enough money to attend the midway.
I was too tired after the football game.
I was tired and wanted to go to sleep early.

I was too tired after the football game
i had to catch my bus before they were done for the night
I was hungry and tired.
i live off campus

Took too long to get back to campus after the football game.
I was sick
I had no transportation
I was extremely tired every day.
I worked late that night.
I was tired and needed to get some sleep.

In had better things to do
I went out with friends after the football game. We all somewhat forgot there were side trips.
I was sick, due to a lack of sleep because of over-scheduling during Welcome Week.

I was tired.
It was too late and I had a Sunday meeting in the morning.
I was way too tired after the football game

i was feeling sick
I was too tired from the day's events.
I was too tired from all the required activities we had to do.
I was tired from everything else I had done that day, and just wanted to relax

So tired
I was out of town
I was tired after the game and forgot where pick up was.
I was getting smashed
i got back late from the game and was tired

i had some other work
im a commuter and it wasn't required
i was on a family trip.
i had to work
I went to a wedding reception with my family

i was too tired from the week
I am a commuter student and it was my cousin's birthday so I went home to celebrate with my family. I was exhausted from the week. I would have no ride home afterwards (commuter). Football game ended late and welcome week was exhausting. I needed to catch the bus home. I had to be home early. I'm a commuting from aways away.

I was so worn out by the end of all of the other activities that I did not want to continue with welcome week activities. I wanted to do something different. I was exhausted from the week. I would have no ride home afterwards (commuter). Football game ended late and welcome week was exhausting. I needed to catch the bus home. I had to be home early.

I wasn't feeling well. I had important family matters I needed to attend to. I was too tired and wanted to go out and experience college life. I was very tired from the day. I wanted to explore on my own with friends. I was super tired. I had already gone to the fair. I had to work the next day at 8:30 AM. I'm a commuter and had to leave.

I was dead tired after the football game. After a LONG day...although I was really excited to go to the Minnesota State Fair, I was just too tired to muster up the energy to go, especially being so late. I find neither kiddy amusement parts nor over priced fatty foods on wooden pikes enjoyable. I was so tired from the week. I was tired. I was too tired!!! I was super tired. I wasn't feeling good. I had to work at CVS.

Please provide suggestions for evening entertainment or side trip options:

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- I do not have any. The side trip was perfect.
- It would've been nice if a beverage company came and gave the people drinks; due to the fact their mouths were dry from screaming on the rides. Other than that it was fantastic!
- I showed up at the bus for my side trip and waited for 20 minutes only to find out I was the ONLY one, including the guides, who had shown up. I took all the time and money to get to the University only to be told I have no options and need to return home to the suburbs. This set me over the edge, and I did not return to the remainder of Welcome Week. Instead I prepared for my classes, like I had been wishing I could do.
- They were fun but too late at night so the next day I was always tired since we had to wake up so early.
- I would suggest having the option of going to a movie for the less energetic.
- A bad choice considering the staunch anti-alcohol theme of WW. Everyone was drunk. Either start earlier or pick a new destination.
- The side trip on Sunday was amazing. I had a very good time and transportation was unstressful. The bus system after the football game was quite stressful. There was also little communication from my group leaders about the late night events, State Fair and MOA.
- None...I thought they were all pretty fun.
- Keep the food coming :)
- Shuttles going back to campus.
- More movie screenings
- There were plenty of great options but I felt that the Mall of America side trip was kind of pointless because by the time we got there we only had about an hour...how far can you really get in the MOA in an hour.
- Do not make it go so late in the evening so commuter students can attend.
Tons of fun. Actually a highlight of the week. Well planned way to meet back up with people you'd already met, as well as making new connections. However, transportation back to St. Paul Campus was lacking (as it often is).

I loved the Mall of America! I would highly suggest making it an option for next year. That was by far my favorite part of welcome week!

It would be really fun to go to the Science Museum.

I really enjoyed my side trip to uptown and evening trip to MOA.

When I got to the state fair it was pretty late and all of the ticket booths were closed so I couldn't ride any rides. I had really regret not going to the Mall of America then. Not just the rides, but some of the entertainment booths like the haunted house.

Events similar to Gophers After Dark and Fun Nite would be a hit.

MOA was AWESOME!!!!!!!

It was too late to do anything at the State Fair.

Going out to eat...

Mall of America was possibly the highlight of my Welcome Week.

Buses running continually both ways

They should either be optional or there should be less of them. Welcome Week was too busy, I didn't even get a chance to completely unpack and organize my room until it was over.

Give us more time to enjoy the late night side trips!! A couple hours is NOT enough!!!

The Downtown side trip would've been a lot easier if someone showed us around or at least told us some places to go. We ended up walking around looking for a place to eat for like half an hour.

don't make things mandatory, it is ridiculous to have us running around from 8 in the morning till 1 at night every day!!!!!!!!

The evening entertainment was a lot of fun! I have no suggestions for improvement. The only disappointment was the Nickelodian Universe is no where NEAR as fun as Camp Snoopy was, and probably never will be. There's only so much Sponge Bob a person can take!

all the exhibits were closed by the time we got there. only food and rides were open, so it was boring

The two side trips were great ideas, but they should somehow start earlier in the day. Kids were too tired, and I feel many people would have went if it wasn't for lack of sleep.

The ones that were offered were very good, can't think of others at the moment.

everything was great

I liked the two choices.

I loved my trip to the Como Zoo. It was fun, relaxing, and I didn't feel rushed to go anywhere. It was wonderful!

I absolutely LOVED the State Fair side trip...I had never been there before and it was so much fun. However, if you continue to do that trip next year, I would probably set it up a little differently so that the students can get there earlier so that everything isn't closing when you arrive. Also, maybe provide them with a ticket or two so that they can choose one or two rides to go on...or atleast a coupon or something.

They were fun, the lines were just overly long at MoA, and it would have been cool if some of the bigger stores had still been open.

I didn't attend the side trip to nicollet because the bus lines were extremely long, I suggest having a larger variety so that everybody isn't going to the same thing. Less crowding.

entertainment on St Paul campus besides just hall activites, side trips in groups instead of alone, evening entertainment for St Paul kids

not sure

I thought both options were a good decision, however, I think another trip should have been utilized rather than the State Fair, because the state fair gets very expensive. Maybe a smaller scale trip, like the zoo or something like that.

none

The evening entertainment and side trip options were definitely one of the better parts of Welcome Week, they should be kept optional and not forced like all the other activities seemed to be.

mall of america was an excellent option

The late night trips were fun and eventful.

It was too expensive for rides, but otherwise okay.

This was the most fun that I had during the whole welcome week, so no, I don't think that anything should be changed about it.

I read the description of the State Fair, I thought we would be getting Midway tickets (at least a few) I was so mad when all we got was free admission. I thought it was false advertising because a bunch of stuff said "Midway open til midnight", so I assumed we would get some ride tickets. My cousin went to MOA and had a much better time than I did. He actually got to go on rides and not spend money.

A concert or comedian. Someone famous

Anything, but for goodness sakes, make them optional, not required!

I thought all the side trips were perfectly executed.
This should be a little bit earlier.

I would suggest more widely publicizing the nightly activities in the dorms. Many people went off on their own instead of the planned trips. I would suggest capture the flag or glow in the dark tag or a dance party.

I liked Mall of America and State Fair.

The State Fair was really fun and I think that was the best part of Welcome Week.

It would be nice for it to be optional because late night activities exhaust you for the next day. Also, the Mall of America side trip was terrible because the busses were too full to take the whole group to the light rail station, so if we were all to go, we would have spent 20 minutes there and left. The only people who were able to go were those that pushed their way onto the first bus into downtown.

Mall of America was really fun... but we were all hungry and thirsty so maybe have some soda or something for next year

MOA was AWESOME!

Give students more time when things are actually open other than food and rides. There was no time to get a true sense of the State Fair.

Either space the trips/activities out more, possibly by adding another day to Welcome Week, or get rid of some of the less helpful/fun activities. There were too many events packed into too little time, and it was just tiring.

dont make it after the football game, rather it would be better to make it something during the day instead of all those meetings we had to attend

Movies, comedy shows with real comics, sports games.

N/A

The State Fair is a fun place to go, however, many of the kids I was with found the Midway to be boring. Maybe consider a trip to the fair during the day when more things are open for kids with other interests (the art buildings, animals, etc.)

none

They were great!!

I thought the entertainment was great and should be done in the future.

I think this day was too packed with activities. I didn't get back to campus from the game until 11 and by then it was too late to go to the fair. I think these two activities should have been on different nights.

The options that we had I thought was a good variety.

Food. Dance Party.

the late night trip was a bit much...we were way too tired to go to the State Fair.

The ones you had were really fun.

A lot of the entertainment was really late after a day of running around non-stop. A more low-key day would have helped me have more fun

Let commuters drive there so they can go home from there

give more options

FUNN!

don't make them late at 12 because us commuters will have a hard time going home especially commuters who don't drive and take buses.

I believe the evening entertainment and side trips that were required should have been optional because I could not attend many because there are no late buses that go to where I live.

Saturday was too long of a day and I had to be up too early the next day for a volunteer thing.

nothing at the moment.

By the time the side trips were offered, I was so tired of being scheduled I really just wanted to move into my dorm, and get myself organized.

I enjoyed the Mall of America. It was fun to go on the rides now that they've been changed.

the fair and Mall of America were great options. Providing more opportunities to explore the campus and Twin Cities would be fine also.

Dancing!

The Mall of America late night was amazing, and the only thing I truly enjoyed during Welcome Week besides Uptown.

Have them start a little earlier. Not so many activities during the day.

longer on the downtown one...i felt kinda rushed

I was really bummed I had to miss them... they all looked like a lot of fun!

the late night trip was fabulous

It all sounded like it was a lot of fun, and I wish I could have participated. The people I have talked to about it seemed to really enjoy themselves.
Additional time would have been fun, as well as a greater selection. Possibly a Twins game if they are in town. IKEA would be a fantastic place to go as a supplement to Target.

This stuff was pretty good.

night at the walker museum, valley fair, under water adventure, minneapolis institute of art.

It was cool.

Mall of America was a ton of fun but it was very late before we got there and almost everyone was falling asleep from the exhausting week with no rest.

IT was fun even better if i was able to invite a non-university student.

I thought the side trip options were great! I just personally wasn't feeling up to it

I think the options were well received by students and were well planned.

Make them optional

I feel like the whole week should have been like this day. I almost felt like I was obligated to go to all of the scheduled events each day. Saturday had a much better feeling, I got to know people on my own and I had a lot of fun.

Dirt track racing

They were amazing. I went on the kickball and that was a blast. I work at the State Fair and am there all the time but I still went and thought it was fun. I also heard that MOA was a blast as well!

They were pretty sweet this year. I don't really suggest changes.

marching practice

don't have everything go on so late

I was greatly disappointed that as a first year student going to my first football game, i was given a free seat in the nose bleed section out in the middle of nowhere all by myself. I thought that because welcome week was sponsoring the event that they would have given us tickets in one section as a freshmen so that we could watch the game to gather and meet new people there, but that was not the case.

Offer a few more than just 2.

Movie Night where there is a marathon of movies. Costume party. Ice cream social (with enough ice cream because there never seems to be enough for everyone)

The evening options should start earlier, or else less should be planned during the day. After the hectic day, all I wanted to do was go back to my room and relax.

Perfect

They were good ideas maybe just don't schedule so much stuff in one day. That was a really long day with almost no free time to just relax

Good side trips but the speakers were unnecessary.

don't make the class of 2013 suffer through welcome week

Make the side trips earlier.

None. The side trip options were good, I wish I could have gone to more.

Don't have the football game and the late night side trip on the same night so they'll actually have time to do both.

The evening and entertainment options were fine but we were so busy during the days that attending these optional activities wasn't very tempting because you left us exhausted.

My side trip to uptown was kinda boring... I wasn't all that entertained by just walking around. Maybe some more structured activity.

In the future a tour of the new stadium would have been a very interesting option.

they were good ones

more free food

don't make students participate on late night trips on the weekend, when they've been doing them all week.

Valleyfair!

Orgy.

The water park of america would be fun.

Actually fairly well-done, I must admit.

The State Fair wasn't all that fun because it was late at night, not during the day. I think going to the Mall of America would have been more fun. Also, just doing stuff on campus, especially that late at night, probably would have been best because I was so exhausted afterward.

This is unnecessary. There doesn't need to be evening entertainment or side trips. But if there are going to be some next year, make them optional.

movie screenings
The ones provided seemed to be good.

Valleyfair

I think there was a lot going on, constantly, for each day of Welcome Week, and there didn't need to be quite as much entertainment. Sometimes it's nice to have time to adjust and relax on your own, finishing putting your room together, and meet people outside of structured events.

I have no suggestions at this time.

late night movie showings

Stay in the dorm, do our own thing.

Make it mandatory to attend these activities. Also, possibly give students more of an idea what they should do in these places...many students had never been and had no idea of what to expect.

Give us a little more free time just to hang out in our dorms and get to know people. The first couple days were really tiring and it would have been nice to have more time to rest.

I enjoyed the trip to Uptown and spending the beautiful day at Lake Calhoun. As far as evening entertainment goes, a dance of some sort would be great fun and a good chance to meet others.

They were both good options

Maybe have more options, but I'm not sure what because I still don't know much about what there is.

late night movie? valleyfair?

They were definitely not long enough. The transportation to the mall was horrible. Some people didn't even get to go because the bus was too full and people were confused.

There was a large amount of stuff to choose from, so I have no suggestions other than maybe work a lunch into the side trips. Students are poor and have no money to buy lunch.

i liked the ones offered.

the day side trip to mall of america was a waste of time and money because I barely got enough time to actually shop and have fun. And our welcome week leaders were no where to be found when me and my friends had questions about when we were supposed to meet up.

A concert would be a lot of fun, or an outdoor movie in the quad. If you could get a comedian that would also be pretty fun.

Too many structured activities.

Keep Mall of America and State Fair as options in the future. They're fun.

Having some sort of small group night in which the small groups have a chance to compete and team up with other small groups to accomplish some goal, like a race or puzzle, would help develop stronger connections in small groups.

Some other side trip ideas could be going to the Minnesota zoo.

The best part of the week were the side trips, the night trip and the various mixers with other students that we did. All of the lectures by 'important' people and the information 'fairs' really weren't that beneficial. I greatly enjoyed my sidetrip and my time at the theme park. I met lots of new people, quite a few of whom I still talk to now and have become friends with. More of these activities should be planned!

Less structured entertainment. More open time and activities in the residence halls.

Mall was fun. Sadly not alot of people showed up.

LESS. You guys are freakin stupid at scheduling this stuff.

more time at the state fair or other events.

concerts?

Something on campus-like a movie or hypnotist-so that people that are tired can go to bed early.

Anything which people can get together, relaxing and have fun.

The evens this year were pretty goo.

The mall was great.

Twins Game, not not so late

The late night at the Mall of America seemed short coming directly from the football game. The side trips should include more of the activities people wanted to participate in and not just what was easiest and cheapest to dump a bunch of students elsewhere.

golfing

provide some free rides at the fair

Renaissance Festival Valley Fair

I personally would have liked to have more free time just to meet the people on my floor and get to know them because that's where I have the most of my memories from welcome week.

Mall of America was good, maybe make an earlier one
an earlier side trip to the fair probably would have been more entertaining. Upon arrival most, if not everything, was closing.

i got nothing

Perhaps a late night movie would have been fun too.

The options would have been fun if I wasn't so wiped out from the rest of the welcome week required activities.

The entertainment was probably fun, but by the end of the Welcome Week days I was completely worn out and just wanted to go home to sleep.

N/A

The side trip was a bit confusing, just being dropped off downtown. I think the football game and the trip to the Mall of America were really fun though.

The Gophers after dark was stupid because it was just a bunch of really long lines and the Saturday day trip to the Mall was not worth it because we had like 45 min in the mall.

I thought they were good side trips to pick.

The Mall of America theme park was awesome! We all had a lot of fun, and it made me feel like a kid again! I'm not sure on any other ideas. Maybe some sort of water park if the weather is nice? and Valley fair would be cool too!

The side trips and evening entertainment was a good time to be sure, but there really wasn't enough time for all the stuff we had scheduled.

Not to mention, mostly everyone was completely exhausted by the time we got to the evening stuff because we had to go pretty much from 8 in the morning straight through to dinner. I would suggest cutting some of the extra stuff and really is not necessary and all that useful.

This day was my favorite by far. It was so nice to be on my own with my friends and get away from campus. The week had already been way overwhelming and it was so nice to relax. More of the days during the week should be geared toward that.

It was so much fun!!

valleyfair

Please make the trips earlier, or have less to do the day of the side trips. By the time we were able to leave for the side trips everyone was exhausted and stayed in and slept,

I think that the activities for people to get to know one another (fun, comedy, etc.) are really great. It might be fun to take students to some popular area restaurants in small groups. Of course, marching band students don't get to partake in any of this anyway.

Mall of America was so much fun!

The ones available were very good!

I thought they were good, just way too much packed into one day.

Longer amount of time

ok

I do not understand this question

They are good... +

The side trip options were good. Evening Entertainment is tough,..., I would suggest: - A few can go to Brunswick or something close to it
- Go to a Movie Theater, like a Regal or a Mann
- Gameworks
- Have some kind of big party on campus if some people don't want to leave campus

science museum, Twins game,

Give more free time and less running back and forth between workshop stations.

A bonfire outside with group interactions would be really great.

The side trips were probably one of the best parts of welcome week. The late night to MOA was fantastic, just wish we could have had more time there.

Guthrie Theater and other local theaters

I had a great time at the State Fair, but while I was there, I realized that I was spending way more money than I would have been at the Mall of America. Also, the fair closed earlier than I expected.

At the football game, let us into the student section.

You might want to include options for people who did attend the events but did not enjoy it.

I think the state fair would have been a better choice.

Mall of America and State Fair both seemed like great evening entertainment.

I think the late night side trips were good and fun but I think maybe should have started a little earlier because at the state fair many of the booths and things were closing by the time we arrived.

The side trip was too long.

It was awesome.
I think the side trips available were great; it would be cool to attend a movie that was coming out that weekend, or something like that. Don't make us do 50 billion other activities beforehand. This way, students actually have the energy to do fun things later on.

less to do during the week because the side trip would have been fun!

Grand Slam

It would have been nice to be able to get to the State Fair a little earlier, because by the time our busses arrived many of the venues were already closed, or closing.

The evening entertainment activities were a blast! The only problem was that we were all so tired from the days' activities. Please try to make the welcome week activities during the day not so overwhelming.

I thought they were fun

Let people choose during welcome week instead of before.

The state fair is the best choice for a side trip. The mall of america would be cool if the entire mall was still open.

None

I think the ones provided were perfect!

I don't have anyone, I was just too tired to go.

I would have loved to go to the football game, but did not attend the Fun Zone event where tickets were distributed. The tickets should have gone to the welcome week leaders for distribution. I would have attended more events if Welcome Week wasn't so long.

Valley Fair?

Movie Theater, First Avenue

The U actually covered them pretty well... maybe something on Grand Avenue in St. Paul?

More time at state fair

I really liked being able to do what we wanted on the side trips. Nothing was really scheduled for us, which gave us an opportunity to explore on our own.

You could provide more side trips that brought people to downtown once again because being from a small town it's amazing what the city has to offer.

More optional things please. You were really tiring us out with the constant activity. I felt wiped everyday and it made it hard to put on a happy face. Push people to their limit and some of them are gonna push back. I know some people who just didn't attend because they were too tired.

State Fair was fun

Those were great ideas.

it could little longer

Mall of America ruled

Give less fun things to do during the day, or just less things to do, so they look more appealing.

I thought these 2 options were really good. I really enjoyed the trip to the Mall of America - more than I thought I would!

I think both of those were great ideas... maybe a twins game.

Downtown Activities/Minneapolis Late Night Scene

More of them.

A more detailed map for the side-trips

Football

I thought this was a lot of fun and I met more people here than in small groups, other events... etc. gave us a chance to relax and not be bombarded with information.

This was really fun!

nothing it was so fun!
More Inner events inside MOA

i enjoyed the side trip day and wouldn't change anything about it.

I like kitties......meow.

I underestimated the Nickelodeon thing in the Mall Of America. I assumed they were kiddy rides but, most of them weren't and I enjoyed myself.

More time for side trip options.

Concerts

The ones provided were great

none.

One option should be to do nothing and just relax in your room. I was so tired that it was really hard to wake up in the mornings.

I loved the trip to MOA. It was probably one of my favorite parts of welcome week. My only suggestion would be to do it earlier or don't have as much going on during the day before. A lot of people were too drained by the day's activities to even go.

Water Park of America??

Valleyfair

Hanging out at the various restaurants along Washinton Ave in the evening to mingle with peers.

I really liked it, i wouldn't change anything.

I liked the options that were offered. I am not from Minnesota so I'm not aware of other activities in the area.

Very happy with the current selections.

State fair was cool, but I think you should provide some ride tickets so those that go to the fair can actually do something.... make the fair an event that starts earlier in the day, because by 9-10pm all the exhibits start to close

Going on the side trips was definately fun and i would continue that next year. getting to know another part of the twin cities was great because it's one more little thing you know about especially if you are coming to school from far away and know nothing about the cities.

I thought they were both good.

Movies.

how about letting kids get to know eachother on their own without forcing them to a mandatory event.

Downtown/Uptown

I was in marching band.

longer side-trips

Mall was a perfect choice!

strip club

I thought that these were the best options possible and i really liked them!! Great idea!!

It's awesome! Perfect!

More time at the State Fair earlier in the day would be wonderful.

Gopher after dark was fun

Valleyfair

I don't think that the side trips and all the events should sound so mandatory, otherwise i probably would have went.

Gameworks

Make them feel a little less forced maybe?

The two you had were great!

have less insane days so we still have the will to move at the end of them

Maybe going like downtown or something and checking out the scene.

Your goals of getting students to interact with others and being fun and relaxing should be the prime focus of any idea that relates to alternative side trips. I would look into a drug and alcohol free party at houses around campus.

I thought the ideas were really good. I totally would've attended if I wasn't incredibly tired from all of the other activities throughout the week.

The club.

Mall of America was best part of the whole welcome week.
Casino
it was lots of fun
none
they were alright- but u should provide food
I thought they were good options for more local locations.

After hearing everyone's opinions, the football game was the highlight of their welcome week. I would have to agree. This event made me feel that I was an actual college student and not just a freshman outsider. The event let me have some freedom to spend time with my friends and new people. I could get on the shuttle when I wanted to and it wasn't "mandatory" to go to like everything else. It was fun to actually experience the spirit of the school rather than talking about it in small groups.

The side trip was great at the mall of America. There were a lot of people though so possibly get more trips to other locations to reduce the crowd.

You guys had good options for side trips, I thought it was fine.

the directions on how to get to and from the mall were a bit iffy... some of us just had to figure it out on our own which could have been disastrous if not for another group member's prior knowledge of the system

Valleyfair
mall of america was very enjoyable
The mall of america was really fun.
Everything was perfect, especially the hypnotist. One thing that would have been fun for a late night activity, was Midnight Ultimate Frisbee.
Renting Mall of America was a great idea and should be done again if possible for next year incoming freshmen. State fair is kind of iffy still, since you still had to pay to get on the rides, which is "bogus" in my opinion. As of other ideas, i would propose perhaps valley fair? I don't think so though, probably too expensive. =P

MORE SIDE TRIPS
gof
Overall, the entertainment and side trips were good. It would be better, however, if students had enough energy to attend evening events because lack of energy was one of the reasons why students didn't go on them.
make it early.
Give us more time to spend at the State fair--preferably earlier in the evening.

Make everything optional so that people can take incentive to go to meetings. If the day weren't so structured, I would have been more willing to attend more.

A dance... a real dance... with lights OFF. comedian? and with the field house Most people didn't even get food, candy, or drinks because they were all gone half way through the line... i think interacting one night with our ENTIRE dorm community would be nice... i knew like very few people around me... and had no idea who my CA was.

Maybe have a bus leave earlier for those who dont attend the game.

The state fair was a lot of fun and so was the side trip. It would be more fun to be able to attend more than one side trip and have a longer time on the trips to explore more.

Go out and do whatever around the U.
i liked all the evening activities.

I really liked the MOA. It was a really good idea.

The MOA trip was awesome!
Host a concert or have the football game earlier in the day so the current evening entertainment could be enjoyed for a longer period of time.

More chill stuff, because they keep you going and going all day that by the time it gets to late night, I didn't have the energy for the side trips

Maybe give the Freshman seats in the Student Section. That way, the students will feel even more connected to the football team and want to buy season tickets. After sitting all the way up in the "nose-bleeds" I did not want to buy season tickets.

Strippers
The side trips were nice
perhaps a local play as an option.

concerts
Don't jam pack them. We hardly got enough time to sleep, because we had to wake up early. I chose to go to MOA, which was a lot of walking... then the game... and after the game I was way too tired to go to the late night trip... which I actually wanted to go to.

State Fair was a great idea, but I wish we would have had more time to explore the Fair, not just a couple of hours.

This was one of the funnest nights... it was a bit much going right after the game, but i enjoyed the trip because it was a change from all the other day long activities that were not entertaining.
A trip to St. Paul? There's the science museum and the omnidome.
I DID NOT ATTEND.
Don't make welcome week a requirement and have everything, including evening entertainment be a choice and optional.
Science Museum of Minnesota
could not do everything that I wanted so maybe have a day for students to do the things they wanted but could not do
concerts with free smoothies and food
The days were always packed with us just sitting and listening to people. Maybe put some side trips in during the day so us non-night people can actually enjoy them without the risk of falling asleep where we stand.
Don't have a late night side trip after that many activities and having to get up that early. I would have loved to go to the fair but I was so tired I almost fell asleep on the bus to the football game. That week was far too packed with activities to enjoy them.
I enjoyed what was provided.
Evening entertainment and side trips were very fun, it allowed for us to do things on our own finally.
I loved being able to go to the state fair. It was so much fun. The only bad thing was that it was so late and most of it had closed down.
I didn't attend the downtown excursion, but it sounded really fun, and I wish I could have joined. Maybe a tour of fun hang out places near campus would be nice.
MOA, Nicolett Mall, music venues downtown
They were great!
coupons for students or maps of the fairgrounds!
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i really enjoyed it, - the bus system worked out really nicely.
Perhaps the late night side trips could be moved to Friday night. There was not a whole lot to do after 5pm on Friday, and I feel that between 5-9pm would have been enough time to relax and rest before the trips, rather than getting done with the football game at 9:30pm and going straight to one of these trips. I love the idea, but feel the date could be changed to improve the experience.
They would have been more fun if we weren't all so exhausted from getting up so early every morning.
The side-trip to the Mall of America was awful. We didn't even get to the mall till 11:45 and then we were told we had to leave at 12:45. I hadn't had any time to get various things I needed for school and then when we finally have free time we could only stay for an hour. It was very disorganized and I was disappointed.
The state fair could've been a side trip as well as an evening trip.
Were the best part of the whole week.
they are way too late
I liked the options this year
They were fun and allowed me to see different options offered in the twin cities.
Having a large lawn or area designated for just sitting around, playing frisbee, or doing whatever one wanted to. Probably not the best evening entertainment, but that would be a nice relaxation time for everyone.
If something awesome and exceptionally cool like reserving the Nickelodeon Universe, then UMN-Twin Cities should be the name for, "Best Welcome Week in the Nation".
It was a blast!!
Don't send people to the fair when the fair is shutting down. Don't plan any activities that are after a football game!
Do not make them mandatory. It is far less enjoyable that way.
Even though the MOA was fun, it would have been nice to just have the night to do whatever I wanted. Maybe next year you should allow people to just have free time that night.
Valleyfair, downtown for night life.
Mall of America was awesome.
Don't plan BIG events like the State Fair after a full day of things already... like the side trip, the football game and then the state fair... too much in one day. At least let there be some down time for people to rest before something like that.
Have the busses run until 11:30.
movie theatre, comedy club
get volleyball and flag football games going, all the side trips are good, can't think of anything to add to them
Mall of America side trip was the best part of my week. I thought it was absolutely fantastic and I don't know of anyone who went who didn't have a great time.
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Both events were a lot of fun. I have no further suggestions.

All the evening entertainment were amazing, and we could really see the effort put into it. however it was impossible to enjoy ourselves when we were completely tired out from the days activities. Waking up by 7 and staying up till 1 everyday for a week was tough. And i was a commuter, and i hated that we were seperate from the residence, because most of the time all the commuters would leave before the night activities. So i really didn't get to meet anybody.

Go STATE FAIR
water park of america
The Football Game / Mall of America were awesome! At the organization have maybe have more organizations, it seemed like all frats.
N/A
a nightclub
Everything here was done well.
Just a social hour for us to interact!
It was kind of pointless to be dropped off at the Fair and then be expected to pay for rides, but only allowed an hour and a half.
Movie night!
There was too much crammed into one day and by 9 pm I didn't want to do anything else!

sports
arrival and departer times closer together and earlier.
fun side trips! hi.
theater shows.
Have an option to go to one of the clubs in the city
no suggestions recommended.

More options, so there is less standing around, would have been nice.
I really enjoyed the Nickolodeon Universe side trip because I haven't been to it since it became Nick Universe.
I did not attend much of the evening entertainment because my option as a commuter made it difficult for me and for my side trip, my out of campus side trip was canceled and I was sent to U Topia, which i chose not to attend.
Like I've said, it was hard to go to them when we got back at 10:30, had to wake up at 7ish-especially when we had activeties ALL day. I would have like to have the activities spread out. Have a few hours of planned activities and a few hours of free-time. There was too much stuff- information, activities, ice-breaker games- shoved into each day.
I don't know the area well enough to make suggestions, but the mall of america was pretty fun, albeit very crowded
2 good choices already.
I didn't attend the downtown side trip because I am from minneapolis and I live 4 min from downtown so I didn't feel the need to go downtown. Also going downtown on a saturday morning is a bad idea because there isn't anything to do.
The ones provided were good.
They should be more optional and not as mandatory.
concert or something
OPTIONAL PLEASE
Make sure you provide information on busing.
Mall of America was incredible! I wish I could go back and do it again!
the mall of america was really fun..do it again
The evening entertainment was the only good thing about welcome week. It gave us the opportunity to get to know each other on our own time, not being forced to do so with some ice breaker. It was also fun because we could do age-appropriate things and do things when we wanted to and not be so over-scheduled for once. I think that the things the U offered for evening entertainment were very good. I liked all that I saw.
I would say that everything went well. maybe though you should have more people directing where you are supposed to go to catch the bus to go to these events from lots of places around the U. I was coming from Coffman and I had no idea where I was supposed to go, so I had to follow some people and luckily I got there ok.
so exciting!!!
Extended hours. Valleyfair. ComedySportz.
The "Ghost Tours" that were provided at orientation.
I thought that there were plenty of choices to pick one that was just right. Especially on the side trip day.

Music! And nothing that goes past midnight...because kids don't want to be waiting for a bus at the Mall of America at 1 am after a full day and football game. I wish I wouldn't have gone to MOA because it was pointless and extremely late at night.

It was fun but it would have been more enjoyable if I hadn't already been so worn out from that day/the rest of the week.

Residence Hall events

don't make us wake up so early if we are going to be out so late...and plan better

The mall trip was good.

Going to a Twins game.

I think what we got was good.

no comment

Most people I talked to said they liked their side trips, so I wouldn't change much.

Don't have all the big events all packed into one day because it gets really tiring. The MOA should have been scheduled a different day than the football game.

The side trips were sweet.

I think there should be more time for socializing or resting as opposed to required entertainment/side trips.

Shouldn't go to the state fair next year...just full of overly drunk people and way too expensive rides

I loved the Mall of America!!!

I say keep 'em!!

The ones we did were fine.

I didn't understand why the students who went to the Mall of America got to go on the rides for free while the students who went to the State Fair didn't receive free ride passes. Maybe in the years to come rides can be included in both activities.

It was unfair that the Mall of America got free rides when the State Fair didn't; I thought we would be able to go on some rides in the midway. Also, the State Fair was hardly worth it because almost everything was closed anyways.

none all that I attended were alot of fun and gave me a chance to meet alot of new people

I really liked the MOA, and don't know many other places around here as I am OOS.

I thought the two choices were appropriate - it would be nice if the State Fair side trip also included some tickets for the Midway/games. I know a lot of my friends would have appreciated that, especially since admission to all of Nickelodean Studios was paid for.

I really enjoyed our side trip to Nicollet Mall and I would recommend it for upcoming Freshmans.

Provide more time for them otherwise I just feel like sleeping after the long day.

A lot of students, including myself were under the impression that the state fair was also free, so it was a huge disappointment when we got there.

The choice between the state fair and nickelodian universe was great! both really fun choices!

They were good options for side trips.

It was so fun and I eat alot. I went on the rides and almost throw up ahaahhaha. It was great though.

Sushi bar in downtown Minneapolis

I would have LOVED to go to mall of america at night, but I was so tired from the day. I really think fun things like the football game, the side trip, and mall of america/the state fair should have been integrated throughout the week instead of ONE day. Those activities were the most fun and you had it all on one day, which was super tiring.

More opportunities to discover the Twin Cities (i.e. taking buses to learn the commuter system in the TC).

The side trips and service project time were the best overall experiences.

Large group games such as versions of tag, capture the flag, races, or other competitions

Make them earlier in the day because it was tons of fun, but I was exhausted after being programed all day long.

I don't know.

A comedy show that is longer than 30 minutes would be nice.

they were fun, but the days were getting really long!

I interacted with other freshmen. It was nice to get off campus.

none, both were good trips
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nothing! just let people hang out...everyone was so tired from the festivities earlier in the week that i cant imagine anyone really wanted to
stay up that late!

Don't make the options go so late! we never had enough time to sleep!

have all the students sit together at the game- that would have made it much more fun.

less give more free time

These were good options

You should have made it clear while we were signing up that going to the Mall of America did not actually entail shopping at the Mall of
America.

Don't make them so late.

state fair always rocks. every year.

we were only given about an hour in the mall of America which wasn't very much time

More diverse, minor options, instead of 2 major options both focused on rides.

state fair was way too late, everything was closed and there was nothing to do

More movies! a movie night! that would be fun. also, make sure students KNOW that only getting into the fair is free, but they should bring
money for anything inside that they want to do. I was under the impression it was free.

It was good.

The Mall of America was probably the best fun I had all week. It gave me the opportunity to meet people AND get to know them.

Not so late, more time for fun with classmates rather than planned events

Try to understand that we students cannot physically do all that was planned for that Saturday. I (and most of the people I knew) skipped at
least one of the three events during the day for lack of energy to do it all.

shorten welcome week!!!

those were good side trips and I heard from those who attended that they were fun but we did not have enough down time or even enough
time to get the full amount of sleep (I always sleep for 8 hours) and so we needed a little more time to ourselves

Off a "Don't go anywhere option."

Mall of America was awesome!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I thought the options were good, but it would be better if these were more optional. There were so many things going on during Welcome
Week that I was personally exhausted, and I know many of my friends were as well. A lot of us needed some time to take breaks and sleep. I
also wanted to relax in my room, get to know my roommate, and meet people on my floor. I spent considerable time during the week meeting
new people, however, I might never see these people again during the next 4 years. It would have been better to have time to meet people on
my floor, in my major, etc so that I am meeting people I will actually see again.

Let commuters opt out. Especially the ones that live here and don't need to explore the Twin Cities area.

there was confusion about the cost of rides at the state fair. many students thought the rides were going to be free, but upon reaching the
state fair we quickly learned that we were responsible for paying for all activities at the fair. the cost of rides should have been made
available before registering for either moa or the state fair.

provide tickets to midway.

I thought the side trip was pretty fun. I was just really surprised that all the Welcome Leaders on the ride back directed the bus driver to drop
them all off first at Sanford. After that all the rest of us freshmen were left alone to help direct the bus driver around to our campus. I thought
that was so irresponsible of them to leave like that.

It was nice enough where I still wanted to go to a lake of some sort or be out in water so something with water? I don't know if there's lakes
you could easily go to.

Overall, the evening entertainment was enjoyable. I have to say the University did a good job with that. The side trips had a few options which
I deemed appealing, but due to me not being able to sign up for events until later due to a glitch in the website, I was not able to sign up for
any of those choices. That being the case, I decided not to attend the event I was forced to sign up for because it was not interesting to me.

I would suggest making the daytime side trips optional. For people who have lived in the Twin Cities all of their lives, none of the side trips
seemed that interesting. Another option would be to let those who did not want to attend a daytime side trip to stay on campus and
explore/meet new people. None of the freshmen knew that you couldn't bring the back packs, which we were given during welcome week,
into the football game. In the future, it would be nice if the welcome week leaders could let us know this information ahead of time, because a
lot of people had to check their backpacks, and this was really unorganized. I was given the wrong backpack because they gave out my
number to two different people.

The state fair was very lame, everything was closed and there wasnt a ton to do at night except watch all the drunken people make fools of
themselves. Someone i had met earlier that day had never been to the state fair so i was excited to show him around the fair, but it turned out
to be a bad first impression, and the busses were very confusing he dropped us off at one place and we had to get picked up in another
spot. I like the side trip to nicollet mall, it gave me a sense of whats down there and it was cool to finally participate in something that i could
control, instead of having someone lead me down this street, it was the first feeling of independence, it was nice.

Dance party!

Side trip to the science museum would be fun. A great evening entertainment option could be guitar hero tournaments.
For the day side trip, I went downtown. I think in the future you should give students a list of places to eat or hangout, or other things that are downtown. I felt like they just gave us a map and let us go. But, we didn’t know where to go to or what was down there. I don’t think it should be an actual tour though, just suggestions. I love going to MOA after hours! I thought it was awesome! I don’t have any suggestions for other evening entertainment.

More people for rock climbing/radio K&minnesota daily tour!!!! Everything else was super-lame and I had no interest in them whatsoever.

I think the options were fine, but I was not able to enjoy them because of the long week we already had.

The side trip was fun, however, my friends and I were so tired from all the welcome week activities that upon arriving at Calhoun Square, we walked a couple blocks, found a coffee shop, and spent most of the time just sitting and relaxing.

I really enjoyed the options we had for the day trips. I wish I could’ve gone to more than one.

A movie at the block e downtown mpls

State fair was fun

Definitely offer the ‘Hidden Treasures at the U’ again. It was mind-blowing. Everyone I told about it was envious that they had chosen to go to a different side trip.

The only thing that was difficult was the fact that the events were so late at night that I was absolutely exhausted by the time they came around.

Please let us get home, not to mention SLEEP, BEFORE 11:00, especially if we have to wake up at 6:30 to shower and get breakfast before the small group meetings. Otherwise, shuttles going to and from UV and other far away dorms would be good; its not that safe to walk at night.

Fun.

be able to go home early

They were great.

Have the football seats by the student section cause there is a big difference sitting next to all the rest of the U of M students and would make a lot more kids want to go to more games in the future. Everyone was too spread out and not by the band or other season ticket holders and upper classmen who really get into the game and make it more fun.

Tell more about what you will be doing for the trips

Twins game?

More time in between scheduled activities (more at State Fair too) for bonding and social activities... also more social group activities and

I don’t know

I think the options were good, but the schedule was too full to have enough energy to enjoy them.

don’t try to make us do too much

skinny dipping in lake calhoun.

Capture the Flag or other night games, campus wide.

The side trip to the Twin Cities should have a guided tour option. Those people who want to wander may do so, but those who want to get to know the area better should be allowed to participate in a guided walking tour. The tour should show the location of certain landmarks and provide information about the transit system. I was extremely disappointed when we were dropped off in downtown since me and my companions had no idea where to go or where anything was.

less time consuming

make it a requirement so everyone has to go

none

I really enjoyed the Mall of America side trip and I went to the library side trip as well. It was enjoyable and interesting to see. I don’t really know what all the other side trips were but they all seemed like they would be enjoyable to go on.

Lake Calhoun would be a good place to go! pending on weather.

Make them optional. I’m not sure if they were this year but I was so tired I was dreading trips that could have been a lot of fun. The late night trips along with early morning meetings made it difficult to get a healthy amount of sleep.

Bring in a well-known band. Such as atmosphere who would play for free and are local. Many people would go to that.

After all the activities of the week, it may have been nice to just go see a movie in the coffman theater. By this point I know many people were exhausted.

Music Venues.

Shows and movies on campus are nice, and for those students who are tired after a long day of WW, it gives them the opportunity to participate in quiet events that are close by.
Honestly, my goal for each day of welcome week was to survive the “mandatory” parts. By the time those were done, I was just bloody exhausted and had no desire to engage in any further “fun”.

State fair and MOA are good choices.

Let us stay at MOA longer. It was a ton of fun! I met up with people from my welcome week group and we all had a great time.

Mall of America was so much fun!!! I would definately recommend it to other first year students!

Don’t make the days so long. Let us sleep in.

It would have been nice to spend more time at the State Fair. We only had an hour and a half to explore a huge facility.

Make them earlier so you can bond with dorm mates at night.

twins game

Keep them the same, they are fun!

I didn’t attend.

The side trip idea is good, but just not for me. By that time, I had already made friends (outside of the welcome week activities), and we were off having fun in our own ways. We didn’t have all of the structure.

make it earlier

It would have been better if it was shorter.

These are good

I thought the two options provided for evening were good choices- as were the day trip options

organized games like flag football, capture the flag, etc.

the hypnotist was good so you could do that again

The trip started too late at night.

These were excellent choices I think. Personally, I can’t think of anywhere else that would have been more fun in that time frame.

There was no problem with the options, the days were just too long.

I thought this day was great! It helped me to feel a lot more comfortable with the Minneapolis area.

They were pretty good, The mall was really fun especially. Good that you were able to come and go as you please

Night Clubs!!

I really liked the state fair i was just really tired after the whole day i think a half a day should be commited to this side trip

Lots of video games

MOA amazing, do it again for sophomores next year

go to Comedy Sportz or eat at Chino Latino in Uptown

Please offer an earlier option next year because many students did not want to ‘give up’ their entire night with this trip.

Block E or the Nicollet Mall.

We weren’t given enough time for the side trips. The bus ride to the Mall of America was 2 hours, so we wouldn’t have had time to even look around. So we stayed longer than we were actually supposed to.

Allow the side trips to run more than 3 hours, by the time we got there we had 2 hours at the zoo which is hardly enough and we always felt rushed. Sometimes just letting people hang at their dorms and relax would be good, we were all so tired at the end and didn’t really get to know our roommates or neighbors. Some people didn’t even get to finish unpacking until welcome week was over.

None.

The football game was good. I think welcome week should have more comfort things, because being herded around like cattle actually made me hate this place at first. You should add more free relaxation things like the football game.

Bicycle racing, Northeast Minneapolis. Cooking!

Always do the State Fair, it’s a such a great event, out of state kids should have the opportunity to check it out.

By the time we got to the Football Game/Side trips, we were already tired from the entire week from 8:30 to 1:00 AM (for some people).

There was too much to do to actually “enjoy” the side trip to the fullest extent.

The football game was fun, however it was really unfortunate that we were not able to sit near the student section. Having seats across the stadium made me feel separate from the school, not closer.

More time

This part was a lot of fun and gave us a great way to relax after such a long week.
The Capitol! Though that may be a bit far from campus.

I attended the Downtown Minneapolis side trip and I really liked exploring the city.

End welcome week.

Sleeping?

did not attend.

the side trips were fun, but it was sort of hard to find people you wanted to go with. Our welcome week groups were pretty much divided up so we couldn't really find eachother and go as a group. We had to try to find a few people we knew to go with, or we just went by ourselves.

If there was less going on the other days people wouldn't skip the side trips to relax. Try to get some of the stores in MoA to stay open.

I think there was too much going on at once. It was hard to be going all the time. I think though that the side trips were fun, and more relaxing. It helped with the stressful information being thrown at us.

Dance party!

Make them completely optional.

I suggest you let the students do what they want and not treat them like they are still in high school.

MOA was kind of a waste of time.

Everything was perfect in my opinion.

it was awesome

ValleyFair

N/A

The Comedy Sportz show was hilarious. I really dont have any ideas. They had really great stuff. It was all good.

no idea; I am new to the area

I don't have any ideas for other trips but I would suggest using them to break up the long week, instead of piling them all into one day.

I loved Mall of America and the fun zone was pretty good. I would hav gone to the Gopher game too, but I was too tired. I would have loved to participate in more than one of the side trips on Saturday.

I think it was good I don't really know of any places around here so I don't know where else to go for a side trip.

no suggestions. good ideas

it seemed to be a little late for us to go to the fair, most of the vendors were shut down or shutting down and there wasn't much to do other than buy food.

On one of the buses on the way back from the mall, all of the welcome week leaders on that bus left on the first stop and left the bus driver, who was not sure where to go, depending on students for directions to get to each dorm. I think that in future years, the leaders should be last to get dropped off so that the students and the bus driver are not left in the dark.

I really liked the Mall of America

Remind people to bring cash beforehand...

Please don't pack so much into one day like this year.

Have more of them spread out throughout the week rather than clumped into one evening.

It was crazy, but fun also.

The explore U was okay. Kind of boring, a waste of paper for all the flyers that were not looked at. Gophers after Dark was way too chaotic.

Nobody could do anything in Coffman due to extreme lines and the amount of people. There should of been more activities and entertainment, especially since 6,000 + people cannot bowl or fit in the theater. The movie sucked, should of picked a better one. The line for the football tickets were way too long, so I didn't bother waiting. Mall of America was fun. I wished ALL THE RIDES were OPEN!

I would have loved to go to the MOA, but I was ill.

Let people drive there themself

If there is evening entertainment and side trips, it should not be expected of students to be up and ready at 8 the next morning.

An interesting evening entertainment option could be a dance.

Twins Game.

The evening entertainment were always fun and the side trips were very fun. It was nice to be able to get out on your own and not have to worry about following your group. It was also nice to be able to discover things on our own without having to be guided all the time as we were the first two days.

Schedule less walking to and from events on the day of the late-night side trips.

The side trips should not be done in the night. We already had events planned from the morning until night. To extend the days, especially when we had to get up early the next day, was not a good idea. My suggestion: make it an afternoon event or don't do it at all.
The side trip was a lot of fun!

Going to the Mall of America was a blast! The lines were short and I had a great time with my new friends. I would highly recommend repeating the Mall of America trip next year!

The Mall of America and the games at Walter Library were both fun!

I would've preferred more flexibility in when we had to choose our side trips. I had a good time on my side trip, but only because I happened to run into someone from my Welcome Week group - otherwise, I didn't know anyone there and it wasn't a great opportunity for meeting people. I skipped the late night side trip because I felt like the morning side trip, Explore-U, and the football game were enough for one day.

Require longer and more vigorous hours for next year’s students.

Don't make them so late at night! We had to wake up at 7 every day and by 10 we were all ready for bed!

It fostered my institutional pride and respect. I've lived in the Cities my entire life, so another trip to the Mall or State Fair wasn't interesting.

And the 'exploring the city' section wasn't to great either. I would have liked to have a chance to go to my classes, look at the rooms and learn routes for getting there.

I loved it!

We should all go to Nicollet Mall at night and discover the downtown life.

The side trip was alright, but maybe a little long. I went to Loring park. I was unprepared NOT to get breakfast that morning. The time for the side trip was during lunch. Thus, I DIDN'T EAT UNTIL THREE O'CLOCK!!!!! Plus, they simply dropped us off. We were in a park for 3 hours with hardly a thing to do. Luckily, I met a few friendly people to hang out with the entire time. Nick Universe was fun!

Food should be provided because people didn't get to eat lunch.

Science museum.

Late night movie at a cinema, roller skating

Do not require them, and have them earlier in the day, not until 2 am and then have the students back on campus by 8 or 9 am the next day.

Twins game, Valleyfair, along with other entertainment options.

Don't have them be mandatory, but provide incentives for the students to attend.

The events and side trips seemed fun but maybe next time they could be earlier.

The mall was good but I heard the state fair was not so great.

Gophers after dark sounds like it would be fun for evening entertainment (never been), and comedy sports or brave new workshop would be fun for a side trip... maybe having something similar to funk at the fred would be a fun evening activity too.

The side trips were excellent but we were all so tired that each side trip seemed to keep coming and going, and we would get more and more tired as the day went on.

Allow students more free time at night to explore Dinkytown and the rest of campus.

That's too tired after several days of welcome week events~

Make everything optional because people went because they had to not because they wanted to.

Valleyfair!!

An outdoor concert in the back of Coffman.

I think the events that were planed were good. I Enjoyed the ones I could attend.

Nickelodeon Universe was great! It was really awesome to be able to go on all the rides, and it was nice because the lines were very short so we didn't have to wait long at all. The only problem was that we couldn't leave before 11:45pm and my group and I were all tired by like 11 and had to sit around until a bus came.

Could you provide for more school buses?

It would be nice if there were some more sport events.

Mandatory side trips are a bad idea. It was too much planned mandatory social events.

One suggestion for evening entertainment or side trip options would be to offer them on a day that wasn't so busy already, so that students would not be so tired, or at least offer them earlier in the night (preferably not on the same night as the football game).

It was fun, just really late.

Maybe not have things go so late.

They were both good choices.

I liked them the way they were.
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"Other" Answers

Stressed me out and made me too exhausted by the time classes began.
Was not what I had hoped.
Was silly because the people organizing it did not want to be there, and the bus driver drove away from us twice.
was long and did not make me feel like i was really making a difference.
was not organized very well
Not fun
Had good info but was extremely boring
not very involving, did not offer a whole lot of anything
no comment
was boring
wasn't that great
was not what I expected.
I was sick; I wish I could have attended! It was one event that was very meaningful!
took time out of my day to not do a hole lot at the service location, because a group had been there that morning before my group
I enjoyed the movie
I attended and hated it.
Planned bad and orchestrated worse
Provided information about volunteer opportunities.
This was the best part of the week.
Has potential...
Simply fed up common sense information and was mostly a waste of time.
was not effective
Was poorly organized. They did not have any projects for us to do. The bus was an hour late picking us up.
was not effective
Did not give me any information.

helped me find a potential job! :)
I have experienced similar things to the Darfur Symposium before
I actually enjoyed this one.
i didn't know what to do, and i was lost the whole time and there was nothing to do.
showed me how to work at goodwill
Had poor transportation to and from location
Was not as impressive as I thought it would be.
was quite un-nessisary
We were accidently sent to the wrong place so we didn't get to do our service project
Did not seem like great volunteering
Overslept...
Made me want to fall asleep
The session I attended did not really teach me anything new. Try to make these sessions for challenging and knowledgeable.
could have been more interesting
It was boring and pointless
was tiring after a long week of sessions. and was way too early in the morning
This experience was ridiculous and nobody even participated in it.
it was fun.
was too long!
I was diappointed that there wasn't any hands-on activities
Very fascinating and life-changing.
didn't really inspire me in any way
We didn't do anything much. I was disappointed.
I wish we had the opportunity to ACT more, instead of just a sedentary informational format.
was interesting...
Allowed us to explore the AMAZING box seats in Mariucci!
was kind of boring, at this point in welcome week, thing had drawn on for too long. We needed a break on this day.
i did not like it; i think we needed more time to be free as well
Wasn't what I would have liked it to be.
i did not enjoy this
I was exempted
Was boring
gave me a Target dog!
Was pointless. I am already a responsible citizen.
It was boring
was useless... there were not that many things to do.
Made me aware of the community engagement scholar program
pointless
I thought this was boring and I gained nothing from it.
was boring
rather boring
very informative and well done
Overstimulating.
was sad
it was alright, i wish i had more info from the group i was apart of.
was not enjoyable
i was frustrated with miscommunication errors, resulting in my group just going back to our dorms.
I thought this was one of the best parts of Welcome Week
gave me a chance to sign up to vote
had nothing to do with getting to the campus which was what we all needed
Was a forced volunteer experience, therefore did not feel very rewarding.
i felt was a waste of my time, it should have been more helping the community.
ridiculous and boring as they weren't ready or expecting us.
seemed pretty much worthless
did not enjoy this my section was weird.
Was a waste of time.
Get a better feel of the campus and felt more confident about finding my classes on the first day of class.
I didn't learn much at my session.
should have been better organized
lame and pointless
BORING!!!!!!
i went home
ok
I wish that there were more and a larger variety of clubs there
wasted yet more of my time.
I was really not intrasted wanted welcome week to be over
Not very interesting
I didn't learn anything knew, and I feel like I did not give back in any way. In my opinion, this was the worst activity of welcome week. I thought we would be contributing back to the community, not listening to a lecture.
it was boring and useless
was boring and felt like it was just a big attempt at advertising
was unhelpful
was not fun and relaxing
kinda boring
i was really confused at what the point was
I was underwhelmed by this experience
was somewhat stressful and exhausting
I could not find my group that day
Was horribly drawn out and overdone
Extremely Eye-Opening
I couldnt hear what our presentors were saying. The two sessions I attended did not give me the information I was looking for either.
made me sad that people have to live through stuff like that.
very busy and didnt get much out of it
made me wish I had chosen another option
allowed me to do something different
Was boring and I thought we were going to do community service.
Was really low key
It was OK. By then, I just wanted welcome week to be over with.
I really did not understand the point of this day. I don't think that I took anything away from it.

Please describe your service-related experience:

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It was very interesting learning about Darfur and what I can do today to help out.
It made me greatful that I had an opprotunity and was able to do something for a good cause. Arc's Value Village is an awsome program. I give them their props for helpin change the lives of disable children and adults, and making them feel their value and worth in this world as an individual. The presentation, again, made me feel greatful and want to reach out my hand and help.

After being terribly inconvenienced on Saturday by the program, I did not return on Sunday.

I made blankets at Hillel. I enjoyed the service project a lot and it was also informational.

The sessions never got off the ground. While the bazaar in the stadium was interesting, the sessions were pointless and meaningless.

I really enjoyed the U-topia event. It was very informative and interesting.

The information was very vague in this section.

I've volunteered at the Regions Hospital and the Salvation army before so I've had a lot of experience with organizing coats for the less forunate and doing things to improve my community.
My service project (working at a teen center) was canceled.

I thought it was a really nice idea to make cards for the children's hospital.

I helped out at GLBTA. The project was not strenuous. I didn't have an extremely fun time but I didn't mind helping with the service project.

I got to sit in yet another lecture.

It felt like most people participated in a drive for the free-goods given by most of the groups. Beyond that the groups I did attend were poorly executed.

I attended a session about mental & chemical health problems. It was interesting, but I didn't learn too many new things. It was nice to get to know people with similar interests.

I helped paint at St. Stephens. I spent a majority of the day cleaning out paint rollers and painting the hallways. Although my hands were raw by the end of the day it felt great to give back to the community.

The session I attended on Homelessness and Poverty was very interesting to me and is an issue I have been involved in and would like to continue being involved in in the Twin Cities.

I went to the Garden of Good Hearts. It wasn't very well kept and we basically ended up pulling up half the garden because it was all weeds. It was an okay project, but the people who were there supervising and helping us were complaining about having to work in the garden with us on Sunday. So overall, if they didn't want us there, I would say that this was a waste of my time.

I liked our discussions and the atmosphere of the group though I couldn't hear some of the people talking because of the other noises down in the Mariucci Arena.

I went to the k-12 education session and felt very comfortable in that session. We talked about issues in the Twin Cities'school and the importance of solving these issues and as a U of M student what we can do. I'm from Saint Paul so I understood these issues and felt that this session gave me an opportunity to share my view and share with other who are from a smaller town or a different state/country.

I was able to make fleece blankets for hurricane victims. It was a fun way to meet new people while doing something for a good cause.

This day was a bit of a loss for me since my session I attended was not well prepared. Instead of learning about what I came for, most of the session was spent getting to know the other people in the room and asking our leader questions about campus. These are not bad things, but I didn't learn much about what the session was supposed to teach.

St. Stephens human services. We painted. It was long, hard, unorganized and pointless.

I worked at a goodwill which was okay.

I painted at St Stephens homeless shelter. It was a lot of work but fun

We painted a shelter for homeless with St. Stephens Humans Services. Basically we got there got painting materials and started. I would have wanted a semi-formal introduction, we were left to ponder about what that building exactly is on our own.

It was relaxing and laid-back so there was no pressure to try to see everything which made it even better.

Learned about Students Today Leaders Tomorrow and how they go across the country to do service projects during spring break.

I went to youth issues. And it was a great presentation. I really thought about things I hadn't, and it inspired me to spend my volunteer time with younger kids.

I went to the Youth Farm And Market Project (lyndale), we weeded gardens to get them ready for winter, then when the community kids had projects they were ready to use. We didn't have specific directions and the office was hard to find.

I discussed issues in my Welcome Week group, then I attended a session about homelessness.

It was great because our leader talked about real stuff that related to college rather then just the service project the whole time. It wasn't a lecture it was a conversation.

It was alright.

It was supposed to be gardening for the Lutheran Campus Ministry but they only really needed like three people for that. Instead a lot of us wrote notes to people who come to the church while their family is in the hospital. I actually really liked it though.

I'm glad that I did it because I wanted to do some sort of volunteering at the U, but I just didn't know what.

I straightened shelves at Goodwill...eh it was okay.

The people at Good Will- Eagan, were not prepared for the number of kids that they got, and only half of us showed up. I think this was more than likely poor communication on the U's part. We worked for maybe 45 minutes and then we sat outside for over an hour with nothing to do, but wait for the bus. A huge waste of our time.

I went to the salvation army camp and I really enjoyed my time there.

It helped me get information about things I would like to try

I went to U-Topia and attended a session about mental health, and I realized how many people are really related to mental and chemical health issues.

I volunteered at a carnival at ACR homes. It was so much fun working with people of different levels of disabilities. They impressed me on how much they were capable of doing.

I really enjoyed the video we were shown, it exposed me to things I didn't know were occurring.

It felt like another fair...we did nothing related to service.

I helped to make an HIV/AIDS ribbon, though I'm not sure how good my ribbon was. Now, though, I am very interested in helping out around the community.
Painted a homeless shelter

I didn't not have an experience, as I was ill with a flu-type virus.

I went on the St. Stephens Human Services event and I actually enjoyed it a lot. It taught me a lot about team work and the accomplished feeling of doing something nice for others that are in need. I felt a strong amount of success and good deed once I had finished the project with my team mates. (We painted temporary housing for the homeless people and other people in need of shelter.)

See above.

The leader of the session that I went to seemed like he was talking down to us the whole time, so i did not enjoy it at all.

I went to sustainability, and we learned about what we can do to help the environment. It wa very interesting.

Painting at St. Stephens

kind of pointless, did not actually do any service, not very involving

it opened my eyes to different situations

I helped out at St. Stephens Human Resources and painted the newly built complex. Later, I was told it was for homeless sex offenders, and I felt disgusting. If you are going to send people to do something helpful, make sure it is for people who really deserve it.

My experience was that I talked with a welcome week planner about the fact that I go to church on Sunday morning and cannot go to a service project until 1:30pm and I was still signed up for one that departed much earlier and I could not go. I was very angry at this.

we packeged food for kids in less fortunate countries

registered to vote and went to a meeting about the environment

it was very moving and it was good to be involved the community.

I was in the group that was talking about poverty. I was surprised to find out how many homeless children there are in and around the twin cities. I liked that we got to talk about our ideas on how to change the situation instead of having the leader guy talk to us for twenty minutes. We were actually involved.

Please do not force us to do these! If we care, we will volunteer.

I signed up to vote.

Interesting

I could not attend due to a gt together for a scholarship I was awarded.

The service project was okay, but at that point in the welcome week I was quite tired of activities and could have used some rest instead.

They gave me information about different groups.

I went to the Utopia fair. I learned about STL which I found very interesting. However, I feel like there were many activities I did not get the chance to learn about.

It was interesting to learn about something I really didn't know about.

I thought that we would be doing some type of service, and not just sitting in a room listening to a lecture.

It was good and it was nice to hear other people voice their opinion.

Helped sort clothes at Goodwill. It helped me realize it was easy to volunteer and it was impacting others.

U-topia was cool and helped me see what others are doing on the campus

n/a

We walked for two miles around rosemont with elementary school kids that thought it was never going to end. We were then encouraged to talk to the older kids about college, but we didn't have anything to talk about because all we had experienced was welcome week.

I didn't go because I was too tired.

It was rewarding and a nice break from all the welcome week stuff

I was bused up to the Salvation Army Camp and learned a lot more about the the salvation army and the opportunities that exist within it. I cleared trails for walking in the woods, so it was rewarding to help improve their facilities.

We sat in a room, talked about poverty, the reason people are in poverty, and ways we can help them get out of poverty. I thought it was pretty pointless, nothing was really accomplished and hardly anyone really cared.

Watching the documentary and listening to the speakers gave light to other issues around the world than just Iraq

I went to U-Topia, and it was very interesting. It showed me that there are a lot of different problems in this world and we need to acknowledge them.

i cleaned shelves

I sorted through hard goods at ARCs value village and put them in boxes according to categories. I also learned about the good ARC is doing

It was very interesting to learn more about the situation in Darfur, it isn't a very common topic of conversation. I knew about what was happening, but I didn't realize it was so extensive, it was good to hear the facts so that I know what's really happening and can try to do something to help.
I went to Arc's Value Village and helped sort out the donated clothing. It really opened my eyes and I realize I want to do a lot more volunteering to help people who are less fortunate.

I went to St. Stephen's. The event seemed really unplanned to begin with but we got a lot of painting done and it turned out to be really fun and a good chance to make new friends.

I attended the Hamline-Midway Environmental Group. I loved working with them, and I love the dedication they all have. I highly recommend this for the "earth-friendly" people.

I had a fun time interacting with others from my class and in the community.

For my service-related experience, I went to Goodwill. It was a good opportunity to help those less fortunate than myself. It allowed me to spend time with a different group of people.

I participated in the u-topia experience because unfortunately, by the time I signed up for welcome week events, all of the off campus service projects were full. When looking at the schedule for welcome week beforehand, that was the only thing I was looking forward to so I was extremely disappointed to find that all of the opportunities were full. The U-topia experience was kind of lame, and it felt like it was just a time-filler.

I thought the documentary was very helpful and the information on calling Senators and Representatives was good. The panel discussion was alright.

I learned that one should not give up asking people for help.

I cleaned shelves and sorted clothes at Arc's Value Village in New Hope. The people there were so nice and it was really fun to help them out for the day. I was kind of surprised at how much we were able to get done in a few hours. I'm planning on returning to volunteer there during the school year.

Because I signed up late I was stuck in U-topia with session that got logged in the aforementioned overabundance of information seminars when what I really needed was just to experience college life.

The symposium was thought-provoking and interesting with a lot of powerful information, but the groups were too big to have a meaningful discussion.

I found the student organization MPIRG, and after talking to a couple of their organizers, I ended up joining them for the day. I talked to the people at the fair and helped to register students to vote in the upcoming elections. It was really fun, and I am excited about attending MPIRG meeting soon.

I thought my group was very intense and I had never thought of some of those things before.

It was a lot shorter than I expected it to be.

U-Topia was really not that interesting and informative, and I really didn't feel like I was accomplishing anything.

I felt as though I didn't do anything helpful towards the betterment of society when I was done.

I met with people who participate in volunteering as during their spring break and are a community service group on campus. I don't remember the name of the group, but the leader was fun and had us get to know the other people in the group and made us feel welcome.

I stayed on campus at Grace Lutheran church and made care bags for the people in the hospital next door.

I gained a sense of Community.

The woman talked to us as if we were children she was going to save.

I made cards for the children and that was fun because even though we didn't know them it was just something nice to do.

We watched a film and discussed the genocide going on in Darfur, as well as the resources available and different ways to get involved.

I just went to a panel on GLBTA issues on campus. It was presented in an interesting way.

It was good to learn about something I didn't know much about.

Exemption/work

Very worthwhile, might actually volunteer there

volunteering at homeless shelters, helping underprivileged children

Experience ways of expanding our minds through approval and disapproval.

I went to St. Stephens and painted the interior of their housing development where they house homeless and low income people. It was an interesting experience and I may volunteer there again someday.

It was alright.

I sat on the floor and it was a little bit uncomfortable but the information was presented in an interesting way that made me feel involved in the conversation.

I volunteered at a charter school, and it gave me light into another realm of public education.
I made a pretty birthday card.
I got to see what other people thought about issues that I have already formed opinions on. It gave me a sense of where other people are at concerning these issues.

We went to ARC's Value Village in Brooklyn Park. It was very nice to be able to give back to the community. I wish I could have done more, but that was all the time that we were allowed. I would have liked to go longer. But all in all the experience was good and I had fun.

boring

Pretty good, but really long.

I painted a house for an elderly lady

Confusing to the point that I did not attend.

hamline-midway was fun. i made a difference for people.

I have volunteered with Big Brother Big Sister of the greater twin cities for a year now.

I went to Good Will. My group didn't talk a lot and I wasn't so happy about sorting used clothes. It was really bad for my allergies. A more in-depth description of the activities would have been nice when I signed up.

It was mostly informational, I didn't feel like I did all that much community service.

Not. Fun.

fun

I went to a thrift store about 40 minutes away. I don't remember the name, but it started with an A. The whole four hours, I had to match pairs of earrings. I actually had a lot of fun doing it because there were so many wild pairs.

I went to ARC's Value Village and helped sort/organize items that they were going to sell. I enjoyed the work and the conversation with my co-workers.

It was extremely rewarding and enjoyable

We watched a video about Darfur and discussed it.

I went to Arc's Value Village and helped sort clothes to put on the shelves for sale. It was a fun and enlightening experience and I got to meet some cool new people.

I thought it was interesting watching the movie but it was really long. Afterwards they told us to call our congressperson but I didn't feel like we had really accomplished anything.

I sat in a small room and listened to two women talk for 50 minutes then left.

volunteer work at united hospital in st paul

All we did was sort clothes by color at the good will

I watched a movie

I didn't attend because I left because I was so upset with the whole welcome week situation

It was very informative.

Very informative.

I sat in a lecture room and watched a movie, and then we discussed genocide.

We went to House of Charity and I loved it.

Arc-sorted through used items.

All I did was attend a short meeting. It was really just another meeting after a week of meetings...

I went on a goodwill trip. We went into the back room where the donations are dropped off, and sorted all of their different donations for them.

it was super fun

I went to goodwill in hopkins, it was a long day

I sorted clothes at ARC. However, I believe that Sunday would have been much better as a "free" day. Although service is important, it is not a lot of fun to do forced service, and we were never really given any opportunities to just relax and meet people in the dorms except those in our small groups.

U topia... a waste of time!

I did not make it to a U-Topia discussion session because I could not find the group I wanted to on time and they all left, so I just wandered through the booths.

I'm already a certified MLC tutor. I went to the MLC and ended up coloring stickers and bags instead of getting any individual help. But I wasn't asking, either, because I'm lazy. I probably sound cynical too.

It was very interesting and opened my eyes to a lot of interesting facts.
I picked up brochures from several organizations I'm interested in, which I still have.

I think the service projects were a good idea, but I think the buses and all the related expenses to the University would have been better-spent on food for starving children in Africa.

good

talked about wasting resources/reusing them.

I learned about food shortages.

I was at Arc's Value Village and we sorted donated clothing, unfolded it, and put it into piles

It was nice giving back to the community and making the town look better by cleaning it up

amazing.

I went to Goodwill with about fifteen other freshmen. We straightened racks and stocked shelves.

It was neat-o.

It was boring and not well-organized. I was at Goodwill and I did not feel our work was helping out.

I went to the Northwoods Salvation Army camp and helped to paint a fence, and construct play scenery.

We went to Goodwill and organized the shelves.

At the Goodwill in Maplewood I organized various areas of the store and was able to connect with other at the service project.

I was supposed to go on a side trip and my welcome week leader had my name on the list, but my name was not on any of the bus lists, so I was unable to go.

It was stupid. I was on the salvation army camp cleanup trip. we spend 2 hours driving there and 2 hours driving back. all for 1 hour of actual work. totally inefficient use of time

I went to Hillel and helped make tie blankets for the children who lost their homes in the hurricane in New Orleans.

We discussed socially pertinent issues, such as Mental and Chemical health, our group in particular talked about the affect of alzheimer's disease on the community because a number of our group have/had family members affected by it, including myself.

it wasn't really service but rather a video that we watched for 3 hours and then they took people's email addresses. i did nothing to help those people. being on a mailing list is not service.

I sorted out stuff at the arc thrift store.

I was able to realize that I could use my talents and interests in theatre and the performing arts to make an impact on my community.

It really opened my eyes and gave me a better perspective.

it was fun and interesting to get off campus and help the greater city.

I had a good time with the other people there as we discussed issues. I made some good friends.

I helped with Kids for Hunger, we packed meals for 2 hours. It was a great eye opening experience to world hunger and how I can make a difference.

For U-Topia, I joined a group where we discussed Globalization and Fair Trade. We got into a really insightful debate about the topic. Very worthwhile.

I did not attend because I volunteer in my church service each Sunday because I am a Sunday school teacher.

I explored U-topia which opened my eyes to all the volunteer opportunities.

I could not attend because I had to work.

It was just a lecture and then several tables with information, but nothing particularly impacting.

It was quite shortened because our bus was late, so I didn't get much out of it.

I dug holes in a garden, but it was fun and I met some friends.

What was Utopia??? I don't even know! Our group arrived at mariuci and there was nothing going on and no one knew what was happening. We just collected some free stuff from the donors and left. I don't see how that was a service project at all?

It was a waste of time. We did a human knot activity. It was not helpful to anyone.

For my off-campus service project a group of us went to the local ACR Group Homes main office and set up a carnival in the parking lot for the consumers. It was a carnival that they put on every year, but this year with our help they saved thousands of dollars. It was a blast!

It was a good activity that allowed me to have fun while also learning about ways to help others.

The project seemed like it wasn't planned very thoroughly, and we ended up painting brown paper bags in the sweltering sun. This project didn't give me any sense that I was truly helping someone in need.

i learned more about darfur.

Was rewarding and allowed me to learn and meet new people.
It was a lot of fun and interesting to see how things work at the Goodwill.

It was pretty cool, I've always enjoyed getting out there and helping people out. This was no exception.

I went to the GoodWill in Hopkins and it did not go so well. There was a confusion so GoodWill didn't even know we were coming. We walked around the store for 3 hours, "organizing" shelves, while getting in the way of customers. I was extremely disappointed because I really enjoy doing volunteer work, but this was not beneficial to anyone. (and our bus was an hour late to pick us up)

I was in the SE Como Park group and we went to the wrong place and ended up doing nothing but I had fun on the bus.

Arc value village, was not particularly exciting, but it felt good to help out.

I went to the Goodwill that had already had several sets of students before us in the day so there was not a ton for us to do. We cleaned the store thoroughly and stocked, but finished everything. Also, the service projects seemed to have a ton of spots for the places no one wanted to go, and almost no spots for the interesting projects. A wider variety where people can actually pick something that interests them would be nice. Also, make sure on the signup page that there is an easy way to tell which ones are full - I started randomly picking before I finally found one that worked (on my 10-15th try).

Goodwill - it was alright, but our bus was almost 2 hours late to pick us up.

I refaced the shelves at Goodwill for 2 hours, it was boring as hell.

It gave me a sense of my impact as one person on helping others in the world.

It was nothing new to me. I have done service projects all of my life, so this was just status-quo material.

Knots and Nosh at Hillel was great ^_^

I was glad that I was able to register to vote on campus and make cards for the children's hospital.

It didn't seem very productive.

over slept

The U-topia event was pretty relaxed and helped me to become aware of some people who have similar interests with me, but also to talk to older students who could answer my questions about the university.

The service project itself, ARC value village, was a fun way to help out a local organization, but we had to wait around for 45 minutes after the end of our shift for a bus to return.

Our bus brought us to the wrong location, and our service trip was then cancelled.

I was able to attend different mini sessions that were informational and was also given the chance to help different organization make ribbons or cards for those who need them.

U of M Veterans

I went to Goodwill and helped put things away on the shelves. The people working there didn't really know what to do with us though, so it was kind of confusing.

I was able to help make aids ribbons for a fundraiser the aids organization was having. That was interesting and relaxing to learn about.

It was a bit lacking. I would have liked to get some more information about what I can do. My first choice was to do an off campus service project, but it was full, so for me this just didn't cut it.

Should have been earlier in the week and I most certainly would have been there.

I learned about sexual assault and on how to help people and how to talk about it to friends that have been raped and don't know if they should come forward about it.

It was a little on the dull side. If I had not been with interesting people the experience wouldn't have been any fun.

I didn't really accomplish anything.

I really enjoyed working at the Ronald McDonald house, I would definitely go back and do it again!

I did not attend much of them.

I got to help move boxes around at a thrift store

I was a member of National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society and did many community projects for both.

Was kinda fun at times with all the stuff in the Mariucci

We were unable to do our service problems because our bus took us to the wrong place.

I went to the Salvation Army Northwoods camp. It was a really long drive (it took about 2 hours) but I enjoyed it. We learned about the Salvation Army and helped set up the dining hall for a senior camp that was coming up in a couple of days. I am thinking about being a counselor there next summer.

I learned a lot about Darfur and am interested in doing more now.

It was good. I learned a lot about abuse around Minnesota.

I was introduced to the effects of chemicals on people. How we can get involved in the U community.

U-topia: sustainability
The U-Topia, although interesting, was not fulfilling because we did not actually do a service project or make a difference. With 5,000 people in welcome week, if we all did an hour of volunteer work, like for Feed My Starving Children, we could have packaged SO much food. Instead we sat in rooms and talked about the world instead of actually DOING something about it.

The Darfur symposium was very informing. I learned about a problem in the world that was only hinted at in the town I am from. I enjoyed learning about a new, and yet rather frightening, topic.

I signed up for Arc’s Village, but an error occurred later on where I couldn’t go, so I went to U-Topia. It was interesting. I got to discuss issues with a lot of cool people and realized how much of a difference we can make if we all contributed to taking care of the community.

Was fun and interesting.

I worked for kids against hungry.

It was informative.

Our small group leader had to work somewhere else that day, and the substitute never showed up so my group wandered around for half an hour before finding our way to the Mariucci arena. We got there late, all the sessions we wanted to go to were still going on, there was no one to direct us, and we had no idea what we were supposed to do. I finally went around to the information booths and picked up some brochures for myself, but that was all. Then my group made our way back to the res hall for a nap!

the utopia groups were kind of boring and pointless but the events that were going on on the floor of Marriuchi were pretty good

I helped paint a house.

This was the only big mistake that I experienced during Welcome Week. My bus for the service project took me to the wrong spot. We ended up waiting around for a while and then returning to campus.

There was a miscommunication within my small-group meeting, and all I knew about U-Topia was that it was at Marriucci Arena. I had no idea what to do when I was there and missed everything except for Explore-U.

The Darfur Symposium was easily the best part of Welcome Week.

I went to the garden of good hearts, it was a fun way to learn about the urban beautification projects in the area.

It was fulfilling

I was a little disappointed that since I didn’t get to go on the off campus community service project that there wasn’t a more substantial on-campus project compared to the card-making that was going on at U-topia.

It was very interesting and made me more aware of my surroundings.

The Welcome Week was good to get information about different topics and the service was good as well. All people tried to help.

Unsure

It was pretty basic, and I suppose if I had done an off-campus opportunity it would have been more hands-on experience. But I did find it valuable simply knowing that the University of Minnesota is interested in fostering community and helping students find service areas to get involved in.

Nice.

When you are forced to volunteer, it kind of defeats the purpose of "volunteering". Difficult concept, I guess...

Arc Value Village, sorting and hanging clothes for fall/winter shoppers

It was hard to talk in Mariucci Area because of all the noise.

I listened to issues about rape, and mental disorders

Led me to join student group STAND

It was a little bit sad, because I chose "GBLTQ" and only one other person (besides the leader) decided to join.

Youth Issues was a really neat seminar, I learned different ways I can get involved

I attended the U Topia session for Theater Arts for Social Justice... Which made me burst with excitement when I found out that this was a session! However, we did not really learn anything new. Our instructor said, "Did you know that you can make an impact through the arts?" Well, of course! I think it should have been more sophisticated and more worth our time.

I got a chance to talk about poverty and the chance to improve it. It was awesome. I felt engaged and motivated to better understand the world around me.

It was very interesting

Informative

It involved agriculture or something

volunteer work at the the arc thrift store was fairly fun and i had the chance to talk to people.
Helped us think about volunteering and its importance aside from work and school.

The session was informative though a bit long.

Boring

at the utopia thing we didn't actually get to do anything but listen to more people talk at us

I attended a session on sexual assault and learned many helpful tips on how to contact people with questions and confidential information.

It was fantastic in explaining how I can help with genocides at hand.

I gained an understanding to what is needed to help society.

I attended an information session, but then was disappointed to find out that there was nothing else for me to do. I wanted to go off campus to do service, but all of the options I was interested in were full. The STLF presentation was great though.

I went to the west side of St. Paul and gardened with the Riverview garden club at the garden of good hearts.

I talked to others in the field that I was interested in and learned a lot about my options.

I painted houses for underprivileged youth

it was fun but really long

Too much information at one time. After being in welcome week and having information spouted at us, the last thing we want is a continuation of this endless informational fountain.

We walked around in the Mariucci and listened to speakers talk about issues and then had a chance to discuss them.

It was really fun and got to meet many new people. I learned to work better with other individuals as a part of a bigger team the way a student participates in the team of the University.

It was good to participate in an event where an entire freshman class is making a difference.

Well I thought Sunday was going to be a day of service but I just sat there and listened to another person talk, it wasn't very interesting and I thought I would be giving back to the community.

Utopia was interesting but did not give me a sense of community

Informative

I believe this was the GLBT event at Klaeber Court I went to. The whole thing was just amazing. I talked to so many people. I made a lot of friends. And I helped people. Really a highlight of this whole week.

I found it be a pretty rewarding experience, and it got me interested in other volunteering opportunities.

The movie about Darfur was very interesting, the discussion afterward was tolerable.

It was kind of boring. It seemed like there was too much stuff going on at once.

It was nice to hear what others had to say about important issues of our world.

it was not very well organized. I felt like it was a waste of time and I could/should have skipped it like most people seemed to have done.

The immigration

I served no one. Utopia was a waste

we watched The Devil Came on Horseback and then discussed things we can do to help.

I feel that both the time allocated and the topics available were very strange. I went to a discussion on Globalization, and there was not enough time to go over discussion points as thoroughly as my instructor wished. I haven't thought about Globalization since, until I had to recall that I went there.

I could not attend because my parents had to bring my futon during the times of the service projects. I heard they were great though!

it was fun learning about all the different groups available to students

Did U-Topia

I got a lot of info, it was really helpful

Watched video and asked questions

I went to a Salvation Army campsite and stained several sheds, cabins, and fences. It was fairly easy work, but with the amount of people we had, it really helped them out. The only thing that made it a little unaccessible was the fact that we rode on the bus for 1 1/2 hours to get there, so it seemed a little unfair to put that many hours of work and time into a project when my friends attended a session that was shorter than just my bus ride.

I really enjoyed the Darfur Symposium. It opened my eyes to a real issue that not many people want to face.

I went to Arc's Village Value, I stocked new items on to the floor. Everyone in the group had fun volunteer.

I went to the kids against hunger organization and was interested in the facts we learned about. However, only 5 of 20 students showed up, so it seemed like a waste of transportation and fuel. It should either be mandatory or eliminated.
I went to Salvation Army and I sorted through dirty underwear, and grandma wigs, it was really gross, but I guess it was how I wanted to spend my Sunday.

I went to Hillel and made blankets to be sent to hurricane hit locations in the South. It was good to talk to people I didn't know and yet be in a relaxed atmosphere where you're doing something good to benefit others.

It was a shocking video we watched but it is something everyone should see and discuss.

I liked it, for once I felt like I was discussing something bigger to life than just college related motivation speeches.

I worked in an orphanage in Guatemala for one week this past summer

Serving the homeless community  Serving the orphan community  Serving the senior community  Serving the handicapped community

It was nice to know that there are so many different ways to volunteer on campus but I thought that we were going to do an actual service project.

I attended access to higher education and it brought up some interesting points on making higher education more accessible to those who are underprivileged in some way. It was interesting some of the facts that were brought up, but it is time to stop focusing on the underprivileged (because of disability, immigration status, and economic status) because they are not going to get this country anywhere. More resources should be put towards those that are the future of our country. Spend more time and money educating the political science majors to be the next president of the United States or spend the time and money educating the next Bill Gates. Stop wasting money on people who are underprivileged and who will be for their entire lives.

I worked at Arc Village.

Darfur presentation

I learned a lot. I felt engaged throughout the session.

It was fun and the people who worked there were really cool and patient.

Very informative and made me very aware of the details in the problem with Darfur.

I did the paint-a-ton, and I realized it is something I want to continue being a part of.

I was involved in the Metro Paint-a-thon and it was a very heartfelt experience. We painted a lady's house that had cancer and could no longer work. I felt like I had actually accomplished something and I felt so good to help her.

Eye-opening and informative.

It was a good experience just giving back to the community.

I attended the Immigrant subject and it was pretty interesting.

It would have been better if the location would have been quieter. Too much noise from outside since it was an open room.

The Darfur Symposium made me feel more aware of social issues and gave me renewed interest in getting involved to help end genocide.

I learned a lot about Darfur

I was bored.

It kind of felt a lot like people just talking at me. Upon reflection, it was really unmemorable.

We basically took a quiz on statistics in the Twin Cities about homeless, etc and then went over the real answers. It wasn't very useful or fun.

I attended the U-topia session (Arts, Theatre, etc) we didn't do much except talk a little.

I sorted clothes at ARC Value Village, and I thought it was the best part of the week. It allowed me to meet people outside of my small group, and I thought that it was just a fun break from all the orientation.

It was very interesting and gave a lot of inspiration, also made people realize how easily they could get involved.
I sat through a movie and talk about the genocide in Darfur. Then we left, without actually doing anything at all.

I made cards for sick children in the hospital.

I was very interested in viewing the Darfur movie and was very moved by it. It really brought my attention to other places in the world that are much less fortunate than where we are.

I went to the North Woods Camp. We got a tour of the camp to start with. After that, I helped put together the stage for their next camp and helped stain fences and tables.

It was interesting.

It was okay.

It was very interesting and it helped me understand that this University is here to help me make a difference in the world. Other Universities would not have given me this option.

I really like the Darfur Symposium, a lot. It provided a lot of information and the movie was sweet.

It was engaging and it helped me feel connected to others

Bravo Chaps!

informative

none

It made me feel good about giving back.

I know I can make a difference for Darfur.

fulfilling

don't remember

It was informational.

The u-topia experience was a good group. The fact that you could pick which one you wanted to attend made it a lot better. The speaker was understanding how long welcome week was and just allowed us for a discussion on the topic.

I learned about one of the groups, how it formed and its involvement. It showed me some of the things I could do here.

I went to U-topia and learned about ecological conservation and checked out all the service booths.

It was eye opening to the turmoil happening around the world that I could help if I wanted to

Waited for group leader forever.

Charity House, serving breakfast

It was awesome

Helped out at the Goodwill outlet center...

There were WAY too many people at my service project. We went to St. Stephen’s shelter. It was badly organized, and no one knew that we weren’t going to get lunch, so most of us didn’t have any money to eat. It would have been a better experience if it had been better formed.

I worked at Arc Value Village tagging and sorting clothes. It was a fun way to help. Plus I got to buy a $4 U of M sweatshirt :) 

It was boring. Wish we could have had the day off.

It was very informative on what organizations are out there to volunteer or be a part of. It made me think about finding one and get involved.

ACR Homes was awesome. It was incredibly rewarding.

We talked about theatre and especially social justice theatre, which I really liked.

The discussion on poverty was really good and eye-opening for me. The stuff I found out I could do to help was cool as well.

ok

I went to Arc in Richfield. We basically put out marked clothes and products in their correct departments on the salesfloor. It was a good amount of work, but it gave me a sense of pride that I helped out.

was informed of many on campus groups.

I didn’t go. It was wonderful.

I was able to learn more about recycling.

We discussed the public education system and what could be done better to improve all scores on tests, including the scores of minorities and making available more opportunities for them to succeed and feel comfortable in a predominantly Caucasian, English-speaking city.

My grandfather died on Saturday and I found out after I got home from the MOA trip, so I did not attend anything on Sunday (small group or service projects).

I thought it was a lot of fun, and I also enjoyed that I got to get a break from the rest of welcome week.
I went to a camp in Northern Minnesota to help them close it down for the summer. It was very fun and I really enjoyed the experience.

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We discussed the importance of environment sustainability, and what we can do to save earth's resources as well as get involved about the issue on campus.

It was brief and dull

It was interesting to attend and to meet other people.

It was fun and I felt like I was doing something useful

I went to the environmental issues discussion. This was interesting and informational because I am very interested in the environment and what it has to offer us still. I enjoyed the interaction part and being able to speak my mind if I so pleased.

It was okay.

I did not feel that I contributed any service or learned about any possible service opportunities. The booths were not about volunteering at all.

It was interesting and allowed me to learn more about student activities.

I went to the one on health care. It was the only time during welcome week where I was actively engaged in conversation with other people and felt interested.

I learned about packaging food for the less fortunate.

I had this exempt due to a Bowling Tournament.

It was a bit drawn out. The movie was interesting, but there was a little too much discussion on the whole thing.

I attended the Lutheran Campus Ministries service project. We were split into two groups - one painted the porch on the 'Greenhouse' across from Oak St. Cinema and the other went to Grace University Lutheran and put together baskets for families with relatives in the hospital.

They seemed very unorganized when we arrived and it was though they didn't even know we were coming. I ended up sorting shoes and photo albums.

I went to Goodwill where we organized clothing in the store

I liked the movie they showed us and the information they presented us.

Went well, wasn't too exciting or too boring but it was alright. I learned about some new things that will help me on campus

I went to the Minneapolis Literacy Council. It was a lot of fun they had us work on 3 different projects and we rotated around so that we didn't have to do the same thing for 3 hours. But it was a lot of fun and we learned a lot about their program and what they do there.

I went to a K-12 education discussion. It helped me realize that many kids require better learning attention and help and I may help kids at some point in my future, whether it be a college organization, a day trip, or volunteer work outside of school.

I learned a lot more of what was going on in the world and feel more connected to the world community.

N/A.

I think it would have been more meaningful if I had actually done a service project as opposed to just talking about issues. Although, it was interesting and did really make me think about issues facing our generation today.

I went to Utopia and it was alot of fun.

Tired but exciting and earn a lot of experience

A waste of my time. My "service-related experience" consisted of sitting in a cramped room while an unorganized welcome week leader struggled to keep anyone interested.

I hung clothes on hangers for Goodwill.

I went to the Salvation Army Northwoods Camp. There, we got a tour of the facility and then stained picnic tables. It was a rewarding experience. However, it took almost two hours to get to the camp, so by the time we got there we didn't have all that much time to actually work.

It was a good, nice experience. Very nice people volunteering.

I really liked the Darfur Symposium. It was interesting and informative.

I went to the Apple Valley Goodwill store and I sorted through clothing and various consumer items that were then priced and sold in the store.

Very informational

We helped at Arc's Value Village, putting away clothes and organizing.

It was full of information that i took and kept it. I learned a lot about student involvement.

It gave me a chance to see what was out there for me to experience during my first year at the University.

It was not what I thought it was going to be, we didn't help anyone, all we did was go to sessions and walk around booths.

I didn't attend because I already knew this semester I would be volunteering at HCMC as a research associate and I also already have too many other volunteer options to choose from. By the way, I'm sure welcome week cost thousands of dollars. I see homeless people on my to HCMC who could use food and shelter.

It made me feel like i was giving back to the community and i liked it.
We had a discussion about food and how it is not used wisely by a lot of Americans; we got information about how to use the food resources better to help lessen world hunger.

I learned that there are a lot of problems in the world and if we don't deal with them soon it will get worse and it will never go away. So during the Darfur lectures I learned about how I could help out.

The information that I learned was interesting.

I went to the goodwill seals project and it made me feel good to know that I helped. They seemed very appreciative and grateful we were there because we did in one hour what they do in days.

The Darfur symposium was very interesting and I'm really happy that I was able to go and learn more about the topic, although it was very informative the information we learned was presented in a captivating manner and the movie was very interesting also.

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I wanted to attend my service project but I was given the wrong address so a welcome week leader told me not to attend.

I wasn't as bad as I thought it was.

It wasn't quite sure where to go and I ended up justing going to one without really knowing what it was. I wasn't very interested in it, I don't even remember which session I attended.

It was fun knowing I was helping others.

I went to U-topia and learned about how to be more environment friendly.

I went to U-topia and the workshop I attended was completely useless except to meet new people. It wasn't what I wanted at all and would have rather been sleeping.

I made two inspirational cards for the cancer center.

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Somewhat entertaining

Super!

I went to U-topia

The Darfur Symposium was pretty entertaining. I learned a lot about what is going on that I did not know before.

Cool, there was a lot going on at once, but not enough to actually overwhelm me.

I watched the Darfur video, and it made me sad and angry and want to help in any way that I could.

The arfur Symposium was heartfelt and very moving. I felt really sad afterwards, but at the same time it made wanna learn more and see how I can help.

I worked for the GLBTA program and helped to decorate boxes and bags used to bring food to those in need. It was really fun and relaxing because we got to work and eat outside.
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I did not attend by that point I had already explained my situation to someone who had said it would be O.K. if I did not attend the rest of the week.

It was really fun and made me feel connected to the community.

It was dull, we didn't do much. There weren't enough choices of service projects because none of the projects that were left when I signed up were of any interest to me. My service project was disorganized and we didn't do anything to help anyone.

We met and talked about child hood situations and how life can be tough. there was a lot of discussion and open answers. It was kind of stressful but was nice to see all sides.

I have volunteered a lot of my time with different sporting events in my hometown such as the Birkiebeiner, Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival, and hockey and basketball games.

It was amazing!

It was long

I thought the Paint-0-thon was very nice. I liked it a lot.

I helped with the youth farmer market.

We went to goodwill in Roseville. They didn't exactly have the organization part done, but we helped out. The Bus driver got lost both ways.

I made cards for children in the hospitals. It was very enjoyable for me to know that a child will receive the cards I made and that it will possibly bring a smile to their face.

I went to a meeting about substance abuse

I painted a shelter for the st stephens human services group. It was hard work but rewarding

I wanted to go but got called in to work...

It was very informative and it opened my eyes to things outside of my world.

I went to ARC thrift store and helped sort things.

It was fun and informative

Our bus took us to the wrong place...

The one I attended was not informative.

I felt that more could have been done. All they really did was tell us about how we could get involved, and I feel it would have been more beneficial to simply do something helpful for the community, so that those hesitant about getting into community service could experience what one event might be like.

It was interesting, yet I thought it was going to be something different.

maybe never did that before

I attended the ‘Immigrant and Refugee Rights' sessions. We talked about problems that are currently facing the communities of minority people.

I went to St. Stephens and painted. They were not very well organized so we didn't get a very good job done, and there should have been a tutorial for students who have never painted before. The carpets should have been covered so we did not get paint everywhere, but was otherwise a good experience.

The session on food security was interesting and informative.

It opened my eyes to new things on campus and showed me how to get involved on a larger scale.

It was okay. I think it was too short.

I went for 10 minutes because i had another commitment...it was pointless. Nothing we did the entire week was EXTREMELY necessary nor mandatory in anyway. Our Welcome Week leaders were given the job of scaring us into thinking that everything was mandatory, guilt trip, so that we would attend when in reality many people did not attend any events are probably aren't much worse off.

We talked about theatre and art for social change. It made me think about my goals and put them in perspective. It is going to take a group effort to get change and it might have to come not from the medium of art but from the medium of politics. Which in a way, is art.

The discussion was very open and deep. It was effective.

Being that it was more or less a forced service project, it did not feel that rewarding. I would have much rather just relaxed in the resident halls instead of all the constant interactions with people.

It was really cool to help people that are different from me and to see that they appreciated my help.

I don't necessarily remember.

health issues

I went to Goodwill for my service project. This was probably the most poorly organized day. I was supposed to meet at 9:30, but the bus didn't leave until closer to 10. Then when we finally got to Goodwill at 10:30, we found out that the store didn't actually open up until 11. It just seemed like there could have been better planning that day, but our group leader for that were very nice and did a good job of keeping a positive attitude.
I worked with the Jewish group on campus at the Hillel Jewish center. We made fleece blankets that were going to be sent to people who are affected by the hurricane. It was a fun experience and I am glad that I got to do it because I met some really cool people and I felt like I made a difference.

They told me how I could get involved in service-related activities.

I learned a lot of good things that I felt were necessities.

Darfur is a cause that I have been involved with in the past, so I found it to be informative and very interesting.

U-Topia was not very interesting or fun...just glad that I got the free Target dog!

I helped to paint a house as part of the Metro-paint-a-thon. It was a great experience and I really felt like I made a difference within the community.

I helped paint the house of a woman who wasn't able to do it anymore because of her age. It was great to give something back.

I volunteered at the GLBTA offices. We painted lunch bags and boxes that would be filled with food which were then going to be distributed to other organizations.

I sorted clothes at Arc Value Village

I volunteered at Arc's Value Village. The sub-group I was in was responsible for arranging the clothing out on the sales floor. It was tedious but still enjoyable.

I went to a discussion on human rights and it was interesting, but it was slow-paced.

none

We discussed different ways to cut down on the pollution in the environment, from using energy efficient light bulbs, to recycling more, and so on.

I never had any real chance to serve?

We helped prepared a meal for the "House of Charity" and it was very exciting. I wish I could volunteer there in the future.

I painted and colored on bag and boxes for GLBTA.

A good way to respond the free possessions I received during welcome week

Globalization and Fair Trade

I attended Urban refuge where we packed food for starving children around the world. It opened my eyes and I learned that about 28 children die every minute from starvation! It made me want to get involved.

This was great. Went to the Youth Farm and Market Project. Met cool people, both in my group and at the site.

It was very moving and encouraged me to do something about the problem in Darfur and spread the word.

NA

Well, I was the only student who showed up for the one I went to

The Darfur Symposium was a good program. The movie was good, the panel got long. I definitely don't think that the second panel discussion, was necessary.

We packaged food for Kids Against Hunger at a church in St. Paul. It was really interesting being so involved with the mixing of the Ramen-like packages that are sent to impoverished countries.

The GLBTA rights was interesting of how there are laws that restrict them.

I went to Northwoods Camp. On the way there our bus driver got lost, so we had a 2 hour and 30 minutes bus ride there. The owner of the camp gave us a tour and I had an excellent lunch. Then I stained a fence for about 3 hours, which was not bad because it was such a beautiful day out. The bus ride home was only an hour and a half (ish) this time. Overall it was not bad, just getting lost and being hungry sucked.

It would have been more fun and enjoyable if I wasn't already exhausted from the week.

It helped to open my eyes to the many issues that kids face today. Things I wouldn't have otherwise thought of.

Youth farm project, we helped prepare a field for winter. It was the highlight of my welcome week.

We discussed various ways of helping the environment or community.

I learned about Globalization. I am not interested in that really, so I should have gone to a different one.

we talked in a group and then made a card for sick children.

At the Youth Farm and Market project we helped get the planting areas ready for the next planting season.

I went to the ACR Homes and helped with a carnival. It was a new experience to work with other students and the disabled in a fun environment.

It was nothing new, but I did get to interact with others.

It was fun, I was able to meet new people and learn about my new community
Went to Arc's value village in Richfield. We helped them sort through clothing because they were going to have their biggest sale of the year in a few days. They told us that in about three hours we saved them about 3 days of work!

I made me hurt and realize how many people still need much help from others around the world

I just went to speeches. The most motivational and the one that stands out would be the STLF speech.

I listened to a speaker and decorated cards.

We discussed how to use the arts effectively to improve a community.

I went to ARC. It was interesting learning the process that donated goods must go through.

It was fun and charitable

I learned about new people

I went to Goodwill, but there was nothing for us to do. So we dusted shelves for two hours.

I got lost trying to get to it and missed the bus.

I went to goodwill and straightened clothes for the day.

It was really interesting and informative to hear about the crisis in Darfur.

eagle scout, summer camp volunteering and now management

They helped me interact with people.

We talked in a nice sized group

I walked around and got free stuff.

I really enjoyed the Darfur Symposium. It was eye opening and was very interesting

Good for first two hours...then got way way way too long.

never knew about Darfur before

I enjoy the small group discussion because everyone there kind of have something in common. I feel like I can relate to them all and it was an interesting discussion. Getting to participate in variety of activities was fun because we get to go around campus.

I didn't do one.

I really liked attending the Darfur Symposium because I have been interested on the genocide there for quite some time, however it was very, very long. A movie was shown and then there was a discussion featuring some panelists who answered any questions we may've had. Honestly, I would've liked it better if the discussion was a little shorter, because obviously we could've asked questions after to the panelists individually or attended the STAND meeting that they kept on talking about.

It was a little too long, but was very educating.

It was a great way for me to contribute to the community.

The Darfur video was very moving and talking about the issues in Africa were provocative. I really liked learning about that issue.

I'm sure it was nice.

It was fun, I enjoy service work

We talked in a group, then looked at the booths available on voting and composting.

I had church that morning so I was not able to attend.

It seemed like kind of a free-for-all, and the looseness of the structure made me feel like I hadn't really done any kid of service. I would have rather gone on one of the others, and those activities should have more seats available so more people can go.

I went to Goodwill, however, the session was more of an orientation than an actual service project. I think more time must be allotted for service otherwise participants are trained and then leave.

I was in the paint-a-thon. It was really fun because one of my friends was there and we had a great time with the ladies from the sororities.

It really wasn't that helpful, all the things they told us we should be doing to save the planet from certain catastrophe I already do.

It seemed like we were kind of useless because as we cleaned and dusted at goodwill, the customers would come and destroy our work. I am all for community service but not when it benefits people that do not care that we are trying to help them.

It was in a way rewarding and made me realize how thankful I should be for how fortunate I am. It was a bit of a reality check and it made me want to volunteer at other organizations around the city.

I heard about STLF.

I sorted wicker baskets for about an hour. It was boring.

The genocide in Darfur was a topic I felt I didn't know enough about to feel like the responsible, informed citizen I want to be. It was long and not always pleasant to watch, but I expected that. I was glad to have had the opportunity to learn more.

Extremely boring. UGH!!
I found STL in U-Topia, and instantly felt at ease. I've now signed on to do a lot of work with this organization, and therefore feel as though U-Topia was one of the best parts of my Welcome Week. My service experience is very extensive. I volunteered frequently in high school and participated in mission trips as often as possible.

I enjoyed a chance to put my welcome week time toward something useful.

ACR homes - it was amazing. I loved working with the people there and I would love to do it again sometimes

We served food at the Ronald McDonald house.

I handed out school supplies to needy kids in Apple Valley (?) and did a "fun run". It was really fun to just play with the kids all afternoon and help them get the school supplies they need. I met a lot of really diverse and amazing children.

Why would you schedule things on Sunday? I felt like I was expected to drink, use those free condoms, and skip church. Several of my friends went to the U-Topia project. Apparently they just sat and listened to someone talk about service, but they never actually did anything.

It wasn't what I thought it'd be. I was expecting a more global-oriented human rights session in Utopia, not a Minnesota one. Didn't really feel engaged.

I attended the section on buying locally and the person running it was fun and informing

Students Today Leaders Forever. YA!

ACR Homes fair was fun and was for a good cause.

The presenter's needed to focus less on being cool and appealing to the "younger" crowd, and focus more on what their mission was. That being said I'm sure what they said was very nice but I didn't really have a chance to enjoy it because of how tired I was.

Literacy center

I was out of town.

well, the goodwill store in Hopkins was not expecting us as another group had already been there. it was unorganized and there wasn't much for us to do. they didn't send a bus to come pick us up so we waited there for a while until the leader called the help line.

I learned about community/local businesses versus huge companies like Wal-Mart and statistics and effects on our economy. It was very interesting and the woman who gave the presentation/group talk was very informative and very passionate about it, which made it all that much more meaningful.

I went to the ARC thrift store and sorted clothing donations.

We went to Goodwill and helped them sort the items that came in

I went to a Value Village type place

Utopia was way too short. Our discussion ran under 15 minutes. I felt I didn't get a lot of what the description said in our welcome week book.

Youth services

The U-topia was interesting but I only attended one small meeting about some kind of volunteering and it seemed to be repetitive and unnecessary

I volunteered at a feed my starving children like thing at a church in Minneapolis. It was a fun experience and would do it again.

very informative

Was interesting

I skipped it and went to church. It probably wasn't a good idea to schedule over Sunday morning; even those who don't attend church usually sleep in.

It was a good feeling being able to feed hungry children

It was far too long. The movie was interesting, but the discussion afterward was very tedious and boring.

the U-Topia did not really compare to the other service projects it was just like an information fair, I wish I had gone to a service activity off campus

My service project required us to paint the inside of a community home. While the work was hard, and not the most enjoyable, I felt like I got a chance to bond with the others that were in my group. They made it fun.

I helped paint houses with the metro paint a thon

I went to the Darfur Symposium and saw the movie "The Devil Came on Horseback." It was eye-opening and gave me a chance to see what kinds of things are happening on campus. Even though I may not participate specifically in trying to prevent genocide, I still got a good sense of what kinds of things are available on campus.

The Darfur symposium was very interesting and enlightening. I've been involved in the past with genocide issues, and it was nice to meet people with similar concerns.
I went up to the North Woods Camp, it was very interesting to learn about the camp and I met a great friend. We stained fences and helped with cleaning up the camp for the summer.

It was fun to help others with my peers.

I found the Darfur Symposium to be well done. I enjoyed it.

It was a blast! ARC homes had a great activity set up for us to help in.

The Darfur symposium was ran professionally. I received and gained a lot of information i was unaware about Darfur.

I worked at a thrift store and folded clothes and bagged items

Helping out at Goodwill

U-Topia gave me a chance to see how I could get involved with communities around the U.

I love to volunteer! I went to Goodwill and didn't find it very fun. I would suggest better service sites for the future, like Feed My Starving Children.

I attended U-topia, and I did not understand exactly what was going on. It was a good idea, but being crammed into a little room for a session was uncomfortable, and the leader of my session made me feel uncomfortable.

I didn't learn anything new, and I feel like I did not give back in any way. In my opinion, this was the worst activity of welcome week. I thought we would be contributing back to the community, not listening to a lecture.

went to the goodwill and helped out sort clothes

Was really memorable.

I painted at the St Stephan Church home.

It was kind of a weird project the Utopia thing it wasnt very strucuted

I was able to learn more about being environmentaly friendly

It was very powerful, and presented very well. Whether you knew everything about the issue or only had a vague idea, it was extremely relevant. I felt like I learned something about the world we live in and about myself

It was really quite layed back, and I was able to discuss the issues in a relaxed fashion.

I helped at the Leadership for Learning Charter School.

It was very informational, and made me believe that I can and could fit volunteering into my schedule.

Again it was my birthday and I went home so I was not able to attend this experience.

I attended the food security session of U-topia. There we discussed issues that were familiar to me and others that were not. It was interesting to hear how other people felt about the issues and what they felt would be effective solutions.

We had fun making blankets (Knots and Knosh at Hillel); it was a simple activity that gave us time to talk and make friends.

It was nice, but felt it was too long, i thought we were going to interact with people

it helped others

I worked at an ACR carnival and it was a wonderful experience.

I helped at the local resale store and helped stock items.

I went to Goodwill in Maplewood. Our group did many things from sorting clothing to cleaning the store.

It was boring but it was worth it.

The symposium was a little long.

Went and met with the Minnesota literacy council. Great experience to make flash cards for adult literacy and mini bags with school supplies and stickers promoting child literacy

Learned a lot of interesting things that I am able to do. I have a lot of great options to expand my education into different learning aspects.

Lame.

The house we painted wasn't really in dire need of a new coat. It was hard to tell what had already been painted vs. what still needed to be done. I wish I could have helped out someone who was a little more needy.

Was really long, but educational

I attended the Theater and Art for Social Justice session. I feel that it could have been informative but it was hard to communicate in the room we were placed in in Mariucci because of how loud it was.

I sat and listened was given cookies then lectured for the upteenth time to vote

Stocked shelves at Goodwill

I attended the Arc's Value Village service project.
it opened my mind about other people with different background

I attended sessions about homelessness

I was also gone for that, but surely it would have been awesome.

Kids Against Hunger, I packaged food for starving children in Haiti

Super

it was cool

I enjoyed the opportunity to find out how I could get involved in the community but I didn't get to eat lunch and most of the students were worn out and a little crabby including me

The service project itself was fun but got kind of boring after awhile because we just put merchandise out in the store for goodwill. But our bus ended up forgetting us and we had to wait for an hour for another bus to come pick us up even though we kept calling every 20 min to tell them that our bus had yet to come. They just told us one would arrive shortly and they were figuring it out. It kind of put a damper on the day cause none of us really wanted to sit outside waiting for a bus.

We watched the Devil Came on Horseback and listened to speakers inform us on what we can do at home to make a difference in Darfur.

At the Darfur symposium, I enjoyed watching the film and discussing it but the whole thing was too long. I learned a lot about the situation and what to do about it but the presentation just droned on.

I went to the U-Topia thing and did not learn much or enjoy it. Most of us were confused on what we were supposed to be doing.

This was an eye opening and educational experience.

I went to Kids Against Hunger and assembled meals to send to Haiti to feed starving children.

It was interesting finding out about food security.

My group and I traveled to the Goodwill store to help unload items during a busy day. It was an interesting and educational experience, because I got to see how important Goodwill stores were for those without a lot of money. I helped move clothes and shoes and bags from the back room into the front display so that people could purchase the items.

I pulled about a dump-truck full of weeds from a rather nasty overgrown "garden" with several other people who were very unhappy to be there as well.

I went to a volunteer center and gave school supplies to children. Also we went on a long walk with the kids and parents and had snacks and activities. I had a lot of fun.

I attended the Kids Against Hunger service project. I have done projects similar in the past and really enjoy it every time. Please continue to include this project because it is a worthy cause and lots of fun.

I went to Arc's Value Village and sorted clothing and other donated goods. It was interesting to see that you can donate so many different things, not only clothes.

I really enjoyed it.

My group and I went to a local church and packaged food for Kids Against Hunger.

I do not have much service related experience

I watched a movie and was told to call Congress to tell them Darfur is something that needs to be taken care of.

Rather long and boring

I could not attend.

I attended U-topia and I learned a lot about all that the community has to offer

I sorted through clothing, it was actually a lot of fun.

I could not attend.

The one I attended in the arena was not really service. We went around to booths and listened to people talk about recycling.

Very controversial

I found it to be rewarding and it pushed me outside of my comfort zone, which was good. I was really shocked that no one had planned out any kind of lunch for us, however. Fortunately ACR Homes let us take food at the fair we worked at. But one granola bar without a lunch from 9 in the morning until 5 at night in 90 degree weather is a little much for anyone. No one was told to bring their own lunch....

I did something I normally do not jump at the change to do: dig in the dirt. But helping out with the Youth Farm and Market Project taught me that even hard work can be fun and rewarding.

I discussed the issue of poverty with a small group. It was very engaging and thoughtful. People took the issues seriously.

I felt like we didn't really do much.

we did the human knot and other activities

I volunteered at the Literacy Council- it was fun, interesting, and low-key
I found the Darfur symposium very interesting. I didn't really know much about it and it shocked me to know what's really going on.

It was cool because I've been there before and we got a lot done for them. It felt like we made an impact.

It was pretty good. I did the GLBTA one. I think where I decorated boxes and bags with food and essentials in them that would be given to people who really needed it.

We discussed K-12 education in the area.

It was good helping out and I donated a bunch.

I went to the House of Charity and fed homeless people. It was a good experience, but the workers there were a little strange and off-putting.

My experience was on mental and chemical health issues, and it gave me the chance to express myself and tell about my life, and in return learn about other people who may have experienced similar things in their life. It was a great thing to be able to see that everyone has their own story, and it made me feel united in a way to these people who I had never met before.

I made cards with the Greeks.

My service-related experience was not that great. I was part of the Goodwill trip in Eagan. It was disappointing because it seemed that the people at Goodwill were not ready for us. We arrived a half hour early and sat in the parking lot, waiting for the store to open. When it did open, the Goodwill workers didn't seem to know what to do with us. They eventually had us organizing the store. My group made the best of it, but I was hoping to do something a little more helpful.

The situation is horrible, yes, but repeating the same information over and over for several hours is not going to foster the care of students. Those that will act on the situation will do so in a shorter period of time and those that won't, won't. No matter the length of the seminar.

I did the metro paint-a-thon and it made me feel good knowing that I helped paint the house of an individual who could not do it themselves.

We went to the wrong place, so we came back.

The bus ride was way too far away. I'm not sure how a two-hour bus ride outside of the cities is still an "around the Twin Cities" service project. This day was extremely tiring especially after such a long week.

It was kind of dumb. I really didn't have good instruction on what I was supposed to do.

I helped sort items at Goodwill. It was very unorganized before the bus ride.

It was very informative and helpful to have someone tell us about the various organizations that specialize in a certain topic. I thought it would have been nice to have time to hear about more than one issue.

I fed my starving child. It was a great experience, the best thing I did during the whole week.

We painted a church.

I did the paint-a-thon. It was fun. I guess besides I was about 25 feet in the air on a ladder.

I truly enjoyed the off-campus project. I helped out at Arc's Value Village, and plan on volunteering there this year.

It was interesting. It was on psychological problems and I found out that our entire group knew someone important in their family with drug problems or psychological disorders.

Kind of packed, hard to get the one I wanted because it filled right away so I feel sorry for those who did not get what they wanted.

I had to work so I couldn't go.

The session I attended was less than thrilling and less than engaging because it offered no real servitude, only conversation with people of little authority on the topic.

Sorting clothing and other goods at the Goodwill in Hopkins for a couple hours. Then waited outside for about 30 minutes until the bus came.

I made blankets at Hillel for the victims of the hurricane down south.

I loved this experience!! It convinced me to become interested and participate in the group STAND. Loved learning about these issues.

We wandered around trying to find our group, and everyone gave us conflicting information. We ended up not going because we were hungry and tired.

I unpacked and folded donated clothes at ARC Value Village.

I went to Goodwill and helped organize the store.

I didn't really learn anything. I just heard a guy talk about his organization... which was interesting at first, but was overall really boring.

We talked about poverty. Depressing, but it made me want to help.

We watched a movie for a long time. It was interesting and I believe that everyone should know about what is occurring in Darfur, but I've already taken "action" myself by donating money and contacting my representatives before I had gone to this event.

I learned about globalization and fair trade.

I went to Goodwill and helped shelves things. Since they didn't know we were coming, they just had us organize shelves which quickly got undone, but I suppose it was nice to know I was helping, even temporarily.
I chose the Salvation Army - North Woods Camp service project. We learned about what and how the camp cares for impoverished children. We were able to help furnish up the camp for various activities such as moving wood, clearing brush, or what I chose to do, staining picnic tables and fences.

It was a fun experience.

I Did not go, because I do not believe in forced, volunteer activity. Also, I had much better things to do.

I was placed into a service project that I didn't really want to attend, people should be able to attend whatever strikes their individual interest.

I went to U-topia and talked with people about environmental issues. These issues are very important to me, and it was nice to be able to talk to other people who shared theses same views and goals.

I really enjoyed it. I went to the Stuents Today, Leaders Tomorrow meeting and it was extremely interesting and fun!

I felt bad for the children and families whose lives have been destroyed by the genocide in their area. It's inexcusables.

I did not find it to be very useful. My top choices that I signed up for online weren't even offered, the one choice that I was interested in filled up. I ended up having to pick a session at random and was not very invested in the experience.

We watched the movie "The Devil Came on Horseback." It was interesting, sad, and eye-opening. We learned a lot about Darfur and other genocides in history, and learned about what we could do to help.

A small group of us worked on helping prepare a charter school in the area. We did whatever we could, but we could have used many more hands because they had a lot of work which needed to be done.

Was good and helped me get an understanding.

It was interesting, but didn't feel like I really did a service to anyone.

I learned about different involvmet opportunities in the community.

We went and helped to organize clothes and items that were donated. In turn, the money that was brought in went to help people with disabilities.

I learned about sexual abuse. It was very informative.

I worked with ACR Homes and helped work a carnival for their mentally-handicapped members. It was an eye-opening experience and I hope to work with them in the future.

We unpacked clothes that were donated to the Arc's Value Village thrift store.

it was easy and didn't last very long.

Well...I went to the bus at the time my welcome week leaders told me. This happend to be one hour earlier then when we actually left...which was lame. They had free food though, so I was able to manage that and meet some people. Of the 21 or so people that were supposed to be in the Goodwill (Hopkins) group, only 7 showed up. So I had more of an opportunity to bond with these people. The actual volunteering part was not so great. We were largely unexpected at the Goodwill and basically organized shelves. We finished quickly and had nothing else to do for a while. We did what the employees generally would do, so It wasn't as if we were doing something that truly helped people. But at the same time we were. Afterwards, we hopped on the bus, but instead of returning to campus, we had to go pick up another group that was abandoned. It wasn't that great of a day but I met some people that I keep in touch with now.

Darfur symposium was great because it showed us the harsh realities of what is happening in Darfur. I really found it interesting.

We learned about the genocide and the student groups on campus that are related to stopping further killings. I found it very interesting and the video was excellent (and graphic).

Youth Soccer Camps Several Church Mission Trips Other random little things though Band, National Honor Society, and Key Club

I went to the Youth Issues section of U-Topia. We sat in a circle and a Welcome Week leader asked us questions about ourselves, such as, "have you ever been to another country?", or "have you ever been told you'd never make it in life?" We weren't allowed to say anything, only to stand up if our answer was "yes." How many - or how little - people stood up during certain questions really did surprise me and made me think about how often youth are told untruths about their capabilities or potential. We also got information about how we can volunteer and make a difference in youths' lives.

I worked at the Goodwill outlet in Saint Paul. Our group was small, but I got to know the other people and had fun helping others.

I was really interested in the Humanities. I know a little bit about it going in but I really learned a lot leaving. It was well presented and I believe we learned a lot from the information quiz that we attempted.

Not very well organized. I was given 3 different time/location combos for my project and missed it. Then I joined another project and didn't have very much community service to do. Just straightened the store.

utopia was sitting in groups and half the time you had to wait a very long time to get into a room

I went to goodwill-easter seals and they didn't seem to have enough for us to do.

I went on the trip to the Salvation Army Camp. There, i met a lot of good people who are dedicated to helping others. I helped stain the fences, picnic tables, and my clothes (not supposed to happen).

The Goodwill was unprepared and there wasn't enough to do.

It was educational.

I went to Goodwill and helped serve the people shopping there by dumping bins and bringing out new bins. It made me cry to see all these people less fortunate than me and their situations. I hope I made somewhat of an impact on their lives.
I made blankets at Hillel, and it was a good event, but nearly twenty people skipped the project. I think that there should have been more emphasis on the projects than there was, because service involves people in a way that simple 20 minute lectures do not. Also, some service projects involving professors would have been an interesting event.

We went to a session and we walked around different booths.

The group Students Today, Leaders Forever caught my attention and I have attended their initial meeting and plan to attend future events and contribute to service and volunteer.

This should of been one of the required events. The most meaningful and powerful presentation out of the week. I did not remember anything else from Welcome other than the Darfur Symposium.

I helped the people at Grace Lutheran put together care baskets for the families of patients in the hospital, because the families are too often forgotten when all the focus is on their loved ones.

I went to a homeless shelter and painted the walls

I worked at arc dusting shelves

It was very interesting, and fun. There is a lot of things I did not know that I did afterwards.

It was boring and un-impactful.

I went to Goodwill and helped sort clothes. I was able to work with one other girl on the project. It was fun talking to her and learning more about where she was from, what she did for fun, etc.

I made a lot of cards for children who are sick and in the hospital.

I was little disapointed in U-topia. It was a good experience, but it would have been nice to actually get out in the community. My only suggestion would be to have more off campus opportunities for students and less lectures. The lectures were interesting, but since there had been so many during welcome week it was a little overwhelming.

It was lacking.

The darfur documentary and discussions were very interesting and informative, but the focus on advocacy was too politicized.

I would have perferred to actually DO something for the volunteer service day, rather than learn about how to help. I was looking forward to actually doing something positive in the environment, but by the time I was able to sign up all the position to volunteer were filled. Rather than doing U-Topia, you should allow more opportunities for people to volunteer and do real work. It was interesting, just not what I wanted to do.

It was interesting....the environmental topic. I learned a lot.

It was fair enough. It was real interesting.

fun. lots of free stuff

I went to goodwill and help organize products.

I went to the STLF presentation, and it made me want to volunteer

We watched a movie that really put the genocide of Darfur into perspective and showed me that I could make a difference.

I interacted with group members and gained information on service opportunities from various booths.

I didn't get to do any service. I just learn about it. Doing it would have been betters.

I attended the GLBTA office service project and had a really good time. The project was very laid-back and I met people who had the same interests and commitment to a cause. I also enjoyed the free ice cream at Ben & Jerry's after the project!

We watched a really sad movie and found out ways we can help. It was touching and made me want to get involved.

It was a great opportunity to catch up on sleep.

I went to Value Village and I put clothes into a pile. I got to talk to people and it was fun.

Very eye opening.

It was nice to know that other people felt that Darfur was important and they needed to learn more. I've been working with a group for Darfur for over a year now and it was nice to see more than 10 people at the symposium.

It was very interesting and thought provoking. Made me realize more about the terrible things happening in Darfur.

It was longer than necessary.

It was enlightening

N/A

it was informative.

We helped serve lunch at the "House of Charity."

I attended the access to higher education discussion and we talked about programs that can help students get into college. Then the service and engagement opportunities was fun because I get free prizes and see different types of engagement opportunities.

I went to the U-topia event. I volunteer on a weekly basis already. I did not get much out of this experience.
I went to U-Topia and sat in a group that did not interest me because it was the only open discussion. I would have enjoyed it for a different group.

It was a great, eye-opening experience.

I attended the U-topia section and it was simply informational, nothing special

amazing, completely informative and eye opening.

FUN

The Darfur Symposium was extremely eye-opening and should be communicated to the masses. Very interesting and impacting.

I felt like the U-topia wasn't really a service project - we just learned about issues around the world. I didn't feel like I was adding anything or "involved" with the community. I would have rather gone to Good Will, or painted houses.

It flew by pretty fast.

It was very helpful and made me feel connected to the community.

It was a really long drive to the Salvation Army camp we worked at, so we spent more time commuting than actually performing service, and it still took all day. I also thought there might have been something we could have done that gave us more satisfaction that we had helped someone than staining picnic tables.

It was a lot of listening.

I went to the Salvation Army North Woods camp. It was nice to get off campus and help out the community, but it was a long drive (over 1.5 hours), so that made for a long day.

I thought that there was going to be some service project along with a discussion, so I was kind of bummed when I found out that we weren't volunteering too. But I really enjoyed the discussion, so it all worked out. The community service fair was cool a nice intro too.

It was great! :)

It was interesting to talk in small groups about a particular issue we cared about. I think it would have been more rewarding to go on an off campus volunteer experience.

I learned about mental illness.

too tired to participate in it.

I painted a house with the Greek paint-a-thon! It was so much fun! I even got to climb a ladder to paint the peak of a house. The woman that we worked for was a sweetheart, and it made me feel very good to be helping her with something that's important to her.

It was fun and gave me a good feeling.

I went and sorted through clothes at Good will.

It was interesting learning about others, and their view on poverty.

Tied blankets.

I could not attend because I had to work.

Honestly I didn't really think that this was very service related. I sat in a room and learned about disabilities and then when to a few meetings about health. It really wasn't what I was expecting a volunteer session to be.

I worked with the GLBTA organization and decorated bags and boxes that will be used to transport meals to people with AIDS.

It was fun to help other people.

Again i feel like mandatory service project is not an asset to welcome week.

I volunteered at Goodwill and separate clothes and items that had been donated. This really was an eye opener and really made the phrase, "One man's trash, is another man's treasure" real!

It involved a kickass, emotionally moving video. The symposium leader was a little bit insane. It would have been more powerful if she didn't use anecdote's and turn them into punchline able quotes. Ex "What do little kids do with shiny objects.....? They pick them up? And when they pick them up.....THEY BLOW UP** all in a sort of sing-songy voice*.

It was amazing to listen to the people talk about Darfur. I was interested in high school and was wondering what I could do to continue once I became a member of the U.

I learned a lot about local groups.

It was alright.

I liked everything.

we painted and elderly woman's house yellow. It was hot but it felt good to do service for some one who appreciated it so much.

the trip was a rewarding experience and allowed myself to see others in the community outside my bubble.

Well i thought i would be doing some sort of service project and all i did was listen to speakers. It was a little disappointing.
The residence hall receptions or Commuter Kick-Off event: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1856

On Sunday night, I attended:

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Total Responses: 1930 100%

Mean (Based on Assigned Alias): N/A
Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): N/A

Other

Got a good night's rest in preparation for the week.
played cards with people I had met in my dorm, then got ready for school with a good sleep.

stayed home

went home.

Watched TV and played games with a group of friends and their friends

organized my room.

hung out with my roommates.

went home

got to nicollet avenue and people watched since there was so many people in town for the RNC

went home

went home; family emergency.

hung out with friends

hung out with people on my floor.

was once again, exhausted!

went home

went home.
went home.
played uno with people on my floor
hung out with friends
Read a book for class on tuesday.
Hung out with my roommate.
Slept in
slept
met my family and moved in the rest of the items (because they were in the area and the items could not be held at the front desk of Frontier), got everything in my room organized with my room mate and we took a nap to get ready for classes that were starting that week.
hung out with friends
got lost trying to find the comedy sports show
sat in my room, was very tired from being too busy and there were no events on the St Paul Campus to attend
went to church and a family gathering before school starts.
was working at the state fair because I was exempt from welcome week
went and got a new puppy and got to bed at a reasonable hour because I was really tired from being forced to attend meeting for the past week.
relaxed, explored campus on my own, and got started on class reading assignments
went out!

got lost trying to find the comedy sports show

went home to Mankato
went home.
went home for a night
slept, as I was still exhausted and feeling sick.
relaxed with my roommate.
Hung out with friends
went home to spend Labor Day with my family
met new people, and went to bed early.

committed home, the late night activities were bad for those taking a bus home.

stayed at a cousin's house.
was ill with food poisoning.
watched a movie
meet up with my sister and grabbed a bite to eat with her
hung out with the people I met from my small group
set up my room

I wanted to get some rest, and hang out with the kids from my dorm
hung out with some friends I made during the week in their dorm room

participated in the dorm activities with other kids from my welcome week group
Went home

went home and spent time with my family
went downtown with my new found friends.
went home for my Grandpa's birthday party!
Slept
hung out with my family and prepared for classes
went home

cleaned my fridge out.
went home before dark
visited home
accidently fell asleep and missed the bus
unpacked
went home.
walked around and met new people.
organized my dorm more and hung out with some new people.
Hung out with friends
went to my Aunt's house because I had plans for Labor Day.
left campus
slept
enjoyed the last days of my summer with friends.
finally had a chance to relax! I just hung out with friends.
went home for the night
went to bed, i was sick all week
took the bus home because i am a commuter
Slept
went home to visit family
got together with friends and relaxed
slept.
went home; that's where the heart is.
went home because I was tire.
rested in order to get over my sickness.
slept.
went home because i'm a commuter student
slept because I was exhausted from spat camp
slept & hung out with patrick
don't remember
Was at home, and celebrated Labor day with my family.
Went to a party with my friends.
hung out with peeps
hung out at the dorm
Chilled..
Slept after an exhausting week
went to sleep.
went home and found more constructive ways to use my time
went to church
Hung out with some people I met at welcome week.
Finished unpacking because it was the only day I got enough free time to do so.
don't remember what I did.
stayed at home and organized my iCal for the upcoming semester
hung out with friends
spent time with new friends
went out
went home, relaxed.
moved into my house
was at home enjoying my time playing with my dogs and watching a movie
hung out with my neighbors and roommate.
hung out in the dorms
went home for the holiday.
went out with friends.
relaxed (marching band...I WAS TIRED)
hung out with some people i met during ww
got to know people in my dorm, and hung out here.
sat in my room and enjoyed the internet.
was in the band and had a parade
went on a retreat with my team.
WEnt to bed
went home and worked
Hung out with people in my dorm
Did my first load of laundry.
slept.
Slept
went home
relaxed.
hung out with friends
attended my great grandmother's wake
went home
Further interacted with my dorm-mates, and got some much needed sleep.
hung out with my friends on my floor
went to my sisters.
hung out with friends in my dorm.
traveled campus with friends looking for my classes.
interacted with fellow students I had met
don't remember
had time to be with friends I would see again
hung out with my brother
slept because welcome week was exhausting.
went home (I'm a commuter)
went to a friends apartment
relaxed in my dorm and started to unpack
organized my room
went out with friends and did some sight seeing on my own.
Chose to relax in my dorm room
went home, because I am a commuter.
had a game night with people I had met during Welcome Week
had to work
hung out in super block.
went and actually did something I wanted to do all week and actually met people and made friends by doing things on my own.
Stayed in my room
don't even remember
slept for a really long time.
bonded with my roommate
had exemption
hung out with new friends.
attended my church
relaxed in my room
was sick
hung out with my friends at non welcome week activities
explored the city and dinkytown
attending my brother's wedding in Cincinnati, Ohio.
went home
got to know the people on the floor by watching a movie
organized my dorm room.
watched a movie and hung out with the people on my floor
Organized my room and went to bed early
met with people on my floor
went shopping
did laundry
Slept
went home.
was exempt
rested up!
hung out with friends elsewhere.
was sleeping
hung out with my roommate and other friends
was relaxing
tour the campus with friends
relaxed and hung out with my friends
hung out with friends
organized my room
hangout with my friends
had other engagements
went to bed
commuted.
went home
repaired for classes
Was part of the preparations for something that actually had some bearing in my life: a land occupation.
Went downtown with my new found friends
played frisbee.
went home
stayed home.
was exempted
went home.
don't remember?
went to Raceway park in Shakopee with my boyfriend, because that's more my idea of entertainment
had a family get together
slept
was working at the fair
Bused home earlier.
stayed in my dorm and got much needed sleep!!
slept
don't remember
commuted home
Got to know more people on the floor of my residence hall.
hung out with friends from my dorm
hung out in a friend's room
went downtown with some friends for a late dinner and to do some exploring.
went home
stayed behind and went to bed. i was exhausted after staying up late every night and then waking up early.
relaxed in my dorm with my roommate, which is what i had wanted to do all week.
Had free time because the required welcome week didn't allow me any.
Went to my girlfriens house
Went to a play with new friends
had family dinner at home.
slept
got drunk
I got to know people on my floor.
Relaxed in my residence hall room.
hung out with my new friends
Told people about how i went to a Comedy Sportz show once for a friends birthday party, and how it was pretty funny. A friend of mine made a performer use "bricky" as an adjective. Anyway, i went back to my dorm to relax and continue fostering intentional relationships with those residing on my floor.
went to my boyfriend's house.
Played Beach Volleyball
played volleyball and socialized with others living in the superblock.
went to church and enjoyed a traditional Sunday dinner with my family.
prepared for school.
slept
Went to Mall of America
was at my grandparents 50th anniversary party
stayed at my residence hall and attended their activities that night
Set up my futon
slept
hung out with friends off campus
don't remember
was exempt
went to sleep
Finished unpacking and hung out with friends.
I was tired.
hung out with new people i had meet at the U.
went home and slept.
relaxed at dorm and unpacked.
had to get home before the buses stopped running to my neighborhood.
relaxed with my new friends
Prepared for class
hung out with friends
participated in my house's mandatory meeting
Hung out with friends.
explored campus.
hung out with friends i had met
Connected with people from Pioneer.
Went back to my apartment.
Relaxed in my new room. I needed more rest, especially before school started so soon.
slept

slept.

Walked around campus and got ready for classes, and decorated my dorm.
hung out with friends
went to church
went home.
Had other plans
went out and explored the campus with friends
met new people on my floor and hung out with them.
went to eat with a large group and walked around campus
don't remember...why has this survey been sent out so late??
Went home - I'm a commuter

played beach volleyball
went home
met some people on my floor and rested!
hanged out with friends. =)
hung out with new friends
relaxed with friends in our dorm.
i went home
unpacked
Stayed home

Ran my errands, explored where my classes were so I didn't get lost etc.
helped friends at State Fair
stayed in my room, see service explanation
Hung out with friends and explored campus.
went home due to commute.
Met and socialized with people on my floor
went home
relaxed
Slept
GAD, I think.
went to sleep
Slept

was exempted from the evening and weekend activities
went out with some friends
went home and SLEPT. After journaling about how I was upset that I probably wouldn't see my group again...
WAS AT HOME B/C OF A FAMILY EMERGENCY
explored the dorm and met people and relaxed
went home
hung around my dorm
rested
Stayed in my dorm.
Went to bed!
did laundry and unpack the rest of my clothes and settled in my room

I went to Comedy Sportz and the Target Run.
relaxed in my dorm.
hung out with friends I had just met.
did not attend
I went home to finally be with my family. It was the best part of that entire week. I think I ate more then I did all of Welcome Week.
went home
commuted home...
went to the wrong target and then headed back to my dorm
went home-(i am a commuter student)
went home to sleep
got to know my roommate.
played games with my new friends in the dorms
went to bed because I was exhausted from the full week of activities
went for a bike ride in the Como area and checked out a few of my friends' houses.
was at home due to family circumstances
went back to the dorms, walked around by ourselves for awhile, explored campus
played beach volleyball in the middle of the superblock
participated in Residence Hall activities
finished unpacking my dorm and went to bed early.
got to know people in my residence hall
prepared for school
stayed home
Chilled in my dorm room
finished unpacking and organizing my room
spent time with friends in the dorms.
hung out with friends
went out.
Went out with friends.
slept
began looking for my classes
chilled in the dorm
don't remember
don't remember what I did
Relaxes with my new friends.
hung out with new friends
hung out with my family that were still in town.
was at the dorms.
hung out with the friends i have made
had to commute home.
Relaxed at home and prepared for school
relaxed with friends
Hung out with friends and slept
went home because I commute
had basketball event
stayed home
went to the state fair with my family
went home
went out
Went home and slept!
relaxed.
slept
slept
had practice and hung out with my friends
hung out at my dorm
went to bed
took this time to relax and catch up on rest for school to be starting soon
hung out with some friends and relaxed.
got to know my roommates in extended housing better and bought my books
slept and relaxed at home
had family time before college start
had a night with my family.
caught up on sleep and got to know my roommate better since we were both exhausted from Welcome Week
hanged out with friends
spent time organizing my room and getting to know people in my hall.
went to bed
was at state fair working
Was at the state fair showing animals
slept
relaxed
moved into my apartment
Went home.
don't really remember
went to my cabin
went and visited with friends in the dorm.
went to hang out with friends that I just meet.
went back to my apartment and slept.
went home
hung out with residence hall mates
i had to work the next morning
hung out with some people on my floor
Relaxed because the welcome week requirements were finally over with.
don't remember.
stayed in my dorm
finished unpacking and relaxed in my room
relaxed
slept
was home relaxing doing what I wanted to do.
Finally relaxed and got myself organized for school. If I had time during the week to do so I would have attended one or more of these events.
explored the campus on my bike
slept
visited my friend in St. Paul.
slept
hung out with people from my dorm.
played basketball.
slept
spent time meeting people in my dorm
was exempt
rested and met people in my hall
played cards in the hall
hung out with friends
went home.
Hung out with friends I made at welcome week
hypnotist
Target run and movie and game night
Relaxed in my dorm room and slept
did something other than welcome week stuff
met more people in my hall
Got some rest in my dorm.
relaxed and hung out with friends.
went home to rest after buying my books
went to Ben & Jerry's with some people I met for ice cream
went home and relaxed
watched football.
relaxed in my dorm with friends
went home.
chilled in my dorm room
hung out with new friends in my residence hall.
got to Dairy Queen
had to work
had a family emergency
spent the night with my boyfriend before he had to leave for college.
watched a movie and fell asleep
moved in to my apartment
Went home because it would have been late for me to ride the bus home.
Met up with friends!
needed time to absorb everything and get used to my new surroundings. it was too much too soon.
watched movies with my floor
set up my laptop and printer, unfortunately
Went home.
went home and slept.
went home
slept
slept... to busy of a week
Went home.
played bored games with some of the people from my residence hall
stayed home
went to Mall Of America with my friends.
was at dance team practice
Slept
worked
needed time to get ready for school
hung out with and got to know the people that I met during the week
went home
Played video games with some friends
went home
slept
was sick and had to go home.
slept
Slept
went to church
don't remember
went home.
Went home to rest.
Relaxed with my friends
Relaxed with roommates and people around my room
Slept
talked with friends at my residence hall
Hung out with my welcome week group.
hung out with my leaders
was working at the State Fair
finished unpacking, took some time to relax with new people i met
hung out with people in my hall
slept
Hung out with new friends in the dorms
hung out
spent time at my fraternity hosue
was at home
slept! I was tired out from Welcome Week.
worked
Did not know that they happened
Settled into my room like I had wanted to all that week.
family time
planned to attend but forgot
hang out with friends
went home
hung out with friends.
hung out with friends and took the night off.
explored the U with friends
was out of town, excused
had to work.
went home for the night
hung out with my roommate to get to know her better!
relaxing in my dorm
slept.
kept the Sabbath Day holy
did something I don't remember
hung out with some friends
Got to know people in other halls
went home and got some much needed rest.
Sat home
Hung out with people in my hall
played with other people in the dorm
went home
slept
organized my dorm room
went home
hung out with people in my dorm
went to a family party
Called home
played games in the dorm, met people on my floor, etc.
Went home.
WENT HOME!!!
spent time with my friends playing games and watching movies
was showing sheep
spent time with my roommate.
was lying in bed sick.
Stayed back in the dorms and relaxed and met some new people
had to be out of town for a family-related matter.
hung out with friends.
played spoons with people from my dorm hall which was 10000x better than anything I did at WW
rode the bus to my house
hung out with new friends.
was sick in bed.
hung out with my friends that I met at welcome week :)
don't even remember...that was so long ago
went to church
spent time with new friends
was at home because of my birthday!
went home for a quick visit because my grandparents were there for Labor Day.
Slept
was at my sister's apartment, celebrating her birthday.
played Uno.
hung out with friends
went to bed early
slept!
Spent the night with friends
watched a movie and met some new people in my dorm
had other plans arranged before I knew about welcome week.
don't remember what i did
played a board game with my new friends
went home
was moving into the dorms at last.
visited with friends.
relaxed and watched a movie.
Explored Minneapolis with friends on our own.
slept
went to sleep after hanging out in the dorm with friends.
slept because i'm in band and i was tired
hung out with new friends in the dorm.
was at home.
hung out with people.
had a meeting with a professor
went to church
played pingpong
was at home with strep throat
interacted with group member by playing a board game.
went to my families house.
went to Acadia to watch a little concert.
unpacked, as I had not had the chance to do so yet
slept
Applied for a scholarship.
went home
Went home
relaxed and settled into the doorms. The first night I had an opportunity to do so!
slept
met new people at the apartment
hung out with my friends at their apartment
went to my house meeting then to sleep.
Organized my room and set up my internet connection
finished un packing and spent time with my roommates.
explored other residence halls with my floor mates
hung out with my friends.
got to a wedding in L.A.
I don't know
sat in my room and played WoW with my friends back home.
saw my friend Ben before he left for Northfield
went home (there weren't any buses that came that late)
relaxed
went home for Labor Day
don't remember
Got ready for my classes.
Hung out with friends to avoid ridiculous welcome week activities.
worked
slept.
explored churches
hung out with friends
went out with my family
I hung out with my friends and set up my dorm.
Went back to the dorm to relax
went to bed because I was so tired
went home for the weekend
went to sleep.
relaxed at my dorm
was at home (I am a commuter)
Worked
went to bed because I was so tired from all the activities!
had dinner with my Aunt and Uncle from the Twin Cities
went home and actually enough sleep during Welcome Week for once.
went home for family reasons
was tired and relaxed with friends.
spent time with the new people who I met.
had previous plans I had to attend
hang out with friends
slept; there was never enough time for sleeping!
hung out at my dorm
went to the bus
hung out with people around my dorm
went home, I had to work early the next morning
hung out with people I had met.

Tried to get some sleep.
Went to bed.
the bus I take to get to the U does not run on Sundays
went home.
hung out with friends
spent time with people in my residence hall
slept.

Played extreme spoons and ditch with my floor.
prepared for my classes
walked around campus with some friends
met people on my floor
slept.

played card games and tag with people from my dorm floor
Slept
was out of town
got sleep because I sleep much that entire week
was with my family on a family trip.
Worked
Slept
I commute
Hung out with some friends from out of town. We stayed up late playing LAN games.
went home.
sleeping
played guitar hero with some of my friends.
went home to rest before school started. I am a commuter student.
hung out with my new friends
was at the state fair for 4-H, I had an exemption
hung out with new friends!... Thank You, U... hehe
had a wedding to go to
went home.

went home, because I didn't want to bike home too late at night
Walked around campus with some friends.
went out with friends
relax at home
set up my room
went to Target earlier with my roommates. 9 was a little late.
don't remember.
went home
went to bed
Chilled in my room
went out with friends.
Set up my futon in my dorm room
relaxed.
worked at CVS

On Monday, I: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1853

On various evenings I participated in the Residence Hall Community events. They: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1893
"Other" Answers

I'm a commuter.
The ice cream was delicious!
Was a commuter for the first two weeks.
I do not live in a Residence Hall.
I talked a lot with other people about how bad welcome week was.
Rock band was awesome
i was too tired to
got me to really get to know my roommates.
my hall doesn't really have a sense of community
I met new people on my own
Were awesome.
i went down to play rockband, but there were so many people it was hard to see and the lines were so long that it took forever if you wanted to play, so i only spent like 15-20 mins down there.
I got a free cookie
I do not live in a res hall.
i was tired from all the boring lectures so i went to sleep
I am a commuter, and had a long trip home
I am a commuter
Commuter Student
I went down for subs one day, but they were gone within a few minutes so I didn't get any
I live off campus and I feel like the program did a very poor job of acknowledging that some people are off campus and cannot be on campus all day and get home in time to get a reasonable amount of sleep.
the ice cream scavenger hunt @ t-hall was just frustrating.
were boring
commuter
talked to my room mate to get to know her better
No
Because the UDS at Coffman was closed on Sunday, Chris took us to one of the Res halls for brunch. The only evening experience I had in the halls was back during Freshman Orientation.
I was exempted from evening activities
played capture the flag
i went down one night and there wasnt much going on
Commuter
I wanted to sleep instead.
I am a commuter, so I didn't really participate there
I do not live in a residence hall.
Again I felt alienated because everyone else already had a group of friends from their high school and I didn't know anyone here so I left not very long after I went.
I don't feel they really helped me meet anybody new
were poorly attended and boring. they ran out of ice cream

I commute
my CA is awesome, he really involves our whole house.
i didn't really have many
I commute
relaxed and slept
I am a commuter
Got to know my roommates
I'm a commuter
I do not live in the residence halls.
what activities?
I did not participate because there was simultaneous other programming
I only attended 2, but they were fun.

### I was favorably impressed with my Welcome Week experience.

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**Mean (Based on Assigned Alias):** 2.95

**Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias):** 1.16

### Welcome Week made me feel more prepared to transition to the University.

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**Mean (Based on Assigned Alias):** 3.43

**Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias):** 1.08

### I have a greater sense of institutional pride and respect for the University after attending Welcome Week.

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**Total Responses:** 1945 100%

**Mean (Based on Assigned Alias):** N/A

**Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias):** N/A
Welcome Week gave me a greater sense of community and identity as the Class of 2012.

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Mean (Based on Assigned Alias): 3.53
Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): 0.99

Welcome Week helped me acknowledge my individual responsibility to the campus community, as well as ownership and responsibility for creating my college experience.

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Mean (Based on Assigned Alias): 3.46
Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): 0.97

Welcome Week gave me the opportunity to establish meaningful relationships with: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1863

"Other" Answers
my new friends
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<td>My Welcome Week group</td>
<td>About five people from my welcome week group</td>
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<td>my roommate. that's it.</td>
<td>only really got to know 4 or 5 people</td>
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<td>people in my dorm</td>
<td>We had almost no time with our CAs - saw them for maybe a couple hours the entire week.</td>
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<td>My bed</td>
<td>friends of friends</td>
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<td>we switched groups so much that i didn't develop meaningful relationships. it was even hard to establish relationships with our small groups until the last day or two.</td>
<td>i didn't really make any meaningful relationships with anybody</td>
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<td>i was unable to establish relationships because we went from one &quot;lecture&quot; to the next and did not have time to meet and get to know other people</td>
<td>Nobody</td>
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<td>My peers who survived it with me.</td>
<td>simply because my peers did not want to be there either.</td>
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<td>we didn't have time to establish meaningful relationships.</td>
<td>Ackward, forced conversations do not foster friendships.</td>
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<td>most of the relationships i established during this time were in the little free time that we had.</td>
<td>coaches</td>
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<td>I did not establish any meaningful relationships with anyone during Welcome Week.</td>
<td>no one</td>
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<td>Welcome week did nothing. I formed relationships with faculty on my own.</td>
<td>welcome week small group members</td>
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<td>i met more people outside of my welcome week than anything</td>
<td>my roommates.</td>
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<td>i don't see anyone from welcome week anymore, it needs to be organized by major or common C.A.</td>
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<td>i dont have any relationships with anyone</td>
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<td>my roommates.</td>
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it is hard to establish meaningful relationships in a week
It was too "all over the place" to form any lasting relationships.
I met quite a few people, but I don't see much of them any more.
Morons.
I managed this despite constant herding and busy work
None
We didn't get to interact with any advisors or staff.
Nobody
Buildings

Orientation and Welcome Week gave me the necessary introduction in order for me to be successful in creating my own college experience.

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Total Responses: 1931 100%

Mean (Based on Assigned Alias): 3.47
Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): 1.01

Orientation and Welcome Week introduced me to the Student Development Outcomes. Please rank your confidence in developing these characteristics during your first year of college.

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Welcome Week allowed me to navigate the campus while discovering a multitude of resources and opportunities available to me.

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Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): 1.01

Overall, the Welcome Week presenters were knowledgeable.

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The quality of the food provided during Welcome Week was good.

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After attending Welcome Week, I have a better understanding of the experience and the resources available at the University.

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Mean (Based on Assigned Alias): 3.7
Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): 0.87

What is your primary concern/anxiety at this point in time?

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Academic coursework (doing well in class, workload) 724 37%
Living situation (i.e., residence hall life, roommate problems) 46 2%
Deciding on a major/career path 164 8%
Health (nutritious eating, physical fitness, healthy lifestyle, adequate sleep) 65 3%
Financial concerns (paying tuition, budgeting) 188 10%
Developing skills related to note-taking, studying, time-management, or stress-management 89 5%
Registration for spring semester courses 59 3%
Homesickness 33 2%
Finding places to study 29 1%
Finding a job (while in school) 150 8%
Obtaining tutoring assistance 16 1%
Other: 48 2%

Total Responses: 1936 100%

Mean (Based on Assigned Alias): N/A
Standard Deviation (Based on Assigned Alias): N/A

Other

I want some tea.
gettin some bud
More than one on the list
At this point just having fun and staying focused
successfully transferring to the CSOM
family problems
none
None
making friends and meeting people, equally worried about homesickness
Hoping the rest of my four years here won't be as bad as welcome week was.
None at this point.
being treated like a 6 year old by the University like I was during welcome week.
this survey is late obviously since its been about a month now.
None, now that school has started and I have taken it upon myself, like a college student should, I have no worries.
I didn't have time to get my self organized!!!!!
reemebering to registor for upper division
none
everyone of them
academic coursework, financial concerns, finding a job, and health
Nothing. Time to party.
Having to do more pointless forced activities like welcome week that take up my time and are really unnecessary because I never had this when I came to the U as a junior in high school but everything still worked out fine!
None
being an ex-PSEO student jumping right into sophomore-level courses where everyone is two years older
nothing really
balancing my job, homework, and social life.
8 hours of daily homework/no time for job/need for money to pay for college
many of the above
Time management
Finding time for school between Martial arts and political activism
Making friends/ meeting and talking with teachers
all of these aspects are equal in my personal concerns
inconvenience in commuting
academics AND relationships
Being able to practice enough and making satisfactory progress on my instrument.
All of the above.
living through welcome week
Finding a faculty mentor for research
none
how Welcome week took $400 of my wages!
Finding a fun extracurricular activity
making new friends but keeping old ones at the same time/wanting to feel like i belong here...and not that i should have chosen somewhere closer to home
Getting enough sleep.
no large concerns right now
Commuting and studying
time management
Keeping a balanced and healthy lifestyle and continuing to stay involved

I wish Welcome Week had provided more time/information on: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1923

"Other" Answers
Having welcome week for only 1-2 days would be better.
FREE TIME
Sleeping
finding my classes
Relaxing time, to interact with other students during the day without to have to feel forced to go to places
The busing system, and how that works
Gopher Tunnel System
less time!!
sleeping
Instead of doing all of CLA I wish they would have broken us up into our schools (e.g. College of Design, School of Music)
how to avoid welcome week activities.
Using the bus system and traveling within the metro area
MORE FREE TIME!!!
i really didnt like welcome week so...
Computer Labs
more down time we were overscheduled
Doing things that actually matter in order to succeed in the upcoming semester
Letting you meet people
There was not enough unstructured time. We felt like a herd of cattle being carted from one thing to the next.

**Free Time**

**To sleep**

More time to relax, and be on our own to find our classes.

**buying books and other necessities**

Just letting us explore the campus by ourselves and with friends.

Just too be clear, I'm NOT saying welcome week should be longer, dear lord.

If you want to switch things.

**just relaxing**

**Eating Meals**

**relaxing**

Learning the bus routes.

LESS time. It could have effectively been a Welcome 2 Days.

**finding how to get a work study job**

Way too overscheduled, i started classes feeling burned out. I couldn't wait for welcome week to end.

more time to get settled in!!

**Scholarships**

I wish they gave us a lot more time to do independant exploring or just free time to unpack and settle in.

time to absorb everything...ability to CHOOSE which events to attend as opposed to having everything be mandatory.

Libraries! They never showed us where any libraries are.

Shorter days. Welcome Week is a fantastic idea, but we were all so tired -- especially commuter students.

**Time to sleep and remain rested for the start of classes**

**How/when to register for Spring 2009 classes**

bus routes

**Eating. Sometimes it was so busy we didn't get to eat.**

**Transferring do different colleges/changing your major**

sleep

study abroad

**Bus routs**

how to use the metro transit system

**making LASTING relationshhips with other freshman**

I think that welcome week is highly unnecessary espically givin my situation, and I feel that my time at it was all wasted during every session.

**Finding Jobs**

**Sleeping**

Relaxing and just sleeping in.

**Transportation around campus: bus**

Welcome week seemed like a waste, every thing could ahve been covered in orientation (if some of the discussion time with group leaders was cut out)

I wish it hadn't existed at all

Time to deposit money, buy books, and prepare for classes on a day other than Labor day.

issues unique to former PSEO students. Many of us already have our general ed. requirements met and need to know whether certain restrictions or prerequisites apply to us as first-year admitted students. We do not need to just have fun with college, we need to make some decisions NOW about what our majors will be, when we should study abroad... anything that has to do with the number of credits not matching the number of years as an admitted student.

Much more free time, more choice with what I wanted to attend, the metro transit system, and speaking with professors from my majors

**FREE TIME**

**tour of the rec center**

lots more free time

free time

**Time to get settled before classes**

Much More Free Time!

time to find your classes and to just hang out with your friends.

work study

information given was okay but needed to go into more details

**Free Time**

needed WAY more free time to meet other freshmen

We really needed more time to relax. At times it was quite stressful because of all the activities.
Bus Systems
preferably LESS time/information provided, and more MADE AVAILABLE to those it is relevant to.
I was very satisfied with what was provided
I wish it was not required at all
Welcome Week could have easily been reduced to 3-4 days. There is no reason to bombard us with the same information over and over.
finding a campus job
on free time to get to now the campus by myself
going to know the people on my floor
using the libraries
Bus system? Gopherway? How to order take-out meals from the dining halls?
Information on places to ride my bike
Just time to move in and adjust a day or two on my own. There was no relaxation time.
Transferring to another University
Meet my CAs before Labor Day.
Time to setup my dorm room, please.
Getting rest. Which is different than time to get settled in at the res hall because we wouldn't be done for the day until 130 or 2 am with programs starting the next morning before 7 am. If we just had more time to sleep the experience could have been much much better.
Let us do what we need to do (books, set up computer, etc.)
More about how to get around and more time to relax
Finding things around campus, and just to emphisis…GETTING SETTLED IN MY DORM!
there was no free time to get settled into the dorm, i felt like i had no free time
sleep
more sleep
More res hall activities
need to manage commuters time better.
was too long, could be done in 2-3 days
on campus jobs
independance
relaxation.
I wish there wasn't a Welcome Week. I do appreciate what you all tried to do, don't get me wrong, but it was just an unnecessary program.
just give us more free time
More time to sleep
Time to get books
Sleeping
LESS of everything
finding a job
using campus shuttles
A total Twin Cities Campus tour, including St Paul and all of Minneapolis in its entirety.
How to transfer from one school to another. (e.g. from cla to csom)
Time to explore campus on our own
How to better navigate campus through the tunnel system and campus connector.
free time!
Really I prefer there wasn't welcome week
Should have been able to spend the holiday weekend with family!
Time to prepare for classes and get settled in
Not as structured, too much to do
Time to rest and hang out with people we met.
Work-Study jobs
How to manage time in college
Libraries

I would like to attend workshops or sessions on the following topics during the fall semester: (mark all that apply)

Response Count: 1717
"Other" Answers

On Campus Jobs
UROP
Travel abroad
finding a job
Dealing with stress and problem solving
time management
study abroad, finding a job
Research

i don't understand this what this question is asking.

umm... the responses to this question are the same as last question and some don't fit such as Time to get settled in my residence hall room, Free time, etc. next time you put together a survey please make sure response options fit the question and that the response options are not biased.
study abroad
study abroad, time management

Study Abroad
jobs
study abroad
finding out how to get a work study job
What there is to do during your free time on campus.
time management
Random things that interest me that don't necessarily have anything to do with the logistics of college.
Intramural Sports

If you could change the Welcome Week program in any way, how would you change it and why? Please elaborate on any question above you marked as disagree, strongly disagree or neutral.

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I needed more time to just settle in...We were always busy!

If I could chane anything at welcome week I would have changed the amount of sessions provided. Too many of the sessions I attended were repetitive in the information that was given. Also Welcome week was a little long. I think if welcome week was cut down to 3 or 4 days would've been better. It got exhausting when some events lasted until 1 and we had to be at our group meeting at 8.
Welcome Week had a very full schedule. This gave little time to get my room situated. Also, welcome week activities were great, but we also needed to spend time with our peers at our dorms. This meant that we would be out doing welcome week activities until at least 10:00pm, then spending the necessary time getting to know our fellow hall residents. Then, our small group meetings were usually between 8:00 and 8:30.

Don't make it a whole week, but merely a few days. A few sessions were unnecessary, such as the motivational speaker, and I felt like I could have been doing something better with my time, such as learning about my school of choice, or thinking about my majors. By the time I returned home after a day at welcome week (I am a commuter) I was exhausted and was reluctant to attend meetings and such.

Short the hours each day and possibly condense presentations that overlap in content.

Well, everything was good...I don't think I would change anything other than make the food better I guess...but then again I thought the food was good too...so I'm not complaining!! ^_^

I think there should have been less structured activities and more opportunities to interact with my peers. Attending all of the speaking events did not provide allow for very much interaction.

Less walking... everyone was tired.

Welcome Week was helpful. I think that there was too much stuff. More free time would have destressed this event.

It was way too long. It should be a Welcome Weekend. Each day was so packed with stuff to do, I had no energy for that night's activities or the next day. I missed the State Fair because I fell asleep at 9:00 because I was so tired from the week's activities. The sessions we attended were boring because they presented us with the same information over and over. We had been receiving this same info for months in the mail and email and Orientation before we even moved in. I would have replaced some of the activities with (an optional) tour of all 3 campuses, because I had trouble finding my way to my classes at first because I was so unfamiliar with the campus.

There was just not enough free time. I never went to the late night activities because I had to wake up at 7 the next morning to start all over. Overall I just thought it was very long and a very stressful way to begin college life.

I would make it less like a week long orientation. It got old really fast, and there was not any time to get oriented with our rooms so our rooms were messy and we did not have groceries for the first week due to the fact that we never had any free time.

I would have more free time and less activities.

I do not believe that Welcome Week should be required of PSEO students and/or commuter students, both of which I am. I could have used this week to prepare for my classes, instead I was too stressed trying to get to and from the University and follow the leaders' disorganized schedule that I ended up more stressed than I would have been. We switched groups way too many times and so making friends and keeping them was impossible. People that want to attend Welcome Week will do so on my own time, but I do not feel that it should be required. I only attended because I had to, and I had hoped it would be better than it was, but I was wrong.

The program for CLA on "College Day" was terrible, absolutely terrible. Convocation was boarderline between bearable and interesting; the following day pushed me over the edge. The CLA "College Day" gave me no sense of Community. It gave me no opportunity to make new friends. It was, for me, the antithesis of what Welcome Week was about. It literally felt like a lecture that wouldn't end. I know for a fact that this drove many people not to attend anything through to the end of Welcome Week.

I think the intentions for welcome week were good, but the days were way too packed with activities! I was so tired after the 1st day and it only got worse as the week went on. I would suggest starting the day later on (even something as little as changing it to 9 or 10 am instead of 8 am). I was wore out, and almost everyone that I talked to felt the same way. The nighttime activities were fun, but it was hard to participate in them and still wake up at 7 am the next day. Also, more free time would be great! The 1st few days were really rough. Additionally, many of the information was repeated in multiple sessions, making us feel stupid or something. Please try to avoid repetition. The CLA day was sort of a joke and I don't feel I benefitted much from it. I heard other college days were good though. I also think the small groups for the college day weren't very helpful, because we only spent a small ammount of time in those groups and never really got to know each other.

As college students I felt that we had our hands held a little bit too much during welcome week. It would have been nice to have had more time to explore on our own and have time to genuinely get to know people rather than rush around every minute of the day attending scheduled events. I very much enjoyed the college activities fair, Jermaine Davis, convocation, my trip to Polaris, and the volunteering project. However, I thought all of the sessions during university day on Friday were a bit redundant of orientation and were a bit unnecessary. College is a time for us to find our independence and I understand that the goal of welcome week was to foster us into the college lifestyle, but it would have been nice to have some more free time to explore on our own.

I thought some of the meals were very good while some of the others were not very impressive at all. My biggest criticism of Welcome Week was that it was way too over-schedueled. I would have really appreciated a little more down time to get settled in and just casually hang out with new people without everything being so structured. Also I think most people, including myself, felt a little sleep deprived with activities scheduled from 8:30am to 1:00am most of the days.
I thought Welcome Week was absolutely ridiculous. First of all, it absolutely should not be mandatory. If people want to come, great. However, we should not be forced to attend any of these events and not attending should not affect our college career in any way. If it is going to be mandatory, it should be three days long at the maximum. Most of the sessions and small group meetings were completely uninformative and unnecessary. By this age, we don't need to be entertained by petty little things that are a complete waste of time and most of us know how to interact with people after living for 18 years. By the end of the week, I was completely exhausted and didn't even want to start college. In fact, I felt more ready for a vacation than I did at the end of my senior year of high school. Welcome Week should be an experience that is enjoyable, not one that causes the students to dread their upcoming years at the U.

I would just space it out more because everyone has said that the days were really tight together.

The early morning meetings and night meetings.

Make it shorter

I would give students more time to settle all of their dorm things on the day of move-in. To move in is very tiring, and then staying out at Marrucci until 9:30/10:00 was a bit much.

Every freshman I talked to strongly disliked Welcome Week. It was not that the programs were not informative, it was just that no one wanted to wake up at 8:00 in the morning everyday for 5 days straight in order to spend it all trudging from session to session. I had no idea when I came to campus that I would not have any free time starting right away, and that severely affected my plans and those of my parents, who were planning on staying in town longer to help me adjust/get settled. I had zero downtime, and was very frustrated by this. I felt as if I was at a summer camp for middle or high schoolers, and was not a college freshman. Welcome Week did provide me with a few friends, but most of the people I have become friends with I did not meet as a result of Welcome Week.

I feel like it was almost TOO structured. Once we made friends, we weren't able to spend time with them until school started, then everyone got too busy.

we seriously didn't have time to do anything on our own. my ASSIGNED move in time was at two and I didn't even get to finish unpacking and I had an event to go to! I spent all my days doing boring things and I don't even feel like I know the campus any better! I got on a bus to go to a class on the west bank today and hoped to god that this bus would take me to the right place! next year, allow the kids more free time and show them stuff that they will actually have to know!!!

I would make sure students also have some free time during the day because by the time we got to the "fun events" at night, I was too tired to go anyway.

As I stated earlier I would have liked to meet with everyone from my major. There was also a lot long sessions where you listen to people talk about the same things. Also some of the sessions had us going back and forth from east to west bank multiples times. too much walking.

I would add a break in between welcome week and the first day of school. I felt like we immediately transitioned from welcome week into the first week of school.

I would change the structure of the groups. I know that handling 5000+ people is an arduous task but it would be more enjoyable if we were given the freedom to attend sessions with friends instead of strictly following the people of your group. But I feel that the people in my group were apprehensive at first but opened up.

It was way too scheduled. We had no free time which was tiring and stressful. Let us sleep in longer...we don't have to cram that much into one day. Also, get to know the U day was way too drawn out and not that exciting. The breakout sessions weren't that fun. I was incredibly sick of people talking at me all week.

I would start welcome week earlier (aka Monday) and do the same amount of activities, just add more free time. There was very little time to buy books and avoid lines, or get settled in my dorm and meet my floormates. Also there was very little information on the bus system or the tunnel system which still seem confusing.

First of all, I would make the event no more than three days long. Also, events should start no earlier than 11 am. I, like a lot of my peers, felt sleep-deprived during Welcome Week. Actually, once classes started, I felt more relaxed and full of energy than I did during Welcome Week. A large portion of Welcome Week was simply a repeat of orientation. Also, Welcome Week felt more like summer camp than college. Although my welcome week group did become very close, and I am grateful for having the opportunity to meet those people, that seems to have been at the expense of meeting people on my floor. Perhaps in the future the groups should be all or part of a floor and a CA as the leader. That way, a floor can bond the way my group has, especially after the end of Welcome Week.

As I stated earlier, Welcome Week needs to be less busy. I was only in my room for a half hour before the activities started, and after that I hardly had any other free time other than sleeping. I wish there was an activity that helped you meet people on your floor that was more laid back and relaxed.

I would not make it start so early every day and end so late every night. Better lunch food or better yet: Just provide us with a lot of Flexdine money so we can get whatever we want for ourselves.

There should be more buses running because waiting in the rain for 40 minutes was ridiculous.

Give people more time to settle into their dorms (like 2 days). And there shouldn't be as many presentations to attend. There were too many events planned that we were supposed to go to.

I wish there was more free-time especially the first several days; everyone hated it! The bagged lunches weren't great, and we needed more time to get our rooms set up, get to know our roommates, and get to know our floor and CAs.

Please, please, please do not have as many speakers for the CLA day. It was so repetitive, I did not learn anything new, and was basically a waste of my time.

Welcome week was way too long and was not a good experience for me or anyone I talked to. While I did meet my classmates, I could have done that on my own, just like all of the previous freshmen have done. University day was pointless because we weren't even shown around the campus and the sessions were the same information that we had heard over and over at Orientation and earlier in the week. Had welcome week been maybe two or three days it wouldn't have been bad, but to have it last for five days was way too much and very overwhelming. There were many days when we were on the go from 8 in the morning till at least 10 at night, and that starts to wear on you. Rather than feeling welcomed at college, I felt like I was back in high school with stupid required activities and forcing everyone to be friends with everyone else.
I just wish more things were optional. I think people are either going to go or not, and they don't care if things are optional - they just won't go. People who are genuinely interested in attending Welcome Week should have to deal with people who are going to complain about it the whole time.

I think it was nice to have all of these sessions and whatnot, but we weren't given the choice to do anything else. I know a lot of people agree with me. I attended all of the sessions, but it would have been nice to have the option to do something else if needed. There were several people in my group that didn't have everything they needed yet and Monday certainly didn't give enough time to get everything set up. Not only that, but because we were so busy many of us were still tired for the first day of class. If the sessions were still available but we had the option to skip a few, it would have been better. Maybe if we had, like, four sessions that we could skip. Everything else had to be attended, but we would have the opportunity to miss a few if we needed to. That way you still have students attending several of the activities, while also allowing for others to take care of whatever they still need to take care of.

I don't have as many presentations during the first few days. They were not exciting nor very helpful. Make sure that food is adequate. During the first lunch we had at Maruici, the only sandwich left by the time I got there was the veggie sandwich and there were no cookies left either. The transportation system was poorly planned. The buses were packed, especially on the day the groups were supposed to go to St. Paul. Only half of my group was able to make it on a bus there. The other half just stayed in Minneapolis. My half ate lunch at the St. Paul campus and then went back. We did not go to the presentations because we thought the buses would be packed going back. Don't say that everything is "mandatory" and that if you missed a session, you have to make it up on Monday. It gives the week a negative vibe.

I think it would be helpful to start it a little later in the day. That way, kids would not be tempted to sleep in and miss their small group meetings.

I wish it wasn't so jam packed. It was great getting to know everyone... but we needed a little bit more free time. It was weird when we actually did have free time since the week was so structured... I almost didn't know what to do with my time.

too much scheduling... everybody was always exhausted.

First of all I would get better food. The food that was served was not appetizing, often there were no options for those allergic to certain things. Second I was very disappointed with the CLA college day. It was boring, way too long, and I heard that all the other colleges did something more interesting. Make the CLA college day more fun.

I would make the days start later with shorter breaks in the middle of the day. After our long free time in the middle of our day, it was difficult to get motivated to be active again. It was very very boring, just as boring as orientation but longer, it should be an embarrassment that after five years of planning that was all the "fun" that could be organized. It was long, boring, and it was not fun.

Early mornings and late nights were a bad idea.

To start out with, I did think that Welcome Week was a good idea to get the students familiar with the campus and to meet new students to start friendships. However, I wish that we could have had a roommate in our groups because otherwise it was as if we never got to really know them or see them throughout that week. Also, I just think that the days should have been shorter with not as much packed in to each day and less mandatory things to go to. I know that I just wanted to explore the campus with my roommate and meet new people on our own sometimes too, but instead, when we finally met up at the end of the day, we took a nap and didn't talk at all because we were both so tired. So, I guess, you know, I do think Welcome Week was a good idea, but maybe make it not a whole week, and make the days much, much shorter.

During Welcome Week we were told all of the same things we had heard all during orientation. We were forced to be up and ready to leave by 8 in the morning, and then given things to do until 1 that next morning, which gave us very little time to rest or just be with people that we wanted to.

I think Welcome Week should be shorter. It felt like it just dragged along. Maybe we need programs and have more free time in between sessions.

I would have made Welcome Week less of a summer camp and more of an optional, do what you need to do to be ready for class, type seminar. I felt like there was too much stuff crammed in there and most of the people who talked to us all said about the same things. The food choices were not good at all. Each time I had a sandwich or wrap, it was soggy. Why not have meals in the dining halls? None of the group leaders seemed 100% sure of what was going on, so that didn't give me a good first impression and made me not want to do participate in Welcome Week.

I think our week was too planned and there was no down time which made it had to do anything. Most people didn't even get to finish unpacking until that Monday. There were too many mandatory sessions and most did not apply to me.

Probably make it a little shorter, it was a little overwhelming and repetitive. Allow a little more free time to get settled in and find your way around.

Change entire experience, it was too structured, too long, and we were kept too busy... it was geared toward the Minneapolis kids and the St Paul kids were left out, the bus system was terrible and unorganized - a small bus with 60 kids all trying to get to Bailey is NOT GOOD! I didn't know where I was going or what was going on, the leaders were not happy to be there, it overall was not fun at all - I suggest a shorter period maybe only 2 days one welcome and short activities day free to choose where to go and what to do and one day free to do whatever with more activities if chosen to do them... overall not as long and less to do... I did not have fun during welcome week and felt that it was overall very pointless.

The hours of Welcome Week were too long. Especially the first couple of days. We were finished around 8-10pm and the next day we have to get up early. It was really hard on commuters because we have to get up at 6, get ready, beat the traffic and hopefully to get to the right location on time.

more free time and the small groups should be people who live in your hallway.

I don't like how our day is structured. It was like we were in kindergarten again. It wasn't fun most of the time.

We should have had more free time to get adjusted to our surroundings, unpack, and get familiarized with our residence halls. We should get more rest at night and not go 14 hours in a single day. That was ridiculous. Make it shorter or make the days shorter. I felt like I was at a summer camp.
I would make the schedule more relaxed. It felt very hectic and we were always on the go. More free time would have been nice or a midday break.

I would make it a lot shorter with a lot less long sessions with boring speakers. I also think that it should not be required and the consequence for not coming be being fined or having to make it up. If I skipped one of my classes which are preparing me for my career there would be no fine, there would be no required make up session. Welcome week should allow student the opportunity to explore the campus, find their classes, learn how to use U of M resources on campus, and learn about resources that the U provides. Having side trips is fine as an option. I have lived in the Twin Cities my whole life. I have been to all these places you offer and making me go is ridiculous. A 14 hour day required is outrageous. I hope you realize that this program needs some serious alterations or even elimination.

What made whoever designed the week of torture think that 18-year-old students would enjoy being treated as if they were 12 on their first week at campus? We are already independent and that ridiculous schedule forced us to be shepherded around like children for at least 12 hours a day! The morning started far too early, they kept us for what seemed like forever, drug us through repeated presentations of people talking AT us about the same things over and over again, when we already knew almost everything they were presenting before the first group told us! It was absolutely pointless and an incredible misuse of 27 million dollars. I hope all of those funds came from sponsors and none of it from the precious tuition money we are paying this institution through student loans and will have to be paying back for the next 15 years of our lives. The entire week wore everyone out, did not accomplish anything, would have been much better spent letting us get used to our dorms and walking around campus by ourselves, and made me want to transfer as soon as possible. Why would you increase the already overwhelming stress of transitioning to college by forcing us to wake up at 8am, keeping us till sometimes 11 at night (thats a 15 hour day!), in strictly controlled, required activities? We are supposed to be entering the adult portion of our lives. We were told college was about independence and responsibility and we get here and you rub it in our faces that we're freshmen and young and treat us like we're unable to handle a week on our own. Who did you think you were accepting? Incredibly sheltered fools? Either get rid of the entire depressing experience or have actually helpful and informative sessions that are scheduled in the afternoon and optional to attend, and give everyone a schedule. Then for freshmen to meet other students, have social activities that are well enough organized and presented that students will actually want to attend. There they can choose to meet other people with similar interests who they will actually make friends with, instead of forcing them into assigned groups with students they will probably never talk to again.

There were way too many things planned and "mandatory". I felt like I was still in high school, walking around as the big "freshman" group. I don't feel I met any more people that I would have if there was no Welcome Week.

I would make it not as long, for example friday-sunday and give the students much more free time. By the end of the week, everyone i talked to was so tired out even before school started. The college day and community service day were the best, but i wasn't a fan of the "get to know the campus" day.

I think Welcome Week could have been shorter and been just as effective.

I don't think it needs to be so long. It's our last week of summer and we should be able to enjoy it. Also it didn't provide us with much free time. I moved in to my dorm room and then didn't have time to finish getting it organized. Also most of the stuff we "learned" we had already learned during orientation. It was very repetitious. I think if anything it should be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and we can have the weekend off to either go home or get organized. Wednesday could be the ceremony thing, Thursday could be college day, and Friday could be campus tours.

Make it shorter of give more free time throughout the day. Or make each day shorter.

More free time to et settled in and set up your dorm room.

I would change the fact that we didn't really have any free time the whole week. It stressed me out that I wasn't able to look for my classes before they started. I wanted more time to adjust to living away from home with people that I don't really know before classes started, but it felt like all of my time was taken up doing welcome week activities. Also, I would make some of the classes and stuff mandatory, but most of the stuff seemed kind of pointless and repetitive.

A lot of the activities dragged on to the point where kids were sleeping and texting all of their friends. I would run a lot of the same activities, but keep them shorter.

When you have people do speeches and presentations for us, please do not choose speakers who all say the exact same thing. Sitting through a 'You Can Do It' speech once is inspiring; sitting through it eight times is downright irritating. Also on the subject of guest speakers - do not put four of them in a row and expect us to stay attentive. By the end of the second speech everybody wants to leave, even if they do have something interesting to say. Ditto on presentations before lunch - most people around me just wanted to eat, and tuned speakers/performers out since there were too many.

Welcome Week was far to long and packed with too many activities. It was so busy that I started to feel sick. It didn't help me meet new people because I was forced to attend activities and got no free time. It would have been better with less small group activities, less activities in general, and more time to explore the campus, find classes, and prepare to transition to college.

I thought it was a really good experience, but I wish that it would have been a little more spread out. I also wish that we could have had more free time. It seemed like we got bombarded with a ton of information and it was really hard to absorb it all.

I would give more free time. After moving away from home students do not want to feel like they are at camp. They want a little freedom. I still attended things that were important to me even though I knew I didn't have to. College students do not want to get up early in the morning. A lot of the activities could have been made smaller and a couple of the days could have been combined to give students more free time.

I would give more free time and/or small group activities that allow people from the same major and/or residential hall to interact. There was very little time to get settled into my room and gather necessary items from stores. I felt rushed throughout most of the week.

Make it just the weekend; it was very long and exhausting.

I would make Welcome Week optional, or not quite as extensive. It was way, way too much, and completely stressful. Perhaps it could've been Welcome Day? Or Welcome Weekend?

There needs to be more free time. From 4pm-11pm Wednesday, 8am-11pm Thursday, 8am-11pm Friday, and 8-11ish am Saturday, there were required schedule activities. There was no time to just go relax and meet people, or completely unpack... I didn't get to really meet anyone in my hall until about Monday, and I finished unpacking Monday, too... after being here 5 days. A lot of the activities were unnecessary for someone's first days at college, especially University day Jermaine Davis (motivational speaker), etc. They provided very
I would make the events every day start later. The majority of the kids, including myself, were tired from waking up early, walking around everywhere doing event after event after event and then returning to our residence halls where we were expected to do late night activities.

I feel students needed more time to get settled in the first few days. Too many students felt worn out from being forced to wake up at 7-8am during their first stressful and hectic days of college. I personally would have liked more small group activities to better bond with others as I have met most of my college friends through my small group. Additionally, a section on how to better travel on campus through campus connectors and the tunnel system would have been helpful in my opinion.

I would give the students more free time during the first few days. These days become really long and tiring especially the first day after trying to move in all morning then going to convocation. I had no time to get settled and was almost late to convocation from getting storage stuff for my room.

More free time to get settled in and so i don't feel exhausted by the end of each day.

Welcome Week felt a lot like Orientation. I loved orientation and it was very informative, but Welcome Week felt like an extended mandatory repeat of it. Orientation was so helpful, but Welcome Week provided such a rigid schedule that we did not get to explore campus on our own or get those last minute things done that made us nervous for our first days. Instead, we were at mandatory sessions that were far too similar to orientation. I think Welcome Week should not be a week long next year. If it is done, it should have one day of the requirements and then free time after that for students to interact and build relationships that help ease the stress of beginning a new phase in life. With the rigorous schedule, it was more stressful than beneficial. We did not get to meet as many people staying in our groups all the time. It was especially difficult as a commuter to be forced to be there at 8:00am because that meant I had to get on a bus at 6:00am, tiring me out the week before classes. The mandatory events should be in the afternoon with morning and night optional. I think two days of mandatory events is plenty to get to know the University and the individual colleges; a full week is not necessary.

I would make it less packed and give us more time to get settled into our rooms. I felt way exhausted most days.

I would make it shorter because it seemed like many of the activities did not help me with my college experience.

Welcome Week WAS a good experience to meet people. However, I was getting too tired just on the second day to have a good time. I would have to get up early every morning in order to get ready, eat breakfast, and meet my group at 8am. The late-night activities lasted until well after midnight, and since we were so busy during the day it was hard to get to them since I was exhausted. It was also extremely overwhelming, because my roommate and I weren't able to finish setting up our room until after classes started. It would have been nice to finish unpacking and get settled in before all of these events started. My main concern about Welcome Week is there was just too little time for rest. My feet developed blisters on the second day, and they never got a chance to heal since we were kept walking for so many hours. They STILL have blisters and are painful since I couldn't relax before I had to start walking to class. I understand that our class is the "guinea pig" for this event. I know that you want us to have fun, but games don't have to be forced upon us to meet other people. I can't even remember half the people I met from Welcome Week since there was no time to hang out or catch up after I met them.

More down time. Nearly everyday was full of activities that required a deadline to be in a certain spot. This wore me down fast. Also the activities should not begin so early, remember we need our sleep!

there were so many boring, pointless activities. It was extremely overwhelming and way too long. It should really last three days at the most and include a tour of the campus...without the sessions. The sessions on the Minneapolis Campus were good...but the tour needs to be about the campus, not getting to sessions.

If I could change the Welcome Week program in any way, I would add more free time for students. It was a bit too structured for me and I wanted some free time to settle in. Besides that, I wouldn't change anything else.

Welcome Week was highly structured and left little to no down time and as a result I opted out of the final days in order to rest and prepare mentally for classes. Convocation and the CLA presentation in Mariucci were quite long and I lost interest quickly. It was enjoyable but much too long. Also the time of day we had to wake up to participate was ridiculous. Early mornings are not enjoyable to me and drained me of energy quickly.

More interaction with faculty to become more comfortable working with them in class.

I would give a little for free time in the beginning of the week...we had some at the end of the week and by that time people just stopped showing up.

We need a break sometimes. Going from 8 am until after 10 pm became a bit much every day. I wasn't unpacked until the week after welcome week because of all the events planned. Some things should be optional, or plan fewer activities throughout the days.

Allow more free time- the days were very long.

Give students more free time and choices. These are college students and deserve to be treated as such. By making almost every waking moment planned out with mandatory and exhausting lectures, it just created more anxiety and turned students off, encouraging them to skip so that they can actually have time to relax before classes start.

Some of the programs, like the CLA College day, were too long and boring. There was not enough time to move in and to get enough sleep and it made Welcome Week more trying than it had to be. Some aspects were helpful, but for the most part the presentations seemed like a never-ending stream of people talking at you.

I would definitely give more people more time to do their own thing and meet people in their own terms. I felt that the schedule was way too packed and it was exhausting plus things started way too early. I thought the majority of the meetings and presentations were pointless and basically common sense. The state fair things shouldn't be after the game either, and I would offer the presentations but make them optional. It would be better to do things that are fun during the day instead of so many presentations because most people only wanted to meet people during the week.

I would allow for more free time and not start activities so early in the morning. I definitely needed more time just to hang out in my dorm room to get settled and aquainted with my roommate and other students in my hall.

I would make the days shorter, because(Friday especially) exhausted everyone and consequently there were a lot of bad attitudes being embraced. Even if it was necessary to add a day to the schedule, I think shorter days would help the students enjoy Welcome Week more.
I would shorten welcome week into welcome 2 days. Six days was way too long and truthfully everything could have easily fit into two days. I think some events were rather repetitive and some events should have been optional because a lot of things were redundant from orientation. I think welcome week should have been let people move in Wednesday and have Convocation that night, then have events Thursday and Friday, and be done Friday night. This would give students time to relax and adjust to their new living situation before going to classes. Also, then the students would have more time to walk the campus, get their books, and just relax with their new found friends. Six days was just way too long. I felt so burned from welcome week, that I didn't even really want to go to class. I just wanted a break.

More free time, everything was scheduled and not optional, it was very stressful that we were required to do activities that were either boring or pointless for 9 hours, then when we finally got free time, we were to tired to do anything. Small group meetings also helped in taking a huge group and making it a smaller more manageable group. This way we got to see familiar faces, and actually meet some people. Maybe do floor activities, because although everyone in our small group was in the same dorm, I felt I should know the people around me before I knew people on different floors or in Pioneer's case the opposite side of the building.

I would let us have more free time/down time because it is the one time to make friends without having to worry about getting to class and such and it is tiring to try and make friends while going to a lot of different presentations.

A lot of it was repetitive, could have done without many of the speakers.

First day of move in should be just residence hall(or floor) party/get to know each other event

Welcome week was much too long. I feel it would be better to make it a welcome weekend. That would be a little less annoying. My reasoning is that all of the presentations basically reiterated the same things over and over. The side trips were fun but most of the sessions, in my opinion, were pointless. I, along with many of my peers, already know how to succeed and how to take responsibility for ourselves. Those who don't aren't going to learn it through a 30 minute session, let alone ten 30 minute sessions.

N/A

Welcome Week was over scheduled. My group was exhausted after only the first full day! It was very difficult to meet people for long periods of time when we were constantly being shuffled around into different groups. Also, a planned and organized tour of the campus would be a nice addition to Welcome Week (the mall, dinky town, stadium village, etc). There was no explanation of transportation options on campus. Luckily, I had a wonderful Welcome Week leader who filled my group in on some of the information that seemed to be missing.

We didn't really have much to ask our welcome week leaders and lost the once. I wish we could have had more resource information and then the chance to ask questions. The counseling centers I will have to scout out because I can't rember them from welcome week.

I would make the mornings start later, with activities going until 10 pm or later and wanting to socialize with others in my dorm it was impossible to be well rested and be alert during presentations.

I felt like there was so many things going on in the week. It was difficult waking up early and attending the evening entertainment, but the night activities were fun and I'm glad I went. I think the days should have started with lunch instead of breakfast, just so that everyone will get enough sleep and not feel so eager for lunch to start, instead, they would pay attention to every thing that would be going on, not worrying about feeding their hungry stomachs.

I think there should have been a lot more free time during Welcome Week so that people could actually hang out with their new friends instead of constantly having somewhere to be. Also I think more of the events, such as the side trips, should have been optional. Also I think it should start later in the day, especially for commuter students because some people had to come from far away.

I would have liked to have more time to move into my dorm room, and a little time to just be alone and feel comfortable with my surroundings. I would have also liked to have a little time to rest and relax before my classes started.

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there was way to much going on every day. going from 8 am to 10 pm or even 1 am is a little bit much. and students should be able to have at least two days to wind down after instead of one.

I would have liked to have more time to settle into the dorms and get to know the people on my floor. I would have also like to have had more free time because I would often be too tired to do any of the social activities in the evenings.

The only thing I would change in Welcome Week is giving us more free time, so that we can choose the people we meet. It would also have been nice to have more time to sleep because by the time the first day of classes came I was already exhausted.

I would change it into Welcome Weekend. The week full of activities was insane. WE had barely any free time and were forced to attend things that, personally i would have preferred not to attend. See below for more explanation.

The length of the days got to be pretty long and dragged out especially for the commuters. We have to add extra time that the residence students don't have to to get up and get to the U and then to make it home again.

Mostly I felt like it was long and a little unnecessary. I thought that the information could have been condensed and, realistically, I would have gotten more out of my own exploration of the campus. I guess it seemed to me like I was being a little bit babied and a little more herd through activities that I may or may not have been interested in. I thought the Darfur Symposium was easily the best part of the entire experience followed by the Mall of America.

I think the schedule was too hectic and structured. The goal of creating connections within the student body and its institutions is great. However, I felt that Welcome Week was too overwhelming. To me, Welcome Week coordinators should have let students explore the U by themselves in the afternoons and get an personal perception of the campus, the faculty and the students. Only morning activities should have been planned.

I feel welcome week was drug on too long. It could have easily been two days, 5 hours a day and i would have been just as confident. About 20 percent of the information was helpful the rest was a waste of time. I feel it took a lot away from my last days of summer.

Please do not make it so structured. This is COLLEGE.

More free time. The events went until late at night and then started up again in the morning every day, so it got a little overwhelming after several days when I knew classes would be starting.
Ultimately the majority of the information came too much too soon. I heard everything they told me at welcome week once or twice at orientation, and I had read it already in the numerous mailings and e-mails. The fact that we were lead around and attendance was taken at so many of the sessions made us feel less independent, more like we were just returning to a high school where everything is intentionally fed to you in baby steps. A few optional seminars and pre-established times to meet with advisers for students having trouble adjusting in the few weekends after the first week of school would come at a time when everyone is settled in and getting used to the new life with the new schedule and ready to join student organizations or find a job.

A lot more free time to follow up and connect with people. I felt like I met some cool people but I then had to go on to the next activity and wasn't able to get to know them.

For commuters, I would advise that they have more down/free time to explore the campus. We have to spend time hanging out between classes and can't go back to a dorm room, so it would have been helpful to find places to study etc. before hand. Also, it would have been nice to have a slotted time to walk our class schedules at some point.

I would provide more options on the side trips

Less sitting in classrooms, and more activity. I felt bored, inactive for the majority of the entire week.

I would change the days required to come. I believe all this can be done in less then a week.

I would give some more down time so we can find our classes

it was all good

Being a commuter, I found it very inconvenient. There were days where we had 3-4 hours where there was nothing to do. All the people in residence halls went back to there rooms and relaxed and we were left with no where to go. I found it very unfair. On Thursday, I was there from 8 in the morning until 9 at night. That is a little too long if you ask me. Especially when you can't just go back to your dorm and rest for awhile. I don't think that some of the welcome week activities should have been required for commuters. Also, on Thursday I had to attend a session on Books. It was the least informative session out of the whole welcome week. I honestly have no idea what they were trying to get across during this lecture, but I came out of it with no new knowledge.

The days were too long, we never had time to branch out and meet new people. You all tried to scare us in saying we had to go to graduate, it shouldn't be a requirement for 6 days!!! Maybe from Wendnesday through Friday, but let us have the weekend... I had plans for Labor day weekend and they got ruined because I HAD to be here. So when I came in mad from the start, it made the rest of the week suck.

No more early starts.

I felt like a middle-schooler at day camp. Way too much information was thrown at us for hours on end, and all we really wanted to do was get settled. It was really strange hearing about all the freedom you will have in college, when our first college experiences were just the opposite.

I would definitely schedule a lot more free time during the day. I had things I needed to do, like go to the bank, get my books, walk through my schedule, that required free time during the daytime hours. But I hardly had anytime during the day to do those things, and I didn't necessarily want to wait until the day before school started to accomplish these things. There were also too many sessions to go to, and some of these sessions were not very informative or helpful. The idea of freshmen coming to campus several days before everyone else is a good one, and attending some informative sessions explaining all the university has to offer is a good idea as well. It's just that this year, there were too many scheduled events to attend and too many scheduled things to do, and not enough time for us to take care of the practical matters. In the future, there should definitely be more, much more, free time.

I would try to not make it so overwhelming. It is a lot of information at once, especially when there is already a lot on one's mind.

Welcome Week, although helpful in some areas, got to be too bogged down. I didn't have enough time to move into my dorm and get settled before we even started; I had to finish unpacking all day on Monday before classes started. I felt like things were rushed and some of the sessions we attended were repetitive and unnecessary because info/advice seemed to start being repeated.

We were always running--I would have like some time to myself to relax in my room. Too many activities that went too late into the night and just left me exhausted. Felt too rushed and hectic. Maybe have less activities or condense the most important ones into a weekend or four days.

I wish we had more time. After the first few days, I was exhausted. I didn't really have much time to get settled into my own room before we were bustling around campus for a week. It wasn't very relaxing. The program was good for the first year, but I hope that the coordinators realize that we really were physically exhausted.

I would change the amount of activities we had in each day. I enjoyed most of the welcome week events but it made me feel run down...

SHORTEN IT. It was entirely too long. I think the only thing that should have been mandatory was convocation. Beyond that I was crabby, exhausted, and sick of contrived social settings.

It was a bit overwhelming at times. I think there should have been a little more free time.

I would change the amount of activities planned and also the amount of days. It felt too drawn out and too overwhelming by the weekend and I feel like the day we moved in we should not have started welcome week that night. Some people wanted to say goodbye to parents and family and couldn't because convocation started. I also would change the relationship of the welcome week leaders with us because we all felt like campers at summer camp rather than young adults about to go off to college. I would also ask for more free time and for less small group meetings.

I would get rid of Welcome Week altogether. It was a complete waste of my time and I regret attending it at all. I would have liked if I had gotten to actually spend time doing important things such as meeting with my advisor, learning how to navigate campus by myself, or finding my classes. It seemed like Welcome Week was only about school spirit, and I came to the U for more important things such as an education. Please don't make any other new students suffer through Welcome Week.

I would shorten it. All my other friends/people I knew had already started school. All I wanted to do the entire time during welcome week was to stop hearing about how great this university is and instead start experiencing how great it is. I think 3 days of activities would have been plenty.
I just felt that most of the activities did not benefit me in any way, shape, or form... and that's the impression I got from my peers, as well. It was basically a repeat of orientation, but MUCH more dragged out, and with less independence. It's our first time out on our own, yet we were more controlled than we were at orientation. Plus, different people are interested in and concerned with different things, and we weren't given as much of an opportunity as I'd hoped to look into them. I personally had to take care of some financial aid concerns, and wasn't able to until AFTER classes started, because we were kept so busy during the day; it was much more of a hassle to try and take care of it AFTER classes had started. As far as learning about new resources is concerned, I didn't discover any resources that I wasn't already aware of prior to moving in.

The food situation was pretty dismal—at one event the only drink option was diet soda and it seemed like there were a lot of sandwiches which all tasted the same.

The ones marked "neutral" are because I do not have the welcome week experience to expound on any of them.

I had no time to myself. I couldn't meet people in a comfortable way. It was all forced and incredibly tiring.

I would like to see two things-- A de-emphasis on structured activities, which means additional time allocated to individual settling, and a full campus tour. This tour would proceed as follows: A volunteer group sets out in the morning with snacks and meals provided or established at intervals, and the group then proceeds on a loop of the full campus, complete with East and West Banks, as well as St Paul. It would be a long day, potentially exhausting, but the confidence gained from a full exposure to the campus in its entirety cannot be discounted. It would also lead to a greater appreciation for those students who may only take one known path to their classes and only venture outside occasionally. I am personally not one of those people, but it does happen. A longer stay in the downtown area would also be helpful, as well as an intro to the metro transit system. Both are vital to the confidence needed to venture off campus, and would lead to a greater civic awareness. We are in the middle of two of the largest cities in the nation, and we should appreciate that.

I think most of the presentations we had to attend were irrevelant and did not provide sufficient information to actually starting classes here. I think it's a waste of time to make everybody go to a seminar on student employment or studying abroad when not everyone plans on doing that. I think some presentations should be mandatory, but the rest should be optional. That way we would have more free time to get to know the campus on our own.

Many of the messages and speeches given were redundant and boring

I would give a little more free time to move in and meet roommates and neighbors.

A more flexible schedule. Taking an entire week in addition to orientation seems a lot to ask before classes even start.

Welcome Week was too damn long. Every single one of the Class of 2012 was sick of it by Friday. The sessions were pretty boring, not to mention repetitive, and we never had enough time to settle in. Welcome Week should definitely be condensed into 4 days or less.

We need more free time to settle in our room, buy books and get to know campus. Do not put olives in sandwiches. No one likes them.

It was all very informative, it was just very long.

I would make it shorter. I felt it was too long. It was just so much to take in, and while I did gain knowledge of resources and opportunities, I just think that it would have had a greater effect on me if it was shortened up. Maybe weed through and try to take out things that were redundant or not very helpful. Condense things. It took up most of the days, I wish we had only had welcome week like half of each day instead. That would have been better.

Be in the same group as your roommate's or people around your room so you can get to know them! And more free time! It felt like we were always busy

I would allot more time for students to get to know eachother by having groups mix with other groups and have more icebreaker activities

I just think they should give us more time to relax. Everyone was dead tired, and therefore were not able to enjoy the last days of Welcome Week.

I understand that scheduling 5-6 days filled with events from morning to night has the ability to stop students from going and getting drunk during their first nights on campus, but WW was absolutely ridiculous. I was tired, stressed out, and on information overload the entire weekend. I was unable to create real friendships with anyone in my small group because as soon as we started talking, we were ushered to a new event where we were split up into new groups. All the information was good and it was necessary, but we had already learned about most of it during orientation. I felt like I was in kindergarten the way I was told to wear a name tag and follow my leader. I would have liked being treated like a college student. The one helpful thing I got out of the experience was the intense walking around campus. I now feel like I can navigate it without getting lost. The rest of it was tolerable or less. I marked neutral on the food. I did not do that because the food was bad. I did that because the system of getting food was horrific during the CLA college day activity. I waited for 45 minutes for my turn to get in line arrived (because I was following directions and waiting until it was my row's turn to go) only to find out that, because we didn't have any ushers, the people behind me had already jumped in line. I didn't get to eat lunch that day because I had planned to meet my parents who had bought some of my books which I needed to run and get before another scheduled activity. I would have had time to eat if I wasn't so stressed about NEVER having time to do the things that would prepare me for class to start.

We needed way more time to settle in and just hang out! It was wavyy too scheduled of a week. A few things were helpful but most was unnecessary.

n/a

I would probably just make the welcome week events a little shorter, the seminars got a little long but overall it was a great experience!

I would make the schedule more flexible to commuter students. It is a bit of a hassle getting out late at night and catching a bus home at 10:30 PM, also i think that some of the informational sessions are too informational and 90 minute presentations are too long to stay in one spot.

Get rid of Welcome Week. it was poorly planned and executed. We felt like sheep being herded around by nazi shepards. I hated every minute of Welcome Week. Whoever spent money on this idea wasted a lot of precious funds.
I think I would mix up commuters and on-campus people. It was almost impossible to meet people who live on campus because we were always separated. I know a lot of people who are on-campus have it easy making friends because they live in the dorms and are surrounded by people. I feel that it is almost very important for commuters to meet people on campus (and welcome week would be the perfect place to do so) because then they can spend more time on campus, have more fun, get together with people between classes and not feel like an outsider. I do think it was necessary in some cases to have them separated but the entire course of welcome week? I think I would have enjoyed myself more, met more people, and would have been more excited about my college experience if I would have more activities with people who lived in the residence halls. Mix it up! It's really hard making friends when you aren't on campus all the time! That's what Welcome Week is for, isn't it?

Welcome week was too long. I felt like I needed more time to relax rather than being forced to go to the campus early. The presentations were pretty informative but I felt like I had to wake up so early I didn't want to pay attention. I also feel like a lot of the activities should have been optional. I think that if they were, more people would attend and they would want to pay attention. Another thing was that many of the side trips and activities were disorganized and it often took 20-30 min just for attendance.

If I could change one thing, I would not have attempted to have so many events in a short amount of time.

I thought welcome week was a little bit too long. At most, it should just be 2-3 days. We should have at least another 2-3 days to just relax before school starts. Having welcome week go on all the way until the day before school start was just very tiring because of lots of late nights and early mornings.

I felt like there were not many options to eat very healthy during Welcome Week. Everything seemed to be pizza, pop, candy, chips, and all that such. It would be nice to have healthier options.

I would make it much less energy consuming. I'm a commuter and the welcome week was exhausting because I had to walk around the whole campus for 12 hours everyday and when I got home I barely had the time to stay connected to my family. I eventually fell sick and could not attend the last two days of the program.

I thought welcome week was helpful to meet people and start to get comfortable with college life but it ended up being too long. The days were too long and started too early and by the end of the week we were all sick of doing sessions every day. So next year shorter would be better. And give us more time to unpack and get books and figure out where our classes are.

Welcome week was boring and sucked overall. The only good part was the people and leader of my welcome week group.

Make it only required for those people who haven't lived in Minnesota their whole lives.

Way too long and too much to do, we needed more free time and it should have been optional.

Not starting it as early in the morning, or else not having it last so long each day. Making more time to just explore the campus and relax.

I would have loved for more free time. I was so worn out by the end of the end and then to have to go right into classes was exhausting. I could see the effort made but I would have loved more down time (a few hours in the afternoon) to talk to my roommate, unpack, explore on my own, and just sit. For those of us who know the cities well, it felt like I was wasting my time going on tours of places I already knew. I loved being able to meet new people though.

Spend less time going to sessions that tell us things we have been hearing since 3rd grade. We aren't quite as stupid as we look.

Have more free time and have less time scheduled to do things as groups.

I would make it that Welcome Week would allow commuter students and residence hall students more time together, besides when it is later in the day. I would make it so that there are less events during the day and less events late at night when commuter usually have to go home.

Welcome week was a great way to get us introduced to college. However, it would have been nice to have more free time to find your way around on your own and get settled in our rooms. I found that I learned more when I was forced to figure things out on my own than I did following our leaders around.

Don't have it a week right before school because that was kind of stressful.

I didn't really participate in Welcome week. I was at SPAT camp for marching band.

I would change it so the activities planned only maxed 4 hours per day, and none of the activities would start at 8 in the morning. Secondly, I would give the students more freedom instead of being shuffled around like sheep. Finally, I would have eliminated all the "icebreaker games" that we played in the small groups because this is welcome week for college, not summer camp.

There was too much going on. The last thing we need is to be tired and stressed out for the first week of school, plus most of the people I met in small group, I never see.

There should be more time on move-in day to get settled in the dorms. Convocation was too soon and really rushed people.

more free time to get settled in and mentally ready.

I would provide more free time and make more activities optional. Also, I would limit the number of talks on responsibility, and avoid saying the same things as during orientation. Some of the seminars I found unhelpful because I had heard them many times before.

I would allow for more free time. Often the days started early and ran late, making the week exhausting rather than fun.

I would leave more free time. We had to wake up early and the activities were planned really late and one right after the other. It would have been nice to have more time to settle in the dorm and get to know my roommate because we were separated right away. By the end of the week I was completely exhausted when I needed to be refreshed in order to start the school year.

Shorter and less busy.

I would give more time for students to move in, and also give them more time for SLEEP. A common understanding between me and everyone I met was that we were all dead tired most of the time, and most of the people I talked to skipped out of late night events in order to sleep because each day started really early. I also felt like I needed more time to move in. I moved from California, so I couldn't bring everything with me on the plane, and I wanted to go shopping for shelves and other accessories for my room, but I did not have time. Also, my parents were in town for only a couple of days before they flew back to California, so I wish I had more time to hang out with them.
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There was too much planned in too little of time. I felt like I had no time to unwind or relax the whole week. When it came time for the fun evening activities, I had no energy left to participate. I understand the purpose of Welcome Week and that the intentions were good, but I feel as adults, we should have been able to choose whether or not we wanted to participate in such activities.

Honestly welcome week was a waste of my time. I feel that I learned VERY little. I can understand a mandatory orientation, however Welcome Week is absurd! at the very least those who attended could have earned a credit. As far as being a commuter Welcome week was not convenient. Seriously, five years of planning and this is what you get!

I would give the students a little more free time so it doesn't feel like we are being dragged all over campus. The schedule for welcome week was much harder than most peoples class load. It was too strenuous because we had activities until midnight and then didn't get to bed till 1 or 2 and had activities at 8 the next morning.

More time to explore on our own. Time to settle into our rooms, get to know people on our floor.

I feel like all the activities should have been optional and not required and there should also be more free time.

The system as it was set up was supposed to go (by day): Convocation, College Day, University Day, Twin Cities Community Days. We were told that this was an intentional order, meant to make students feel as though they were growing and expanding. My group had no idea about this until our leader reported this at our last meeting. My recommendation: alternate fun and learning days, rather than 2 learning days and then 2 fun days. This will keep kids more focused and motivated for the week. Also, trim down convocation, I think a lot of kids lost interest and drive the first day.

More free time and small group time. Less boring classes on stuff we all ready learned in orientation.

there is too much repetition, everyone basically says the same thing. too much info on the first day, too long.

Walking to Mariucci from Middlebrook at 8:30 in the morning was unpleasant.

I would move more time for relaxation. We spent all of our time running around to different places, where they would tell us to do things that needed to be done in our free time, but we never had time to do them because we were always busy.

Quick, short informational meetings at 10 followed by brunch and then a few things in the afternoon ending by 3 or 4 and leaving the rest of the evening open. And chopping welcome week down to a few days allowing the other days as relaxation and unpacking time.

It just wasn't effective. Don't have it next year. It's not a necessary thing to make one feel confident in the college experience. As I said every class ever at the U never had Welcome Week and they all turned out better than fine.

remove it...or at least dont make it mandatory for pseo students...

More time off for students instead of having activities going all day.

I would make the days less jam packed with events, to give the students time to relax and do their own thing.

The days were too long and a lot of the presentations dragged on. Making everything shorter would help welcome week a lot.

It was way too structured. It felt like I was in high school all over again. I had to be here at this time and then here at another time. It was overwhelming. We should have been given a lot more free time. I'm sure that if all that stuff wasn't advertised as mandatory, many people wouldn't have gone. It was nice to have the small group all the time. But at the same time it was pretty much all the people I got to know during the week. I didn't get to go out and choose who I wanted to get to know. More free-time would have been a lot more helpful. The food wasn't the greatest mainly because we didn't get a lot to eat. It was a small sandwich, carrots (for every meal), apple, cookie. Maybe through in a small bag of chips or something. Whenever we ate with our groups somewhere I was never full after I was done which makes it much harder to have fun throughout the day.

I would have liked to have more free time to explore and walk around on my own.

I would change it so that there is more down time. I found welcome week to be very stressful because there were so many events and no down time to just relax and get settled in.

The attendants need more time to move in and get settled before they are thrust into awkward situations that seem to never end.

Give more free time. at least time to unpack and get settled in and not have to do it 5 days after we got here. Don't start at 8 in the fricken morning!!! no college kid wants to wake up and do that crap that early! Don't serve us soggy sandwiches with bananas that are hot. the cookies were good though.

There are too many events. There is too much to do. We need time to relax and get used to dorm life.

I would have it reduced to one day! 6 days?! are you kidding me? more free time and let people get settled. no one got unpacked and everyone was stressed and disliked it.

Give more time to get settled into the dorms. It felt like we got here and had to immediately begin Welcome Week activities.

Make it a two week event

welcome week should only be "welcome weekend" because the entire thing was too long and the days themselves were too long. I found myself exhausted at the end of the day, not even wanting to go out and socialize. There was much too much information during the sessions and most of it we heard at orientation anyways.

Shorten it, leave the weekend open to go about things your own way

See comment of things I wish Welcome Week had provided information on. In addition, I wish I would have had more down time during welcome week, and I wish it wouldn't have begun so early in the morning.

I would absolutely give more free time. It just wore everyone out to have our days go from 7am to 1am with maybe an hour break.

I would make it so that the days weren't as jam-packed and busy as they were. We were constantly running around and by the second or third day, were too tired to appreciate all of the resources and information being presented to us. We had all just moved in and had absolutely no time to get settled and develop a home-feel to our new homes.
A little more free time -- things got to be too hectic. Some of the presenters didn't really seem to have a whole lot to say. One of them even seemed to be completely unprepared and was somewhat off topic. It's a very good idea, and I think it prepared me for navigating the campus, but I personally didn't learn a whole lot from any of the sessions.

I thought it was too long. Every day was so full and most of the time we were just in meetings or lectures, a lot of which I'd already heard once or twice.

The One thing that would be nice to have would be a little bit more time just in our small groups. We did get a chance to hang out but it would have been nice to just have free time with the group. Another thing that would have been nice would have been a panel type time in our small groups with more than just our leaders. A question time with more upperclassmen.

neutral

We needed more down time... most people just skipped alot but i didn't skip till the last day during the service projects- which i was looking forward to but was way to tired to attend. Also more focus on college/career days because it was good to get more involved with people who had similar interests as me.

Well, I do not feel that I received the full effectiveness of Welcome Week because I was not able to attend any day other than my college day, which actually went pretty well.

maybe less lectures, we're tired, and weren't very good listeners after ten lectures

Allowing more blocks of free time would be really appreciated. Everyone is being shoved into a new environment with new people, and it would have been nice to have more time to relax, and get settled into the dorm rooms.

It honestly got to be too long in the end. There obviously was a great effort in putting the week together, however, the information provided was often the same over and over again. It was exhausting.

not having it be mandatory the entire weeeeek. we needed free time and relaxation. it was very miserable

Although some parts of Welcome Week were beneficial, I feel that the whole week was just overwhelming. I would definitely keep college day, which actually went pretty well.

Not so long, the week was almost stressful!! the days were way too long!

i think that we needed more free time. I felt like the whole week was way too planned and i needed more time to sleep that we were given.

This program had great intentions but, it was too long and really the exposed the bureaucracy that the u is! Make is shorter with less days around 3-4 and also and some students will like it!

It got to be long and we tended to get the same information from everyone, but most of the side trips were really fun and we got a chance to meet new people that we normally wouldn't have gotten the chance to meet.

Welcome Week does not have to be a week long experience. Many of the sessions and events we had to go to did not help prepare for the upcoming year.

I have no clue where to start.

I heard the University spent 5 million dollars on about 5000 freshmen. I want my $1000 back. That's what I would change. Welcome Week wasn't worth a thousand dollars to me.

i wished it would allow students who had previous experience going to college such as PSEO, have the choice to go to the welcome week

We need more time to get settled and meet people in an unstructured environment. The food provided to us was horrible as well. Let us eat in the dining halls.

i would add more free time. Many students have things they want to take care of, or simply relax for a few hours each day. I would also have less duration of formal, sit-down presentations. All of the information presented was good, but with too many hours in a row it's difficult to absorb.

I would cut out a lot of the schedule. I understand the motivation for the rigorous scheduling, but given the number of kids who ended up getting in trouble for drinking anyway, I think the plan ultimately failed. The BEST course of action for the next Welcome Week would be to cut back all the required programs. I'd suggest cutting back on the costs (i.e. don't bus everyone around to so many locations - allow people to participate in activities here on campus, or let them go elsewhere with a U-Pass.) Ultimately, people disliked the feeling of being herded around like cattle, and I think many people were more concerned with exploring campus and finding class locations ON THEIR OWN TIME and in their OWN ways. The groups helped, to some extent, but I probably a unique case, since my Welcome Week leader treated us like grown-ups and allowed us some freedom. Make it a "Make Yourself At Home Week," rather than making us feel like we had no free time. Freedom is valuable to most people, and first-year (in my case, second-year) college students are no exception.

I really would like to be able to have breakfast. It was disappointing to get up in the morning and go right to stuff when breakfast wasn't provided Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

If I could change something about Welcome Week I would make it shorter. Students don't want to spend their last week of summer attending long and unnecessary presentations on information that is virtually pointless. There were too many activities that repeated the same information. I did not need to attend a "practice lecture" from a professor. Classes were starting in 4 days, I could have just waited until then. All the information was repeated each day about three times. Make the sessions optional. Give a tour of the campus so we know where our classes are. Show us how to take the city bus or campus connector. Explain how flexdine and mealplans work. Let us meet with our adviser. Show us where to study. LET US HAVE MORE FREE TIME TO SETTLE IN AND RELAX! Especially the first night. Everything was too intense, from waking up every morning at 7 to eat breakfast at 7:30 and meet our group at 8, to having activities planned until 11 pm. Eliminate the side trips and community service days. Make these optional, and cut Welcome Week in half. and dont spend so much money on this event! Donate it somewhere where it will actually be put to use.
I would give students a lot more time to just explore the campus and interact outside of their groups. I think cutting down on sessions would adjust into college life before classes start. Five days was a little overwhelming.

Welcome week was just alot of going and no free time at all. I guess it was good always having something to do those first few days but I would have liked a little more free time. I was so tired from the sessions and walking around I didn't have as much fun on the side trip and didn't want to go to the mall of america which sounded like fun. Also the food was fine but there weren't many choices and they ran out of some of the things too.

First of all, I thought there was too much information and mandatory classes packed in to each day...we had no time to get ourselves used to college/being away from our families. This over-scheduling is why I marked disagree for "favorably impressed with my Welcome Week experience." I also didn't think we were personally given the freedom to navigate campus - our leaders always were guiding us, so I really didn't get a feel for the campus on my own. Lastly, I was not impressed by the food quality, but I'm sure that's just due to the large number of people they had to cook for.

make it a weekend, not the whole week.

I would schedule in more free time, because since everything was so packed it became overwhelming. Also, I think some things were a bit repetitive and could be condensed.

I would make the Welcome Week program more geared to students and how to pay bills, work with onestop, and more important things than feeling connected. We got that talk at Orientation, we don't need it again.

I would give students a lot more time to just explore the campus and interact outside of their groups. I think cutting down on sessions would be smart because students were generally bored. I think this could've been a two day event and been equally helpful.

Get rid of it. It sucked. It was too much stuff. It was boring. It was a waste of time.

I wish welcome week would have been shorter and with days not as long. I was so tired by then end of it, that I did not feel prepared or well-rested for my activities. I wish more time would have been spent on learning U of M cheers, and walking around campus finding classrooms, instead of hearing the same information that was presented at orientations. I think the idea was very good, and all the information was presented well, but I think more time to get to meet people and time to get your bearings on campus would have been helpful.

Give the incoming students more free time. We had things to do from 8 am until midnight and there wasn't time to even connect with my roommates (not to mention all of the cool people I discovered living on my floor after welcome week).

It would be shorter and not as boring, we sat and were talked at, not to, for a large majority of welcome week.

Have a job fair for students for on campus jobs. Give them the chance for getting the job on the spot. I am still trying to get a job and I am running out of places to look. More free time would be nice in the evenings. Everybody was tired the first half of the week.

find a way to get the commuter students more involved. i kind of felt like it was rediculous for the commuters to be there all the days especially the weekend. only the wednesday through friday should have been required. it would have been ok if you were iving on campus to go to everything. i kind of felt like all the presentors were saying the exact same this so some variety would have been good.

SHORTER! enough said

Simply allow a little more free time. The early mornings also became a little tiresome. A sleep-in day would of been great towards the end of the week.

I would have required events/activities but also give students the opportunity to have free points at different times throughout the day. The first few days were very long and I was often exhausted at the end of the day. I would have liked to have more free time at night in order to hang out with fellow classmates that I had met throughout the day.

I would just allow more free time each day because it gets exhausting staying up late, and then getting up early. Also the day with all the sessions wasn't needed. Everything that they had to talk about was covered in orientation, and was boring.

I would make it shorter - maybe about 3 days. I would put more free time and down time. I would make more things optional rather than mandatory.

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Welcome Week was much too crowded with events and speakers. I basically was told to make academics my priority over and over again within the span of 3 hours. Honestly, I felt like I didn't even have time to breathe. My roommate and I didn't get a chance to move in completely until Sunday night. There was definitely not enough down time to explore the campus on our own.

there was no time to do anything we wanted, even if it wasn't drinking. (which is why i assume we were kept so freaking busy) i didnt even have time to walk around and find out where all my classes were going to be until monday! the food was all right if you were a 5 foot toothpick girl, but not if you play a varsity sport. one sandwich and an apple is about 1/6th of what i need to eat. but wait, there was no time to even go and buy any food for lunch!

MORE FREE TIME

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During Welcome Week we students were herded like cattle and kept in sessions and small group activities all day long. While the experience didn't provide enough free time, we didn't get to interact with a bunch of people just our group; the meetings were too long and boring. I or eliminate, they got to be too long and not many people were paying attention at that point.

I believe that we should have gotten more downtime. Our days were way too busy! We didn't get any time to relax until Friday night. I was so tired from having to get up so early and then get in so late, I hardly felt enthused about anything towards the end of the week. Convocation was cool, but the daily activities should have been less crammed together. I would strongly suggest that if Welcome Week continues that there should be more down time because by the first day of school, I was already exhausted.

I think you should allow the welcome week students to sleep in longer.

Welcome Week would have been a better event if it were not as long. It seemed extremely over-scheduled; I would have more time to actually interact with other people rather than having to play “get-to-know-you” games. While seminars and introductions to campus life are valuable, perhaps it is better to understand that a great deal of learning in college is through trial and error. Guidelines are nice, but restating something over and over through group meetings, seminars, discussions etc., can get really tedious and quickly becomes redundant. Furthermore, it was a stressful time for many of us because we had just moved into the dorms; giving us more time to get settled would have been helpful. I felt as if a lot of the activities were contrived. In this instance, less is definitely more.

I’d make it so college-oriented. By college, I mean the individual colleges we’re in (CLA, CBS, etc.). They’re not considering people that are in their second-choice college. They’re not considering that people aren’t necessarily going to be in that specific college for their whole time here (people do change their mind on majors). For me, I already know what I want to do, so I felt terrible that I felt like a lot of the info for my second-choice college was just useless for me. Also, I wonder what the percentage of commuters that stayed for the late-night (or just any optional) activities was? Lastly, I’d make the whole time (maybe apart from the convocation) optional.

I would make it shorter. Welcome week dragged on, leaving no time to settle into the dorm, set up internet, cable, etc. Some of the sessions were long and boring. I almost felt like I was at summer camp, and that I was going home on that Monday, rather than going to school the next day.

I felt like the welcome week events took up too much time and didn't allow me to get settled in my room or meet the people living around me right away. I would have liked more free time at night to get settled and just relax instead of always being busy.

I would organize the Mall of America trip back or cancel it because I felt that it was a waste of time and money.

Focus more on what actually happens during college rather than trying to get students more “involved”

I would like Welcome Week to be a “Welcome Weekend.” All of the information covered in Welcome Week could have been condensed into about 2 or 3 days (max). A lot of my friends got really bored with Welcome Week and skipped sessions and whatnot. I feel like Welcome Week prepared me to get my college career off to a great start because of my Welcome Week Leaders. Those girls really made a difference, and if I didn’t have them as leaders I’m sure I wouldn’t be as excited to go to the U as I am now.

I think that the Welcome Week could have been shorter with a convocation and two big fairs. I would have liked to go to a job fair where I could pick up applications for a specific job I am interested in and also meet with the people that are involved in that particular job. Also having a campus organization fair where we could sign up for many organizations would be more convenient and easier to understand what the requirements are. It would also be nice to meet people from certain organizations.

Give welcome weekers more time to get settled and get acclimated. Most of us didn’t finish getting things put together until Monday, and by that time we had other things on our minds to deal with. It was also a relatively tight and I was forced to cancel some job interviews which was very frustrating. Some of the programming was redundant; most anything about community involvement was… I think I actually ended up seeing the same presentation done twice by different people.

Welcome Week should be shorter and more tours instead of small group meetings.

If I could change the Welcome Week program, I would make the first two days less jam-packed full of activities. At that point, most students were tired and anxious, so they didn’t really absorb the large amount of information presented to them in that short amount of time. I would also advise that Welcome Week offer more unstructured time for students to do more exploring on their own.

Make the activities more accessible to commuters. Many commuters in my group, myself included, didn’t participate in several of the activities because we had to get home at a reasonable hour.

Welcome Week itself was too structured and rigid. Schedules need to be more flexible. Each day needed more free time to allow for personal adjustments to campus. Welcome Week felt like a longer extension of orientation. Some information was drilled into my head over and over, and it became redundant.

Most students complained about not having as much freedom during the week. I think in a college setting students expect to be more independent so the program could have added in more free time.

I would have more entertainment acts and we could get to choose the groups that we want to be in as far as someone that we know being in it.

I don’t think so much time should be dedicated to group meetings.
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Some may have been unnecessary and could have been cut out to give more down time. To meet more people and just hang out a lot of people were very tired and worn out from the day activities. The activities were helpful but felt very long and some of them were redundant and unnecessary.

I would like to see less people talking to us about the same things. I would also like to have more free time to meet people. Like we were being herded places in large groups, which is not what I came to college expecting.

It would need more free time. I did not even have time to buy my books or unpack my stuff until Monday. And there were no used books left in the school, middle school, and elementary school! You dangled our independence in front of us by telling us we were going to college, and then couldn't believe that this was the introduction to college! Those were the things I was looking forward to getting away from by leaving high school, miles away from home.

I made it shorter! The Welcome Week program was way too long and stressful. I didn't get any sleep that week and dreaded going to the classes every day, especially after I got a really bad cold. We were herded around like cattle, and forced to play kindergarten games. I couldn't believe that this was the introduction to college! Those were the things I was looking forward to getting away from by leaving high school, middle school, and elementary school! You dangled our independence in front of us by telling us we were going to college, and then took it away right as we got here. Welcome week would be MUCH better if the classes were optional. Then the people that feel they aren't adjusted for the college lifestyle yet, can attend as many seminars as they want. You should allow others to adjust in their own ways. Welcome Week didn't work for me. I would much rather explore on my own and catch my breath before being thrown into tightly organized classes. It may have worked for some people, but it seemed like the majority would have preferred it to be optional, or at least shorter.

I can't elaborate as I wasn't there for the majority of the events. There was way too much planned and definitely not enough down time. Every single minute of every single day was structured-- I barely had time to meet my roommate and/or get settled into my room.

I would add more free time and time to settle in before classes. The activities were fun and helpful, but I felt like there was just too much all at once.

I would change how the groups were put together and how we met new people. I would like to be grouped with my "House". It was nice to be in a group with classmates from Frontier however, I didn't get a chance to meet the people in my house or even my next door neighbors. By putting houses together it would be easier to make friends that you will be seeing during the entire year! Also, that way the welcome week group doesn't just fade and never see each other again. I made good friends in my group with almost everyone, however I really only see 3 of them regularly. I also wish that somehow they would do an ENTIRE hall activity. Whether it be a big game where we are all playing together or even a competition vs. other halls such as Frontier vs Centennial. I think that would be really fun and would be a good way to meet people and learn who is in your hall.

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I would give the students more free time to get to know other students instead of sending them to pointless seminars on things we don't care about.
I just had to get ready for classes. I would have had more free time to explore campus on my own or get used to being in my room. There was no time until Monday, but by then I had bonded with many of my current friends by sharing our views on how we disliked Welcome Week.

The idea of Welcome Week is a good one. The problem was that there was just too much. Sitting in Mariucci Arena for multiple hours a day is not so much fun. I didn’t really learn my way around campus because I was always in a large group of people so I just followed them and got to where we were going without thinking about it. Our days were just too packed with stuff to do all the time. I had some of my best experiences when we had some free time and I was able to talk with people on my hall, most of which are now my close friends. I think that Welcome Week should be shorter and more to the point. To be honest, Welcome Week felt like a field trip. My whole day (from 8 to 10) was planned out for me everyday. I didn’t really feel like I was part of the campus until it was over. I didn’t know where any of my classes were until the day before and hardly got to know my room mate. Many of the people I talked to felt the same way. In fact, I met and bonded with many of my current friends by sharing our views on how we disliked Welcome Week.

I do not think I would change any one thing in Welcome Week. It was a very good presentation of the University of Minnesota. I believe that Welcome Week should be shorter and more to the point. To be honest, Welcome Week felt like a field trip. My whole day (from 8 to 10) was planned out for me everyday. I didn’t really feel like I was part of the campus until it was over. I didn’t know where any of my classes were until the day before and hardly got to know my room mate. Many of the people I talked to felt the same way. In fact, I met and bonded with many of my current friends by sharing our views on how we disliked Welcome Week.

I would change it so that the students would have more free time to meet with other students on their own time and just to chill in their dorms. It was a very good and organized program for its first year.

We really needed time to tidy-up our dorm room. We did not have much time from move-in to convocation to setup what we needed to. I felt rushed and came home to a place of boxes. This also restrained me from late-night activities because I was in my room setting up.

More free time. Less b.s. Most of the time it felt like we were always going somewhere to just wait around forever, to get nothing done. It did help me get more orientated with campus, which was a huge plus.

More free time. Less late nights and early mornings the next morning. I was sore and tired after Welcome Week.

I would have had more free time to explore campus on my own or get settled in my room. There was no time until Monday, but by then I just had to get ready for classes.

The food was not good, sometimes there was not enough left to be sufficient for everyone.
It was not very fun. Everyday we were forced to march around with people we would never see again when we just wanted to get settled in our new homes and start to meet are neighbors, the people we will actually be close to this year. Welcome week was a flop and this survey was even worse. Every question only had a series of positive responses. It never considered that, God forbid, someone may not have enjoyed the glorious activities that the university spent five years planning.

For the most part the days just felt so drawn out. Especially the days we had to wake up super early. So perhaps if it was more like a transition period that would help.

don't make us stay up late only to wake up early the next day

I felt that there was a bit too many activities in such a short amount of time. By the end of the week I was very tired of welcome week. I would have liked to have more opportunities to possibly talk to an advisor one-on-one or to get resources to help me choose my major.

I would give more free time because the full day schedule didn't allow much time to get to know the kids that were gonna be around you in the dorms and it didn't give you time to relax

I was very unimpressed by Welcome Week. It seemed to me to be an extremely inefficient use of time and money. I would definitely make the events shorter, not 5 days long. I was personally exhausted by the amount of required events and activities each day. I have been feeling less stressed with my academic work load than the required events during that week. I did not feel more prepared for college. I was, however, extremely excited to start class purely because I was tired of the tight schedule of the required events. I would also strongly suggest a more precise system for transportation. I am aware that it is difficult with so many students, but I spend a considerably large chunk of my time waiting for a bus. I live in Bailey Hall and out transportation back and forth to the campus was inconsistent at best. The first night I had to wait in the rain for nearly an hour for a bus to take me back to Bailey Hall.

I would add more free time to the program. Feeling like an elementary aged student at a summer camp is not a good way to prepare for college. I think with less structure there would be a better opportunity to meet people in a traditional, not forced, way.

Welcome Week was a waste of my time and somebody's money. It should have been shorter, optional, and presented new material instead of the same two pieces of information I received at Orientation. I went to Welcome Week on Wednesday and Thursday, but after that realized that I could have been doing my own things for college preparation. I got a lot more done outside of Welcome Week. The leaders were nice enough, but this program was not helpful at all. I feel that it was aimed at out of state students who have never seen the Mall of America before. Having lived in the Twin Cities my entire life, Welcome Week did nothing for me.

Don't make it required. It was pointless, especially as a PSEO student who has been on campus for two years, I didn't need it then and I didn't need it now.

I would give more free time to the new students to relax and do what they want.

Just a bit more of free time. Welcome Week was really intense; it felt like we never slept. I was exhausted before school started and I don't think that that was the main goal of Welcome Week. It was to excite us and prepare us, but really, it was just exhausting.

I would not want Welcome Week to last from early in the morning to late at night with little, if any free time. It was too long and I didn't get settled in the dorms until I had a ton of work to do. I felt a lot of my time was wasted on things I care nothing about. There should be more options than requirements.

A less packed schedule because Welcome Week had us busy with activities from 8 to 1am. I was exhausted at the end of everyday and then had to wake up early to meet with my group. I wish I could have had the time to explore the university by myself and map out my classes and meet people on my own. I felt like I was being lead around and not really starting off college as an independent person.

I was a full-time, living on campus PSEO student during the 2007-2008 school year. Welcome Week really did nothing for me because I have already created friendships, got accustomed to classes, feel comfortable on campus, and overall I didn't feel that Welcome Week served students in my situation. I think you have a different event/activities geared towards students who are in this situation it will be more beneficial. I think Welcome Week is a wonderful concept, but for students in my situation it wasn't very helpful or beneficial. I hope you'll find a way to incorporate this situation into future Welcome Week activities. On a second note, I was given a group number and meeting room and no one ever showed up. I was with another student and we ended up joining another group, but I felt this was very disorganized. Hopefully you can make sure everyone has a group and meeting spot so people aren't left to fend for themselves.

I believe that there were too many activities all back to back. I got very tired and didn't want to participate towards the end, because of the lack of sleep.

As stated before, I would leave some of the more superficial stuff out and allow for more time to get settled in a new place. I really do not think it is necessary for a bunch of college freshman to get lectured at about how to use a student planner, or the fact that we have to do homework and go to class. These things are pretty well understood by people receiving higher education. Leave out the fluffy stuff, and do things that are more practical like getting to know the physical campus better.

Not nearly as long. Make free time available to the students. We had just moved in, and we want time to adjust to our rooms, roommates, new friends, just new lives in general. I marked disagree and strongly disagree on a lot of the questions because, in all honesty, I really disliked the program a lot. The small group meetings had no information and we had to walk a mile to get to a place to meet for about 10 minutes. The daily schedule made it nearly impossible to settle down and relax; we didn't get into bed until midnight, sometimes later, and then had to meet at 8 in the morning, leaving us not a lot of sleep. I didn't feel anymore acquainted with the university than I was before welcome week.

Considering the effort, money, and volunteer time that went into this program, I thought it was too long, too elaborate, and there was never time for the students to do what they needed most during that week, which was to relax, adjust, and make new friends. There is, however, one benefit from the program- I did make a few friends. Breaking the ice with a totally new group made the efforts difficult, but I was happy that I met a few friends who I know will continue to be my friends throughout my college career. Hope ya read all of this.

I would change the time we had to wake up because we were going to bed so late I barely got any sleep. Also, I fully unpacked my stuff the second week of school so sometime to get settled in would be nice.

I would put aside more free time, so we all have a chance to interact more with our peers and the people in our group. I always felt a little rushed and the first few days were very long.

not 6 8 hour days. it was exhausting. give us the weekend off
I feel that welcome week was very hectic and rushed, although I suppose that is to be expected. I just got tired of quickly going from one speaker to the next, and often times they were simply repeating the same information in a different form. I feel that more time to relax and meet people on our own would have been well accepted.

I would make it a welcome weekend, instead of a week, and make it optional. Oh wait, that's how it used to be! Don't try to fix something that isn't broken. I didn't learn anything new, other than getting around the campus, and I could have done that with a map on my own. Everything useful could have been put into a single weekend. I strongly recommend returning to the welcome weekend, as I really didn't enjoy welcome week at all.

I would definitely give more free time to everyone since we are forced to attend, it would be nice to meet people in our own way and get settled in. All welcome week did was make people bitter about being here.

Make it so we had the first day to move in and get set up and then more time to interact with other people instead of being herded around.

I have some problem with my roommates and I don't think expanded room is a good housing assignment.

Please allow more free time for students to get settled into their rooms and get comfortable in their immediate surroundings. I did not have time to unpack until Monday night before classes.

I do not have so much time scheduled for us.

The thing I would change is the distribution of activities. I felt that the first three or four days were nonstop and then Sunday and Monday was completely empty. I would like to see everything spread out more.

I would like to make it so that the freshmen in the marching band could be more involved, especially because these students are very visible and well known members of the University community. I know from experience that people recognize me both on and off the field. Most of my peers told me that their welcome week experience was not good; they didn't like the activities that they had to participate in or the lengthy demonstrations at convocation. Frankly, I wouldn't be pleased with being cooped up in Mariucci for four hours either and was glad that I was in the band at that point. I think that with some improvements, welcome week could be a great program to showcase what the University has to offer.

I would like there to have been more free time. We were constantly being moved around from place to place doing things that a lot of us did not want to do.

I would make it a day or two shorter.

I really wish there had been more free time. I ended up skipping an event so I could go set up my bank account and get my books. I felt like I had no time to just relax.

Give us more free time!

I would not pack so much into one day. We're new here. We aren't retaining anything. We're worried about getting everything settled in and meeting people, not walking around like a bunch of kindergartners in groups all day every day. We wanna do fun things, meet new people.

I think that it was too much like a camp. We had things to do almost all the time, so it was hard to find some free time. If we did have some it was still unloading and organizing the dorm room instead of going out and looking at the campus. The community involvement day could have been a little more informational.

Less restricting and give more time to do what we want.

I liked welcome week. I would not change anything except more free time.

I would have our group spend more time together so we could get to know each other better. I also would like to have had bonding activities with strictly my floor so I could get to know them better.

nothing

Some of the events ended up being a little lengthy, as far as time is concerned.

I would give good food and make the welcome week more organized than it was this year. I kind of felt the welcome week was not well organized this year and that is why I strongly disagree or said neutral.

I would not have things start so early, because there were a lot of fun activities at night but I couldn't really attend these because I had to wake up so early.

Shorter... I thought it was a lot of useless information and I just wanted more time to just meet people and explore this year and that is why I strongly disagree or said neutral.

I would not have things start so early, because there were a lot of fun activities at night but I couldn't really attend these because I had to wake up so early.

The only problem I felt was wrong was that there wasn't much free time in the beginning to relax and recover from all the planned activities. In addition, as a commuter, I wasn't able to stay as long to participate in the evening activities. I kind of felt shoved out. Otherwise, everything else was very helpful. I suggest at least end welcome week two or three days before classes start, so we all have more time to recover from Welcome week and prepare.

More free time and sleeping in time.

I would make it much shorter than it was. The tour around campus helped and college day was great, but everything else was pretty frustrating/busywork.

I think the day should be from 10-3 instead.

I think there should be more free time to get settled and discover things on your own. Also, I don't think that some things should be optional for students. I can pick and choose what activities I want to participate in.

I wish there was more free time.

I thought there were too many activities. Every minute of everyday was planned and sometimes got a little long. More free time would be better.
I would give the students more time to get settled into their rooms and meet people around them. Also, I would plan the workshop stations so that groups weren't running back and forth between buildings.

no more college day. (CLA)

Over all, it is a god idea. Yet, the rigidity of the schedule and simply overwhelming number of sessions we had to attend was not enjoyable. I feel that more free time to see the campus, and fewer sessions would be better. Plus, it doesn't help to lie that you can get to know all of your professors. You can't, and everyone knows that. Additionally, it doesn't make sense to "hold everybody's hand" and have such a rigid structure, and then tell this is how college is. People don't learn time management that way, and will eventually learn it through the year.

It was actually really fun!!

I would make the days shorter. I know many days I was up before 8 and then I didn't get back to my room until about 9. By that time I was exhausted. Also, when we were going to those seminars, we were just following our leader and not getting to know the campus. The food was ok, but not a whole lot of selection. When they have wraps, both had olives and peppers and I know a lot of people do not like either of those so they had to spend a ton of time picking everything apart and when they got done, they only had a few pieces of lettuce. All in all, they days were way too long.

Some accommodations should be made for commuters. The days were very long, and if I had stayed the entire time every day I would have gotten almost no sleep due to the time it takes to commute from Minneapolis to East St. Paul by bus. I had to miss some of the events I might have enjoyed staying for because of this.

I would have liked time to just rest or talk with the people I met! The nonstop activity was absolutely wearying before the first week of class and I came into it exhausted! Most of the information was helpful, but the days were just too long.

Most of the sessions were alright, but on some of the days it went little over board and we had to go to too many sessions. So I would make the sessions more optional to go to. On some days I got back to my dorm at 12pm exhausted. I also it would have been really cool if more of the upperclassmen came out so we could meet them.

The Welcome Week program was a valiant effort. And in many respects, the program was a success. However, I feel that time was allocated too tightly. I was absolutely exhausted three days in. I had no free time except for Monday. I believe that more choices should be offered to students on which things specifically they want to see or experience and more free time should be given. The fact is, I interact much more with the people on my floor and in my residence hall than the people I had in my Welcome Week group. More time should be assigned to getting to know the people in the residence halls.

I would let people settle in on move in day and not start activities until the next morning. Start the morning closer to 9 or 10 instead of 8.

welcome week was a complete waste of time especially for commuters it was basically orientation streached out forever!! all the information was repetitive the classes were boring and unnessacary it did not help me at all. it was basic walking and WAITING and then being bored!! when the leaders are bored and complaining than you know it is not good!!

If possible, it would have been nice to have fewer groups. The constant changing of groups was a little overwhelming. While it was nice to meet new people, I had trouble remembering all of the new people I had met.

I would make it more accessible for commuter students. Being a commuter student I was not able to attend any of the late night events which prohibited me from meeting more new people. also the events should start latter in the day. by the end of the week everyone was to tired to really care about what we where doing.

I thought that a lot of the things that we were made to sit through were not exciting and my time could have been better spent exploring the campus on my own.

I have not spoken to a single person who genuinely enjoyed this. Give us something useful, not crap. Do not keep us out late and then expect us to be well-settled on tuesday. That requires time, with our roommates, to review course material and books, to process the information. Early mornings and late nights are not compatible. That kind of a schedule should not be encouraged or instilled in the students. Period.

More time for getting settled and meeting the people in the residence halls

More free time in the beginning of the week. There was too much structure and I did not get to sleep enough.

I would just make more room for breaks as it was very tiring.

I would allow for more free time for students to get settled into their rooms and new living situations and for exploring campus on their own.

To improve Welcome Week I would give students more time to get settled into their dorms. On move in day students may not have a lot of time to set up their room. It is hard to be organized for the semester if you don't have time to organize everything. Also I would give the students more time to hang out with people in their dorm. It is hard to meet people with just one day before classes it is nice to have a chance to meet people when we are not scheduled. Also allow students to pick the lecture they want to listen to on career day because some of the choices were far more interesting then the one I listened to.

I do wish that there was more time from when we were scheduled to move in to when we started welcome week things to get my room settled and things put away. It was a little rushed. Although some were helpful, it did get very tedious going to meetings and different session for the first couple of days all day. It got very long sitting and listening to people talk the entire time. I thought the target run was a great idea and very fun! The environment was great within target and it was nice to pick up some last minute things as well as get some free stuff! I think it might be a good idea to put the groups together according to your roommates. It would of been good to use that time as a group to not only get to know others but especially your roommate.

allow more time to navigate the campus and learn where things are rather than loading the schedule each day

It was great and a lot of walking.

I would have to say that I wish Welcome Week provided more time to get to know fellow students and faculty, and less focus on some of the opportunities that most students who are remotely interested in their school would be able to know about already. Being a part of the College of Liberal Arts, it especially seemed that to me, the speakers during College Day didn't know what sort of advice or topics to speak on, to a college that encompasses such diversity. It was difficult to sit through what seemed like a series of lectures, when we would much rather participate in more "get-to-know-you" activities.
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I just wished I had more free time.

I was frankly disappointed with Welcome Week. I thought almost all of the information was already presented in the Orientation and Registration Program, as well as other required events I had attended prior to the start of the fall semester. Welcome Week was extremely long, and the days dragged on. Part of this is because they were structured from 7am until at least 7pm. There was hardly a chance to sleep, let alone have a lot of fun. My leaders were wonderful though, and I would consider them to be friends of mine.

The days were too long. I was already tired on the second day. All of the speeches sounded the same except for Jerome Davis’.

I did not like all the pointless sessions. It felt like we were listening to the same thing over and over at different sessions. There was too much sitting involved. And we did not get that much free time to explore the campus ourselves or go to bed early because the nights were all planned out.

I feel welcome week was well structured and doesn’t need change.

Less lectures, they were very long and didn’t help me very much.

Welcome Week was too intense for any person to handle. After arriving at school, the freshmen were herded like kindergardeners from place to place without being given the chance to navigate themselves. There was no freedom, we were made to feel like we HAD to participate in all of the activities or something bad was going to happen, although nothing ever did. There was no free time to settle in your room or even talk to your roommate or floormates. The extreme schedule and crunched time spaces made Welcome Week so tiring. And often activities were planned late into the evening and then the next morning students were expected to be up early at like 8 to be in small group meetings. Sleep deprivation started right away. The sessions were tedious and unhelpful and the entirety of information that was presented at all Welcome Week events was reiterated and repetitive. If I were to change Welcome Week, I would make it a lot more smooth-running and not as scheduled. Giving students time to relax and settle into their new surroundings is very important and I don’t think anybody this year achieved that. Making the sessions “mandatory” is extreme, and if you make it optional only the people that are actually going to get something out of the experience will go.

I would like to lessen the amount of useless information.

I would make it shorter. The information and activities provided during the program were relevant, but after a couple days, it dragged on regardless of the information. More free time would also have been appreciated by all of the students.

I thought the speakers were not as captivating as I wanted them to be. They didn’t catch my interest.

Everyone that I talked to during welcome week agreed that it was ridiculous how little time we had to ourselves. Very few of us actually enjoyed welcome week activities. They were often allowed too much time where we would have to just sit and wait and waist our times. We had no free time to ourselves and no time to settle into our dorms. We had to get up early every morning and then stay at welcome week events until late. Spending the whole day sitting in the Mariucci for hours just waiting for presenters to begin was a waste of our time and energy.

The buses should run on a different schedule to accommodate the large number of students getting from one place to another. Mostly, on the weekends, during welcome week, the buses should run more frequently so that people living in St. Paul have a better chance of making it to their events. Also, I feel that there should be a day or an afternoon devoted to allowing students to sign up for student groups, or at least show an interest and the group can email everyone on the interested list to confirm if they still want to join.

Some presentations were long and unnecessary. Walking from place to place constantly was hard with such inevitably large groups. I think the days should be split up into sections of campus rather than just activities.

I would make it much more flexible and cut the workshops down into smaller, bite-sized pieces. A lot of what was presented at Welcome Week was useful, but pretty repetitive and it definitely wasn’t always a comfortable experience. Giving students the impression that everything is mandatory can be stressful. Also, packing everyone into Mariucci for four hours was a slightly painful experience. Maybe cutting down the early presentation and then dismissing everyone for dinner and not having them come back next time? I pride myself on my attention span but it was events like these that really tried my endurance.

It helped me transition to the University but maybe could have been not as much so much to do while most people just wanted free time and time to get settled in their rooms.

More free time. Don’t make activities that require us to wake up at 7am.

Not have us get up so early and then constantly be doing something for the entire day, it’s exhausting.

I just think we need are own time to get settled into our rooms and be able to meet more people. We were always off doing some session and didn’t have time to go out and meet new people. I also think that we should have had more groups with different people, even more chances to meet people. I loved my welcome week group but I mean I wasn’t able to meet more people because I was always with them.

I wish there was more free time and get aquainted with my room and my roomate. There was little time to do anything fun.

I think there was too much stuff packed into each day. It came to be a lot. I was exhausted after the first two days because everything was pretty much scheduled for us from 8am-1am. It would have been nice to have more free time to sleep or explore on our own.

Food was subpar

Less activities- too much information and too little time. We ended up sleeping and not learning anything.

More Free time!!!

I barely had time to navigate campus on my own. I wish I could have gotten sometime to really get to know it better and all its resources on my own. I’m a very do-it-yourself person though so it might just be me. I like finding things out on my own time and doing it on my own time, at my own pace.
There should be more time to get to know your roommate better, as well as the other people in the house.

There comes a point in the Welcome Week process where students cease to absorb information, especially when they are stressful about the coming semester. I would have much rather have went about my business and met with professors privately, went to the library, and went to the rec center— activities that would help ease me into the college lifestyle. Welcome week was FAR too frantic and tried WAY too hard to bash a sense of community/whatever into students in a short period of time. Realize many of the attributes this program tried to foster in students take YEARS to develop. My respect for the university was degraded by this experience in that I felt it was not not focused and concise, but rather excessively long and filled with uncomfortable time-wasting activities. Realize that having several "ice breaking" sessions per day does nothing more than force people to social on the very crust of the superficial level. Eventually, one becomes numb to it and the whole concept of being social is degraded into an annoying obligation rather than an experience to be enjoyed and remembered. My advice: CUT OUT ANYTHING THAT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. A day of informational sessions and a day of campus exploration is quite enough. A week is a waste of time for both the university and the students.

Make less stuff required. Our group was fun, but we were in our group walking around campus for almost 12 straight hours a couple days. We needed more free time.

Each day would be only 3 hours of welcome week sessions. Every day could still have a theme, but the sessions have to be much shorter, there needs to be less travel in massive groups, and there needs to be more time for students to be themselves and relax while getting to know the people around them. I met frustrated freshman during welcome week. Very few people enjoyed themselves so I was constantly encountering negative people, who may not always actually be that way.

I was a bit too structured. I would be nice have more free time for us to relax and get settled in.

More free time and more time inbetween activities so we don't have to go 100mph everywhere.

I think welcome week would have been better if they would have gave us more time to be on our own and feel as if we were college students, because I felt like I was at a week long camp being told what to do each day. I never really felt like I was independent, or in charge of myself. Also, I don't think welcome week should be a whole week, maybe just a few days. Everyone was worn out by the time classes rolled around.

I would make the walking shorter

Structure is good. I loved meeting people. Just less time wasters. I loved being busy all day, but give me a purpose for being busy all day. Without welcome week I would have no friends here.

Welcome week should get students fired up to be at the U. Everyday we got the same information thrown at us. "Get involved, talk to your professors, GET INVOLVED!" yes. We're not monkeys. Once or twice is all we need to understand. Also, we were kept busy from 8 in the morning to 8 at night. Forcing young adults to participate in activities that they do not find interesting is not the way to foster friendships or excitement to be a student at the U.

I'm just a really neutral laid-back guy. I don't have the time right now to elaborate on all the things I was neutral on. I was not favorably impressed with my Welcome Week experience, because I normally dislike team building exercises and meeting strangers who do not share common interests. This is my problem, not yours. It made my first college experience really feel like a camp. I signed up for a couple different activities of my choice, there were mandatory ones, and my day was comprised of going to these events regardless of if I wanted to or not, and at the end of the day I would return to my tent to pass out in my bed.

I would allow more free time. Everything was very crammed in and it was stressful. It was tiring and hard to get up everyday at 7 or so and stay up until after midnight. I think we need time alone during the day to make connections with our roommates and get ourselves settled in our rooms.

possibly provide more time for students in their dorms to get to know people in their hallways. there wasnt quite enough free time

First of all, give students some time to their selves! Most students had just moved to campus and had hardly any time what-so-ever to get their rooms situated and so on. Also, as if doing one or two full days of activities weren't enough, we had 5 full days in a row. EVERYBODY was exhausted. It was definitely a relief when welcome week was over so I could finally just sit and relax and have some of my own time. Second of all, make some better food next time? I felt like we ate the same thing over and over and half the time i didn't even eat because it seemed as if the sandwiches or wraps had been made for a week and were mushy and sitting forever. They weren't good at all. I just think the menu should be switched up some.

Wouldn't change it

Less and shorter educational sessions. All the speakers talked too long. More free time to get to know other students.

More free time.

More free time to socialize with new peers.

I thought overall Welcome Week was too much. There was too much infromation given at one time. Especially information on issues we discussed at orientation. I felt more anxiety for school then prepared. I felt like I didn't get enough time to relax. I think that welcome should last Wednesday till Friday. I wasn't even completely settled in when school started. It was very stressful.

more free time to settle in and familiarize yourself with your surroundings - instead of the illusion of life welcome week creates. (seems more like camp, pointless information, unnecessary activities). When you first arrive on campus everything seems a bit overwhelming, so more time to see what your life will REALLY be like and adjust to these changes. Also allows time to get books, find a job if you need to, whatever else someone would need to do when starting off school.

This program could have been cut down into 2 days max. Way too long!

Less group meetings. Have the group meet and just have fun the first time. Next meeting cover most of the information and still play games. Third meeting and last finish up the required information and have the students ask any questions. Then say goodbye and get everyone's phone numbers!

More Fun Less Info
welcome week didn't help with college transition because i felt as if i was being babysat all week. i felt that i never had free time to chill and meet people the way i usually do. i usually do what i like to do (run, volleyball, etc.) and meet people with my same interests. i felt i had little freedom. i know what i have to do in order to be successful here and welcome week didn't really give me any tips that any person doesn't know already. i wasn't impressed with the overall experience. there was a day that i ran into an old high school friend, and we both felt like crying because we were so tired and felt as if we had no freedom. we started to dislike this university during welcome week. however, i loved exploring the twin cities on saturday and going to the football game. it was relaxing and new and i felt free to do what i wanted and learn my way around with my peers. the day of touring east bank, west bank, and saint paul helped my navigate my way around campus, but it got pretty long towards the end. i didn't need 8 hours of touring and listening to little lectures. some lectures were interesting, but i don't think that so many were necessary.

It was boring, and i felt like cattle, but it was necessary to get used to college and was beneficial in the long-run.

I enjoyed welcome week and thought it was very helpful. The only thing i disliked was the length. Welcome week was lasted at least 5 days and we were required to be there at 8 or 9am and it was over after dark most days. I would have preferred to be done with welcome week around 5 or 6pm at the latest.

Much more free time to get settled in. I hadn't even unpacked my clothes until when school was in session because we had no time! Stop treating us like we are not adults... I think most of us felt as if we were in kiddy camp!

Increase the amount of free time because by Monday I felt like I had just gone through boot camp with not enough rest or thinking time to realize I was about to start class the next day.

The Welcome Week program seemed a bit unnecessary, since I had just completed a late orientation. The orientation was done so well that I was fairly confident about getting around campus and finding resources before Welcome Week began. Also, the restrictions on time were overbearing and unwelcome.

I wouldn't want as many pep talks as we were given. I think we're already motivated enough. I just wanted to meet people.

none.

I would not have it be so long, and I would give the students more time to just chill and meet new people and actually get to know them. I would also give them more time to get settled into their dorms because I know that I had to do it all on that monday so I had a week of having nothing set up. I would also give more down time during the day and not make the students go to so many lectures. Having to go to lectures all day everyday for a week being your first college experience wasn't the best, and I don't really remember what happened in the lectures anyways. How to meet a cop was probably the only lecture that really helped me out so far on my college experience. Also I would give more of a campus tour because we did not get one during welcome week and I think that that is a vital part to living on campus.

The days got to be way too long, by the time the nightly fun activities came around, I was too exhausted to want to participate in any of them. There was too much sit and be talked at, there needed to be more interaction and more of us (the students) doing things for ourselves and not just being told what to do.

More free time.

I think welcome week is a good idea and should be kept, however I think it would have been more worthwhile if us students had more freetime. As we just get to school we want to make friends and have activity options not required full-planned days. I think the day can be busy with all the events that are mandatory but the day should end at supper time.

Give us more time to relax instead of having us keep going and going for so many hours of the day.

There was a lot of repetition in what all the speakers were saying and a lot of time spent in small groups that wasn't really necessary or that could have had better planned activities. More than anything, we just needed less to do each day. It was overwhelming to have to go constantly. Breaks would be good and don't save the fun stuff until the end when everyone's too tired to participate. That was where the meeting new friends and bonding really took place and a lot of people missed out.

more time to relax. we were always doing something from early in the morning to late a night. maybe we could have had a longer break in the middle of the day to relax or explore on your own, but i definitely felt like i had no time to do anything else and so by halfway through the week i was exhausted.

There wasn't enough time to just relax, it was just too overwhelming.

Less stuff to do, more free time.

Much shorter and done in a to-the-point manner. I was extremely exhausted going from 7:00 am - 10:30 p.m. every night for a week. I wasn't pumped for classes! I was just tired. Meeting kids is great, but have funn activities in which we can get to know each other over a shorter period of time.

I would serve better food, be more organized (i was constantly being misinformed about meeting places in my group)

Free time, there wasn't enough time to meet other people. the only people you could meet were the ones in your welcome week group because you were with them the whole time.

I just wished we had more time to relax, especially on the first three days because on those days, it feels as though we were rushed from place to place.

Make the days shorter. There was too much info crammed into each day. We needed more time to do other stuff too, like buy our books, go to the bank, and get settled in. Overall, the experience was helpful.

Make it shorter!!!! A lot shorter!!

my row was way ontop and we were last to get food on wednesday and there were not as much food choices left for us.

Not as many activites, and a lot more down time. One extra open day at the end of the week would have been really nice. Also not getting up so early.

make it more optional for the commuters because it's more challenging
More time to sleep and not starting out the day so early. It was a little bit overwhelming and too much information was given to us. I am a month into school now and I still have a pile of information from Welcome Week I haven't gone through yet.

Include more free time between activities to just adjust and also unpack.

I felt it was a waste of time. I had had a full year of full time PSEO last year at a different college so most of the information received during welcome week was stuff I already knew. Also, don't get people up so early if you keep them up as late as you did. Need more time to get dorm room organized, get ready for classes and to relax. Also, need more time to get to know other people.

There should have been more free time to really digest what was said during the talks. The talks were all very pertinent, but there's no way to remember all of the information.

I would want to change a few things about welcome week. I truly think that a week is too long, although I really enjoyed everything and all events were planned out so well, 7 days is a long time. I think it would be perfect if it was kept to about 4 days maybe. Also, I really enjoyed my college visit day. I learned so much and it really helped get better acquainted with my school, faculty, students, professors, etc. Additionally, I think that our days were 'too' planned, perfectly because talking with other freshmen and myself included, we wanted more free time to do what we wanted. Whether it was just hanging out with people or exploring campus, whatever. Overall it was a great week and the U did a great job putting it all together but I think shortening the time and giving more free time are key changes for next year.

I thought that the concept behind welcome week was strong, but the delivery was disappointing. The information could have been helpful but was bogged down by dry lectures and an overload of info. The best parts of the week were the sessions were chose ourselves to attend. The worst were the lectures in Mariucci arena that we could not escape from. They were long and as boring as a piece of fuzzy tape. I still had questions I needed answering when I left there, and I hated the numb tingling feeling in my butt that I got as a result of sitting in Mariucci for 6 antagonizing hours of my life. Scratch the lectures, give the students more options to pick what they want to hear about, and don't force anything down our throats like a splintering tongue depressor of forced academic knowledge.

Not as many things going on in one day. You need more time to relax in your dorm and getting to know the people in your hall.

NEED MORE FREE TIME... WE AREN'T IN GRADE SCHOOL. AND LET US FIND SOME PLACES ON OUR OWN SO THAT WE GET TO KNOW THE CAMPUS BETTER. ALSO, PLEASE DON'T MAKE EVERYTHING MANDATORY.

I would provide the students with better food; I would arrange less activities at night to make sure that all the students can get enough rest and be energetic the next day. I would arrange more advising on financial policies.

I would allow more free time for students. It was a lot of havoc being constantly busy and I didn't even have time to settle in.

Not as long. It would've been better in like 2 or 3 days.

Well, I think there was a lot of walking around everywhere and there was barely any free time. I think there should have been more free time.

I felt that there wasn't nearly enough time to get to know people in our hallways, and in our own dorms, and those are the people that are most crucial to get to know in those opening days. For the people that are more shy, those types of meetings need to be arranged in some way.

Make activities optional. I know a lot of students who felt that the activities were pointless and were not helpful to them at all. I think students wanted to find their classes and just navigate the campus, but they felt like they were being told what to do all the time, and it was annoying.

Welcome week was too long and too much. We needed more time to relax and experience college.

We needed more free time to get settled. More small group time less big group time. Welcome week didn't have a profound impact on my student life. It was more of a time suck. I could have used more free time to settle in in my dorm and get to know people in my dorm.

First off, I believe that the welcome week was basically a reiteration of orientation. It covered almost exactly the same things in more than twice the time as orientation. We were fed the same "set goals get involved be responsible be successful" rubbish that we've been fed since we were accepted to the school. Motivational speakers serve to irritate more than they enlighten when attending their sessions/performances/activities is required rather than optional. The majority of the welcome week was a "hurry up and wait" kind of situation, and I found myself bored to tears on more than one occasion. As a commuter student, I found that my welcome week experience was made infinitely more stressful by the fact that the program seemed completely ignorant of the fact that commuter students would have more trouble getting to and from the activities offered. I realize that transportation is not practical to provide for commuter students in the late evening, but I would have appreciated being offered alternative activities for commuter students. Group meetings were actually rather enjoyable, but they represented a mere fraction of the time spent at welcome week activities. I would have appreciated being allowed to spend more time interacting with my peers during the day and less time being thrown into an indistinguishable ego mass to listen to lengthy speeches in stadium seating where the only persons one could interact with were seated directly to the right and left of oneself. And though this seems a bit trivial, I must say that as a vegetarian, I found the food options to be abysmal, especially when it came to the so-called "bag lunches." Contrary to popular belief, not all vegetarians are crazy about hummus. And even if they are, throwing hummus together with every vegetable you can think of does NOT constitute an appetizing meal. I would have liked to have the option of something as simple as organic potato chips or apple chips. Or something else which would be fitting to subsist on. I survived off of carrots for those two days and brought my own food for the rest of welcome week.

I would shorten the length of Convocation substantially.

I like it how it is.

I think that the sessions should be optional. I would have attended a few of ones that I was actually interested in and listened in them.

Instead, I ended up going to some just to fill time and I was extremely exhausted which made me not want to pay attention to any of the sessions. Also, I think that the day was too long. I think we should have been given at least 2 or 3 hours a day of free time to take a nap, relax, unpack, meet our roommates, etc.

A lot of the provided information was repetitive, and it was all very overwhelming. The days were very long; I was more tired after welcome week than after my first week of class. I don't think the food was bad, there just wasn't much for vegans, despite the fact that the form beforehand we had to fill out asked about dietary needs. The whole week was just too planned.

Shorter. It was way to spread out and somewhat thrown together.
Dont pack each day with so many events. It was overwhelming and i felt like i was being treated like a child. The days got to be too much and i almost couldn't handle it anymore. I was told welcome week was supposed to be fun. Most of it was not.

I would make it a little less busy. The events were just coming one after another with no breaks. It was exhausting.

Welcome Week was so structured, it wore me out in the first couple days, and I found it seriously degrading the whole quality of the experience because I was so exhausted. Perhaps a bit less structure would allow students to better experience Welcome Week next year.

I would give a little bit more free time instead of always having something to do. It was very tiring.

I would love to see more free time, and see less redundant and patronizing "funny" presentations. Like during college day, when the CLA students were subjected to the most obnoxious welcoming talks of all time. Also, the food was hard to get to and sub-par. Otherwise it was quite good.

So Welcome Week was in all okay. It needs to be shorter for each day, such that students don't have to wake up at 7 in the morning to attend a session, and to end sooner so that students can rest or get to meet other people in their resident hall. If in any case, it would be better to have an alternating day of having to wake up early. For example, on Monday 7am, but on Tuesday it is 10am, then continue to alternate. Also, a whole week is too long and unnecessary. All of it can be done in three days, if given students have to wake up early, or better to have an alternating day of having to wake up early. For example, on Monday 7am, but on Tuesday it is 10am, then continue to attend a session, and to end sooner so that students can rest or get to meet other people in their resident hall. If in any case, it would be better to have an alternating day of having to wake up early. For example, on Monday 7am, but on Tuesday it is 10am, then continue to alternate. Also, a whole week is too long and unnecessary. All of it can be done in three days, if given students have to wake up early, or stay later. Also, provide better ice breakers. Actually come up with a game that is more recent. Give students something to touch or throw with. For example, students can play volleyball and tell about themselves from one person to another.

It was way too long. Information overload!

I really could have used more free time and time to settle into my room before we were busy all day for a week.

I think that it should be shortened. Maybe reduce it by a day or two because it got to be rather long.

I really think that there should have been more information available on advising and choosing a major. I also believe that there should be more time for residential activities or just free times because I felt like I had no time to ground myself in a new area. For example, it would have been nice to have a couple days off before the first day of school just to get oriented and figure out where classes were and meet people near me.

n/a

I would make it less LOOOONG. Although, suffering through the early hours helped us all bond in a sick way.

The presentations should be short, sweet, and to the point. We spent that whole week getting information thrown at us, and while that was good to keep us occupied from the fear of being here, it was much to much at once. Every person that talked to us as a group could have made their presentations more to the point so we know what to take away from it.

Honestly, cutting anything out that students didn't believe was entirely useful would be a good idea. No one seemed like they wanted to be there during welcome week. Kids were skipping even with the (false) threat of punishment.

Welcome week was too much. Try to give students more free time to be able to explore the campus on their own. At times I felt that when walking around I was just following the line instead of actually knowing where I was going. It was also hard to meet people outside your group since you were stuck in the same group.

I honestly hated Welcome Week. I think it made people form cliques almost immediately and I hated that the days were so long and so jam packed with stuff that I'm not going to remember or even care about. I don't think Welcome Week should be done in the future.

I would give the kids more time to relax and get settled in. It's really a lot of activities to take in at once.

I need to get use to ambiguity.

I wish we had more free time. I met a lot of people but I did not have enough time to become better friends with them.

Overscheduled

More free time where we have nothing planned

I would have liked a little time off so I could meet my roommate better and settle in.

First, I would start activities a little later. Since we are just getting out of summer break, it is an incredible shock for many of us who now have to start getting up at 8 am. The days are also filled with too much redundant activity. Many of the group sessions and seminars repeated the same information (e.g. "you need to be involved. . .") over and over again. This was frustrating and tiring. As new college students we would like to feel like we are at college, able to make our own choices and attend things that we want to. Welcome week started to feel like a summer camp, with a lot of repeated and generic information. I felt that I was not able to fully explore what the U had to offer me and my specific interests. I was told to find groups and organizations that cater to these interests, but I didn't have the time to find out where these organizations were. The main point is that information needs to be consolidated and more free time needs to be given.

Not so many activities, would have liked more time to just spend exploring.

I would give students more options and freedom to do whatever they want.

A little more free time but otherwise so much fun.

Events started too early and went too late

More time to relax. The days end up being very long and I feel that a lot of people would have liked more free time to relax.

More free time to get settled in! Not so many activities all day long!
Not so many meetings and redundant speeches/informational meetings. I enjoyed the creative things like the motivational speaker, state fair, and mini courses, however, I don't know how many more times I could have been told where to pay my tuition and how to interact with people. I'd rather just be able to go out and do it.

I think there should be more free time between the required portions. It felt somewhat hectic and I wanted time to relax. Also I thought the small group time was the most fun and most beneficial. A week seemed too long, but with more free time it may not be

A little more free time would have been greatly appreciated

more free time

Most of the information provided during welcome week was helpful, but at some point, people's brains shut off. There was too much information, in too short a time. Also, I don't know many people who enjoy motivational speakers.

nothing

Make some things that were a little repetitive more optional so students can go about and explore the campus more, especially commuters.

Welcome week was too full. It was too planned and allowed almost no free time. There was an official "Welcome Week" event almost every night that conflicted with residence hall events, so we were forced to choose one or the other, therefore missing out on events, or not getting to know our housemates as well as one might have liked. Also, the time spent in Mariucci Arena was too long. After an hour of listening to a speaker, we were ready to go. However, we were kept there for multiple hours on end, and it seemed as if the speakers were just reiterating each other's speeches. Another thing I would change would be the fact that there was never an official campus tour. Not a tour like we got when we come to first check out the U exactly, but maybe a tour guided by our leaders that would tell us more useful information we as students can use. Information such as good study places, where to get the best dining food, shortcuts between buildings, and the like, that pertain more to our everyday lives here.

It was fine

If I could change welcome week, I would change it to welcome WEEKEND. Everything that went on was very well developed and I could tell that the administration put a lot of effort into making it the best it could be. It was pretty extravagant, but I do think it was a little too drawn out. So many things were planned that it was so hard to take it all in. Personally there were a lot of activities that I wasn't interested in, and only a handful that I had some deeper interest in learning more about. Being a MN resident and living close to the u of m, this may not be as big of a transition for me as it is others. Some people may like all the planning, but I do know of out of states who thought it was kind of drawn out. Other schools have backed off of orientation a bit because of the principle of it feeling like babysitting the new students; that is kind of what it felt like. I loved the time I had on my own to seek out things I wanted to see...that is what this experience is all about. All the available information was amazing because I have been told that information will not be put right in front of you as it was in welcome week. Just the fact that there were business cards and attendance made me unmotivated.

The problem with Welcome Week was simply that all of the activities were mandatory. While there may be one or two things that are necessary for everyone, a lot of the information was a repeat of orientation/nature of life. Welcome Week was far too tightly scheduled. The time during Welcome Week felt like high school all over again, which is not how you want college freshmen to start out the school year.

Forcing new college freshmen to go to all of the activities and scheduling those activities so tightly, was a poor decision. In the future, it would be a good idea to have activities going on and allow the students to attend the ones that they find to be useful. There is no need to treat college freshmen as high school freshmen. By the time Welcome Week was over, it was a relief to start classes.

It was too long everyday. I was absolutely exhausted at the end of the day and did NOT look forward to going back the next day. The week could have been condensed to three days and it also would have been nice to have had an extra day to get time to adjust.

One thing I would have liked, and a lot of my peers also, was more free time. We were very busy and it was a little difficult to find time to rest, unpack, and meet new people in the dorms. Another thing that I thought was lacking was a tour of the campus. I've never had a tour so it would've been nice. Included in the tour would be campus connectors and the tunnel systems.

More free time, it was really overwhelming having that much going on all of the time

The main thing is that welcome week lacked excitement during the day. It was full of good information, but delivered in a way where most people weren't even listening anymore. Everyday people asked what was optional and what wasn't. Sitting in Mariucci for hours and hours in a row got tiresome.

There needs to be more free time in the first few days. It seemed like on those days we were up really early and really busy all day until late at night, which was exhausting. This kind of made me wary of going to seminars and made it hard for me to pay attention to much information after the first couple of days, because it was such an overload, which is why I picked strongly disagree for the welcome week experience. There was some useful information provided, it was just really hard to remember and be able to use that information when you're so tired every day.

don't make it a week long! and allow more time to be in the small groups to build stronger relationships within these groups. also there were way too many activities! all those info sessions were a bit unnecessary.

Make it more commuter-friendly: starting at 8am was rough. Plus I couldn't participate in night activities since I needed to get home. If Welcome Week could be moved back a day or two to give us some time to get settled/relax before classes, Welcome Week would be nearly perfect. The food was OK...but that was about it. The sandwiches were OK, but not great.

More free time to explore campus.

I would like to feel less like a kindergardner and more like a college student. I would like to not stick out like a sore thumb and let everybody know that I'm a freshman who has to wear a name tag during welcome week. It helps us stick out, not fit in.

I would allow for more free time. there was to much put into one day

Longer, with more time to explore on your own...

Seriously, everyone was just exhausted by the time Welcome Week was over. It was a relief to start classes. There was not enough time to connect with other students or just feel settled in. It also would have been nice to have sessions on things like how to use the bus system or where the laundry machines were. A lot of it felt really useless and unimportant.
There was too much down time in between sessions that made the days extremely long and drawn out. Also, the food options were extremely limited and because of my food allergies I couldn't even eat some of the days.

I would have breaks in between activities. It felt to much like we were being dragged around like we were in the second grade. Make sunday a free day as well, which would give us more time to settle in to our dorms. Also have less seminars, and more fun activities.

I would allow more free time throughout the day. Some days it was overwhelming to go from one thing to the next all day long and not have a break to just relax. Also it would help having that time to get to know other students better.

I would make the first day ONLY move in day. It was very hard to get here (especially since I got here in the early afternoon) and try and get things ready to live here when I had to rush and go to Convocation. It was a very rushed day. Secondly, I would have tried to take out some of the sessions in the really long days- Thursday and Friday. Those days were so long, that by the time we got to the second half of the day, it was hard to even pay attention to the session because everything was so redundant.

I would make it slightly less involved every day, just so that the students do have some time to themselves.

Allow students more time to get all moved in and settled in before jumping right to the week's activities.

There was too much fluff and things that were boring were really drawn out so I couldn't hold much interest.

If it was longer, it would have been more cool. Same with Orientation, if Orientation was for the entire weekend, the amount of information being presented will be more splayed out and there would be more time to meet new people and adjustments into college life.

we didn't need to hear so many lectures and seminars!! the days were extremely long, longer than any of my days now with classes and enrolled in school I was disappointed that I had to spend time with the same group of people all week in my welcome week group, because I did not get along with them very well. I would have rather had time to meet people myself, instead of being forced to meet people I felt like I was being treated like a kindergardener during the week, like I had to be guided everywhere and hear the same stuff about college all week that could have been said in one day I was hungry a lot, many of the meals consisted of a small sandwich and one piece of fruit...

The welcome week leaders were "fun" but not as engaging with the students as they should have been because I didn't feel very "welcomed." It was more, "Hey, I'm a colleg student, you're a college student, you're going to have fun. Bye!" Also, we spend the whole day doing many things that are important, but weren't given enough time to take it all in and relax, hence, more free time. Is it my understanding that one of the objectives of Welcome Week was to curve freshman from partying and drinking too much? Because if it was, I didn't work because nobody parties during the daytime and all of the evening events that are "optional" happened at the same time parties were going on, so everyone still had the choice to go to a party or not. Thirdly, I didn't like the food but I'm understanding of the limitations and budgeting that you all had to work very hard with. And finally, even though I liked my welcome week leaders, they were not as engaging as I believed they should have been. If I were in their shoes, I would try to create more of a smaller community within the larger community [freshman class]. This community makes people more comfortable and allows them to have more fun and at the same time, gain the trust of each other. However, to do this, the welcome week leaders needed to be more engaged and upbeat with the students.

I would appreciate a little more insight and touring of all three campuses. Although we went to all three, I don't feel that I was able to get oriented (especially st. paul).

It was like orientation all over again. The events shouldn't be required, or it should only be like a day or two of events followed by free time. I still haven't met many people from my floor.

Make it less hectic. It's hard going to sleep at 1-2am and then waking up at 6.

more free time, more side trips, better leaders,

Add more free time, and a possible group cookout on the sunday.

I would allow more free time to get settled into the dorms. Since we didn't have much time to get everything set up well, it felt like I was at camp for a week instead of moving into college. The reason I'm neutral on those questions was because, for several of them, I had already read information provided prior to Welcome Week, so some of it wasn't telling me anything I didn't already know. As far as being neutral when it comes to self-awareness, I think self-awareness is a personal thing and I'm not sure how Welcome Week can help a person be aware of themselves.

Almost all of the seminars were boring and had too much information crammed into the small amount of time that no one listened. There was hardly ever free time for us to just go out and explore the campus...we were always bussed around to the next seminar.

We definitely need more FREE time. Student were really worn out after Welcome Week and very tired during it. A lot of the information was repeated from orientation, so it would be best to cut some things out. Allow more time for students to explore the campus on their own and just give more free time, so we can relax and adapt to people and our new environment.

there was not a tour of the rec center. we had not time to relax/ get settled in. Watched 10 different people give the same speech in a slightly different way every day. sat through about 12 hours of seminars only 1 or 2 were interesting. i made 4 different fip books out of my business cards during the many long speeches to retain some sort of sanity to get though the week. Over all welcome week was a good experience if there was not as many speeches/seminars. i really like the free stuff and meeting new people. More free time to get steeled in would have been nice.

I think the whole thing was a little dragged out. Everyone I knew was so exhausted from the day that no one wanted to go to any of the night events.

Shorten it by at least 3 days. I felt like I had little to no time to get settled in my room, let alone prepare for the audition I had coming up a week from when I arrived. Getting out on the side trips was fun, but otherwise I felt bored. Welcome week also made me feel like I was back in high school. Please do not make Welcome Week required next year. There were many more productive things I could have done with my time.

As I stated before, the activities during welcome week should be optional. We are in college and have to make our own decisions. We should have to take incentive and go to meetings that we would find helpful and not be forced to attend something that reiterates points previously made to us in orientation and the open house. If I had more free time available, I would have been more willing to attend things that were important to me.
Well a lot of it was repetitive. After one speech, the rest of the speeches were pretty much the same and it was very boring. Then, make sure you don't wait to feed people; people don't like eating too late and the first night, we didn't get our food until later. The days were also way too long and we got tired. Also, there could have been more interactive games and activities than sessions that were sometimes boring or boring speeches.

It was a lot of boring sessions and I really think we should've had more free time to digest all of the info. I also wish we could've picked which sessions we could go to because that would've made it a lot more interesting.

give students more free time and possibly shorten it

I would have allowed us to have like 2-4 hours of free time to run errands, because I had SOO much to do on monday, as did other kids. I would have had better and more events in my dorm hall... I felt lost in my dorm, but not on campus... I wouldn't REQUIRE that people go to all of their events sometimes I just wished that I could do what I want... it was my first few days away from home, I wanted more freedom initially. The whole thing felt too structured etc. orientation was GREAT--whatever you did there it was fun and good.

I would make it way shorter!!! They were very informative but they also were very repetitive.

I needed more time to myself to relax and get settled into my room. I was doing Welcome Week stuff from 8 am to 1 am and was exhausted. Also, a lot of the information seemed like a repeat from orientation which was boring because I remember everything from orientation.

Welcome Week didn't get me very excited for classes to start and made me feel like I was wasting my money on college. Orientation on the other hand got me pumped for college to begin and I could not wait. There was a lot of stuff I needed to take care of before classes started and only had one day to do that, which was Labor Day so most places were closed and I was not able to get things done on time.

I would make it a chance to make the students to finally feel like adults and let them do what they wanted because it would make them more excited to actually start school. Also i would change the fact that it is a whole week. I think there should be something called After Move-In day. It would consist of one day of activities that start at breakfast and end at about 4 o'clock right before dinner starts.

We needed more free time. The activities were often not applicable to my situation or did not teach me anything I wasn’t already aware of. We needed more time to explore the campus on our own and time to settle into our dorm rooms, hang out with our new roommates, get to know people on our floor/college. We got stressed out running from one activity to another and exhausted from getting up early after staying up so late- we should have felt more rested and prepared for our first week of class.

Give more free time. Too much was expected of us when we were just getting settled in. I had no free time and was worn out. To many things were planned that I was always tired.

I would have felt better if we had an actual "tour the campus" type of thing. By the end of the week i knew how to get to Mariucci like the back of my hand, but I had no idea where anything else was.

It got a little long sometimes, but overall it was a good experience

I wish that we were given more free time, I felt that I was at camp and that is not what I want when I'm getting ready for college. I also feel as though the days were to long, if you are planning on doing this next year, let the students have more free time and allow them to explore the campus on their own.

After only one day I felt like I was being herded around in a big group. I had no freedom to explore the campus on my own because every second of my day was scheduled out. I know people who didn't even have time to get moved in because they were always at activities. So after the second day I didn't go to any of the structured activities. I still went to some things like gophers after dark. I spent my week exploring campus with my friends and I think I learned a lot more about campus. Once welcome week was over I had to help several people figure out the bussing system because they didn't know - they were always with a huge group and told where to go. My suggestions for future welcome weeks would be to provide more free time and to shorten the time. A week is too long.

I would not make everything mandatory, because it really brought me down. I felt that we were being treated like children when we are actually adults.

I wish we had more time to get settled into our rooms before we were rushed off.

I feel it was longer than necessary, and was too structured for us to actually get to know what we wanted to learn. I am lucky that I know the campus, but others felt that they spent their last week of summer being forced to do things they didn't care about. If it had been a bit shorter I think it would have been perfect. It has made me want to be a welcome week leader in the upcoming year.

I think that we definitely needed more free time. The transition from summer to Welcome Week was so abrupt. Especially since we were kept going from early morning to sometimes 10 or later with required things, it left me too exhausted to participate in Gophers After Dark and other late-night activities, which I would have liked to do.

I wish we had more free time. We had planned activities from 8am to 11pm, and not enough down time to meet people that we live with and get settled into residential life. Welcome Week felt more like a summer camp than an orientation to college, and I wish we had more independence when it came to making decision about what we wanted to do with our time.

I would allow more free time. It is very stressful to move into a new environment for the first time and those of us who don't live close and have to commute for half a day with a truckload of stuff were very overwhelmed. I got here and had no time to unpack. I still had things in boxes a week after I got here because I had no free time. It was hard enough adjusting to living alone much less not having a comfortable environment. Also, having to wake up at 8 in the morning is not fun either when being up until 1 am because at night is the only time we have time to ourselves.

I think that the Welcome Week should not have as much going on for the whole day. A lot of the time we were just sitting and having people talk at us, and no one was paying attention. I think that at the end of the first few days I was to exhausted to enjoy the more fun side trips.

Welcome week was way to much! 2 days would have been adequate but it was so jam packed that there was no time to get settled and to prepare for class. It was overwhelming and the sessions were unbearable and were not very informational. A lot of it was a repeat of orientation so therefore we didn't need to hear it again. My biggest complaint is myself and I know pretty much everyone else felt like we were being treated like children. Making the transition from highschool to college is big and we finally are supposed to be treated like adults so the little name games and "icebreakers" are not fun and cool its annoying. So change that if anything else!
It was too much. I don't feel like I learned much of anything, because the stream of information was so constant that I couldn't retain very much of it at all. I actually just felt like it was continued orientation, which made it harder for me to adjust because I didn't feel like I was at college. I think it was a really good idea in theory, but it was much too packed, and we were treated more like children than we should have been.

They need to give us more down time, and have us meet others outside of just our colleges, residence halls, and small groups.

I think welcome week was way to overwhelming for a first year student. It is a good idea but I do not think that it all needs to be mandatory and I do not think it is necessary for it to be a week. Honestly the only thing that I obtained from welcome week was new friends.

I would like to see more free time factored into welcome week. I did not have time to sleep, or even to unpack and settle into my room. I think welcome week would be more successful if we could choose the sessions without the burden of an isolated group. That way, when we meet people, it is because we want to be there and we will have something to talk about. Over all I think welcome week is a good idea, but camper imprisonment is not welcoming and so I think it was counterproductive.

We didn't get enough time to just settle into our rooms. I was really worn out by the end of every day. I didn't get time to socialize. I didn't want to party - I just wanted to hang out with people, and I was way too tired to do it.

Please have more free time. We were up from 8 in the morning until 10pm at night. There was no down time to really get to know where our classes were or to buy books or even hang out with the new friends we had met.

Don't schedule as many activities so late at night.

I would shorten to less than 3 days

Not EVERYONE can take off work to attend Welcome Week. Making it REQUIRED interferes with work and may ultimately put their career in jeopardy. Much of the information presented at Welcome Week was THE SAME information that was presented at Orientation and was nothing that we hadn't already heard. Also, buses DO NOT run 24/7 to some places. Bus schedules many times interfered with the schedule of welcome week. For example, buses to where I live stop at 6 and I was required to be there until 6:30, meaning I had to scrounge up a ride at the last minute because I had no way of getting home!

There was not enough free time!! You guys had us going all day long and then people ended up sleeping through half the sessions because they were so tired. Lots of people complained about not being able to settle into their dorm rooms until classes started on Tuesday. I needed to get books still and i barely had time; I had to squeeze it between a session. Also, the CLA college day was WAAAAAY to long. I felt bad because by the end no one was listening to the two nurses talking. I honestly think it could have been made shorter and the points make quicker. overall welcome week wasn't too bad but my biggest complaint was lack of free time and i think the week could have been shortened by two or three days!

1. Make the night sessions shorter so that we will all be less grumpy and more focused/willing to listen. 2. Tell the Welcome Week leaders what's going on on Sunday (community involvement day). Poor Chris nearly got in trouble because he couldn't find out where we were supposed to be. 3. Provide a breakout session for former PSEO students, who have different needs. They probably know their way around campus and have set study habits and know what a syllabus is and how to use OneStop. What they really need to know is how their credits will effect when they can take certain classes, when they should study abroad, and if they should consider graduating early or in another four years. 4. For the questions concerning food quality: keep in mind that I am a Carlson student. Carlson students get fed really, really nice food, like Chipotle. 5. For the questions regarding whether or not information was useful or if I felt closer to the U of M: having attended the U for two years, I'm already very comfortable around campus (and know my way around better than a certain senior), I've used WebVista hundreds of times, and I know where to find my classrooms.

I WOULD MAKE IT ONE DAY B/C PEOPLE WOULD OME THE FIRST DAY BUT PROBABLY NOT THE DAYS AFTERWARDS...

I would discontinue welcome week. I thought welcome week wasn't a worthwhile experience. Most of the information was redundant, I was a PSEO student and attended the two day orientation and knew much of the information already. Also, there was not enough free time just to relax and get used to the dorm, the campus, and prepare for classes. From the day I moved in I was constantly being led around the campus like an elementary school student being talked at the whole time (about the same thing...) The whole experience was very disappointing, not helpful, boring, tiring, and pointless.

I thought that Welcome Week was poorly run. We were just flung from place to place with no real sense of where we really were or what we were doing. For the most part I was both bored and overwhelmed. It was like trying to drink from a fire hose on full blast, except the hose was just shooting air. On College Day, it was very frustrating never having enough time to really enjoy the presentations; just coming in, sitting down, and leaving. The seminars on Saturday were for the most part boring and not very informative. The lunches at St. Paul were very poor quality. I did not get a greater sense of the college, how to create a college experience, how to navigate the college, or how I fit into the college as an individual. Most of that was due to, again, being flung from place to place without a real sense of what we were trying to get out of it. I also did not appreciate being treated like what everyone thinks college students "should be like". I will most likely never attend a football game; I just am not a fan of the sport. Learning the "school song" seemed pointless, and should be something that only the people attending school Musical: U of M Edition. I would have liked: actual tours around campus, with shortcuts and helpful hits for navigation; meeting with our teachers and/or advisers one on one; a trip to the Science Museum; and just a less stressed out/hectic environment. Not feeling like we imprisoned is not welcoming and so I think it was counterproductive.

Give a little more time to get settled in the dorm halls to meet people in the dorms.

I would let it have more free time. I felt that it was too way structured and that we didn't have any time to ourselves or any time to mingle with other people.

Make it shorter, or only have activities in the morning or evening because that was too much every day. The activities were mostly boring and not relevant.

became hectic at certain times

have more free time instead of one meeting after another

I would reduce the amount of discussions/lectures we had to attend.
| I would let the students to have more free time on their own because we don't have any free time during the whole week of welcome week except for the monday of welcome week. It's better to reduce the amount of activities in welcome week. It can get you really tired to go through all those activities. |
| Add more free time so that we can organize our rooms and meet people in our dorms. |
| There was not nearly enough free time. Sure you are meeting tons of new people and learning about campus, but who likes being a zombie with no free time to do things you enjoy with those friends before classes start. It was WAY too overscheduled and we were herded around like a high school tour. |
| I would put in more free time--it was too fast paced |
| I think the intentions were good, but it was just a lot to do in a short amount of time. Also we didn't get to really get to know anyone in our groups because we were constantly being split up into different groups with every activity that we did. I think we should have had more time to get to know the people that we're living with also. |
| I would have more free time to meet new people around our living area and get settled in, organized, as well as preparing for classes (getting books, etc.) In addition all three meals of the day would be provided each a balanced meal. Most of those days we were provided with two at large amounts of free time to meet new people around our living area and get settled in, organized, as well as preparing for classes (getting books, etc.) In addition all three meals of the day would be provided each a balanced meal. Most of those days we were provided with two at |
| I would shorten some of the large presentations. Convocation was incredibly long, and some of the speakers for CLA College Day and Convocation probably shouldn't have been there. They had nothing new or interesting to say. Also, I would give us more time to explore the campus. I learned the route to Mariucci Arena - hooray - but I had no idea where Lind Hall was until I looked for myself on Monday. I would have more free time. We were shuttled from one large experience to the next, without really having any down time, and it really affected my Welcome Week experience. Negatively. That if wasn't clear. The food sucked. Hands down. I would gladly divert some of my tuition money from another program to make sure that we actually had food instead of whatever it was we were forced to eat. |
| I would definitely make welcome week shorter. I believe that it is better off if orientation is just extended by a few days, ending with side trips and fun events. Most of all, instead of having all these presentations, welcome week should feed us the most important issues like tutoring, involvement, workload, and financial aid. |
| I think there should be a little more free time to relax and not as many little 20 min sessions that we already heard about during orientation. |
| Make it so it's not so packed with stuff we have to do all day. We need more free time throuought the day. |
| I would give the students a little more free time. I found myself very tired and needing more sleep. |
| I would agree with the first day to Welcome students and excite them into enjoying college, but let them have the second day to adjust and settle in. A lot of freshman still have books to buy, money to deposit, people to meet, and other official college business to settle. Freshman need time to do this before Labor day, when most shops or banks are closed. |
| I felt that we had too many activities and things to do starting off the first day of Welcome Week. By the weekend, everyone was wore out, tired of seminars and just needed time to relax before classes started. The amount of manditory speakers and activities should be reduced so it is more of a relaxing transition, instead of a tiring one. |
| I would spread out the activities more |
| I would have more free time in order to get settled in the residence halls and not have some of the general sessions be so long. |
| Don't make it required. Or if it is required make it a whole lot shorter. |
| First of all I would get rid of the message telling people that it was mandatory. Clearly it was not nor should it be. I would get rid of the many pointless seminars we were “forced” to go to. The only ones that were at least somewhat valuable were the ones we attended in our college groups, not Welcome Week groups. I would not have Welcome Week last as long as it did either. It also should have allowed for us to have large amounts of free time to meet new people around our living area and get settled in, organized, as well as preparing for classes (getting books, etc.) In addition all three meals of the day would be provided each a balanced meal. Most of those days we were provided with two at |
A lot of the activities that were planned did not allow us to explore the U or to converse with our small groups. Because of this I would have allowed more time for us to unpack and get settled in our dorm. Give a little more freedom and alone time so its not so structured... it felt like we really only so much you can pack into one day.

Well, it should not be so jam-packed with the stuff. The hours were too long and unecessary, and the simple fact that it was the week before school and over the Labor Day weekend is simply ridiculous!

I feel that I little more free time and having more things optional would help the experience. Then one can pick and choose what they want to go to or if they just want to relax. Also, I moved in on Tuesday, and felt that we were a little bit time constrained on getting settled in, so I can't imagine what it must have been like for the people that moved in on Wednesday.

I would not make it mandatory. I would still have attended many of the activities if it wasn't required but I was exhausted by the end of the week. Its not a good way to start off the college experience by being sleep-deprived and stressed out. I didn't even have time to buy my books.

It was way too long and I had absolutely no time to get settled in. It was too crazy to be going from 8 am to 12 pm each night and I honestly feel that College day was absolutely pointless. I didn't learn anything. Jermaine davis we couldn't even hear so I didn't really learn anything from that either. I know this has been a long process to set-up and I appreciate the hard work of everyone involved but I didn't like being the guinea pigs. Things definitely need to be restructured for next year.

I would have there be less things to do; I thought we had a very busy schedule on College Day and on friday.

Welcome was long and boring. as i freshman i was looking forward to the options and freedom college grants us. instead we got stuck in schedules as if we were middle schoolers with little to no free time.

I would have planned fewer things to do. I was so worn out by the time classes started I felt less motivated and positive about starting school than I did when I arrived in the first place. Welcome Week was too long.

I would have liked more free time to just relax. Most of the sessions were helpful but time to hang out and find my way around would have been nice.

More free time to meet people in your hall and to get to know your roommate. Also, not so many sessions jam-packed together in one day.

A lot of the activities that were planned did not allow us to explore the U or to converse with our small groups. Because of this I would have liked to do this on my own, yet there were activities planned from 9 AM to 10 PM. So, how could I have been able to explore and meet people when i'm confined to small groups and small obligations that do not do a good job of showing the campus off or meet people. If the small groups talked more (peer to peer) the odds of creating lasting friendships would increase a lot.

I would not participate in Welcome Week. While it did allow us to meet other classmates, I felt is was too long and it was just a review of the campus seems to encourage sex. In high school, they educated us about sex and told what diseases one can contract, but they did not distribute condoms and say "let's get some." And yes, I was told that by my CA. I know your side: there would be less diseases if people used condoms. But if they knew that they can still contract the diseases, would they be so hasty to have sex? I think not. Education is the key.

More down time Less structured or maybe less tight of a structure Too much stress before classes Lack of sleep and added exhaustion

I would plan less activities every day.. or at least let us sleep in later because many people didn't get to sleep until very very late each night, and then so many things planned in one day was a bit much. More free time would be nice.

I would definitely loosen the structure some, especially in those first two days. Although it is nice to be busy so your mind does not wander to home, it was too overwhelming and there was barely any time to get to know the people you had met in a NON-FORCED environment.

I would make it so there was more down time. I felt that we were always moving and had every minute of everyday planed out for us. It would have been nice to just chill out and rest for a couple of hours. It made me stress out for school starting.

I would have left more free time. I felt like we were always going going going. We never even had time to get settled into our rooms. I was so tired during welcome week, I wasn't able to enjoy it as much. If there were a few breaks during the day, it would have been more enjoyable. I would schedule more free time because I moved in Wednesday afternoon, went to convocation, and did not arrive back to Bailey Hall until 10:15 pm. Then the next day was jam packed and so I wish I would've had more time to settle into my room and get organized. I also would increase the number of buses running between the St. Paul campus and the East and West Bank- because many a times they were packed to capacity and you couldn't get on the bus and you had to wait another fifteen or twenty minutes.

Overall I liked the idea of Welcome Week, but I felt as if we were on too tight of a schedule and weren't given any time to adjust, relax, or settle in. I wound up getting very exhausted from everything going on during Welcome Week, and I had a hard time adjusting to the amount of walking - I did more walking back and forth during Welcome Week than I now to going to and from classes. The information given was helpful, but I felt that a lot of it was repetitive. I also felt that many of the events were somewhat of a waste of time, such as some of the
sessions on "explore the U of M" day. I thought that the "Explore the Twin Cities" day was nice, but only for the people who haven't lived in or close to the twin cities their whole lives. I am from out of state, and would have gone and enjoyed it but by that time in the week I was too tired and exhausted that I chose to sleep in instead. I did end up getting swollen feet from the excessive amount of walking throughout the week. The "Explore U" at Mariucci Arena was a good event though, I enjoyed that and I received a lot of information and free stuff. The "Service Day & Day of Engagement" In felt was a bit unnecessary, I attended U-topia and felt like I didn't learn or accomplish much of anything. I attended the "theater and art for social justice" session and wasn't impressed with that. Probably one of the funnest events during welcome week, however, was the Target Run. It is a very unique experience and very fun to go and interact with other freshmen there. In the future, I think Welcome Week would turn out much better if more of the events were optional (even though myself and many other freshmen chose not to attend them all anyways) and if we had more free time to get adjusted, rested, and settled in.

I am neutral, because I thought it was a good experience and I learned a lot of things. However, I was displeased with the requirements, like having to attend certain events. I loved the food, activities, and meeting other people, but there should be more optional events instead of required events.

Shorter and less sessions. We had so many people speaking and by day 2 we showed up to the presentations and just sat there because we were suppose to and got up and went to the next.

I liked the idea of Welcome Week a lot. I was actually quite excited about it this summer. But it was so overscheduled that you had no time to do anything except your assigned activities; in which many were not interesting. I would of much rather had of had more time to finish setting up my room, or walking around to my classes (on my own or with friends), walking around my dorm to find coffee shops or restaurants. However none of those things were really allowed. The things most interesting about welcome week didn't start till 10 like Mall of America, Gophers after Dark, Target Run etc. and at that point you were so tired from all the unnecessary walking you almost didn't want to go, though you did. If the informational sessions could be more optional or spread out in time it would run smoother.

I would put less emphasis on 'requiring' students to attend things - such as individual sessions - and include more optional activies. I personally was exhausted during Welcome Week, and I think more free time would be beneficial to all so there is more enthusiasm during the day and more willingness to attend things.

more relaxing time optional activities, so skipping doesn't feel like a crime less talking/speakers and more hands on activities

I am aware that the reason the activities went so long into the night were to prevent new college students from being... college students. However, I think there were way too many expectations for Welcome Week. It was fine that everything began in the morning and there was a session. I think that people should have been given part of the afternoon off, then rejoin with the small group for the evening activities. This would have given people a break and allowed them to get things done that were pushed until the last minute.

Not as long. On college day I was gone from 7 in the morning until 11:30 at night. It was a much too long day.

I think Welcome Week could have been shortened by probably 2 days. It would have been helpful just to have a day to have someone show us how to get to our classes and how to work the bus system.

I would give more free time and not such a heavily scheduled day everyday. Also, more time to move in and get things situated would have been really nice. Some of the presentations on College Day and Explore the U Day were not informational and were boring.

I thought it was good but a lot of things were repeated from things we already heard in orientation or had been sent to us, it also got to be really long days (not enough free time)

Make it shorter because my interest and attention span (as well as others' I'm sure) just can't stand doing the same things everyday for a whole week.

Make the food part better, both days we had lunches in Mariucci I was near the last group of people getting crappy food which was left over, and there was only diet coke left to drink both days too.....other than that it wasn't too bad, I made new friends and had a decent time, somethings do need to be shortened though

Welcome Week was very helpful in getting me ready for college and getting to know the campus. However, I sometimes felt it was too much in one day, or too long of a week. If it could be shortened a little, it would be a little less tiring.

More time the first few days to get settled in to our rooms. Also, better food choices for vegetarians.

One of the days, the Caesar wrap was not vegetarian friendly.

I would make more free time for everyone.

I would have liked to have more down time to get to meet new people and try new things. While getting accustomed to the college life.

Welcome Week was a good thing to have. It helped me to feel as if I belonged to the U of MN community. However, it was extremely tiring. I feel that there should be more free time between events, because waking up so early and going to sleep so late was exhausting.

I would have made Welcome week shorter, about 3 days long, because the entire 5 days was overwhelming. Welcome Week helped me acknowledge my individual responsibility to the campus community, as well as ownership and responsibility for creating my college experience. That is something I think one cannot learn through a lecture, but through experience in a community over time. I was favorably impressed with my Welcome Week experience. I was expecting something more social and relaxing than what it was.

The day of move-in should just be moving in because I didn't have enough time to totally settle into my dorm room until the week of classes.

I think Welcome Week is a good idea, but we really needed more free time to get settled. If some of the activities were optional, that would have been better.

I would not pack so much stuff into some of the days. Kids are kids and they need a little bit of down time.

I would have Welcome Week less scheduled and have more down time to get to know our roommates and set up our rooms.

I think it was pretty boring and pointless. It would be good for students that wish to go. You shouldn't have to be required to go. We came to go to college not attend a week long thing of stuff.
good
I felt that welcome week was a complete waste of time. I hated being forced to go to sessions when really what I wanted to do was get settled into my dorm, explore the campus, and meet people on my own terms. I didn't gain anything from the sessions because I wasn't interested in going to them. If Welcome Week is changed for next year, I would recommend seriously cutting down on the amount of sessions the freshmen are forced to go to and the amount of time that we spend in small groups.

Welcome Week gave me plenty of opportunities to meet new people before I had to buckle down and start thinking about classes. More free time! Every minute of every day was scheduled— it was overwhelming and exhausting. All of the things we did were fun, but there was no time to reflect or enjoy because there was always something else we had to be doing. Also, I would have liked more of a focus on the academic side of things, because that seemed to be what people were most anxious about.

If I could change it, I would have more free time because after a while, everyone seemed exhausted. It is nice to have an hour break once in awhile to relax.

The Welcome Week leaders were welcoming and energetic. The Welcome Week experience, however, was not great. I felt rushed on move-in day, and after that I felt I never had time to get completely moved in. I did not like having to be ready every morning at 8 a.m. and not get back to my dorm until 10 p.m. It felt like summer camp, and it did not make me feel independent. The sessions were far too long and monotonous. Many times there was so much information being thrown at me I could not take any of it in. I wish it would be 'Welcome Weekend' instead. It would be much more efficient to have activities on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday before classes start. Only some of them should be mandatory, the rest obligatory. Forcing students to participate in ice breakers and sessions they are not interested in only promotes homesickness. Welcome Week was thoroughly inefficient and I was not pleased.

I would have liked to have more time to myself. It was frustrating having only half a day to move in and then not have any time during the days to organize myself. I would be so tired after having days that start at 8 and go till 10 and would just want to go to bed but I couldn't stand not feeling like my room was put together. It would be nice to feel like you were settled into your home before starting all of the events that were going on around.

Not have each day go as long. It was too much sometimes!

I thought it was very long. The first few days were just so monotonous and repetitive of what we did during orientation, but on a different level. I felt the first two or three days could have been shortened. I learned some things, but mostly I felt that waking up really early in the morning (6:30 to shower) and not finishing our activities until about 11:00 at night didn't really mix well and everyone grew tired of the constant activity. Making more things optional would really be beneficial.

Shortened it, or had more free-time to settle in.

too much stuff in too little time, shortening it up would be better. I got so busy and stressed with no sleep that I got sick.

I would not make every day mandatory because I felt that orientation was enough to get use to campus and the things that it offers.

I would make it shorter with more individual time so we can get settled in our dorm and meet new people. We could also use this time to find our classes and buy our books.

I would make the days less structured. Some days were planned from 8 in the morning to 10 at night. I felt like a child with so much structure.

Give more free time to get acquainted with the dorms
shorten it--make it a day or two

Dont make college day as long. It dragged on after the first few hours.

Welcome Week should be much more organized, less like summer school, and more fun. There was way too much stuff packed into that week, so there wasn't a whole lot of time to get settled into the dorms. There was also too much walking involved. Walking from Middlebrook Hall on Westbank to Marriucci on the opposite end of campus every other day is not fun.

More free time, so I could wander around campus and get to know where all my classes are. Following the section leaders was ok but didn't really allow me to navigate the campus by myself.

i wouldn't change anything.

I would make the welcome week activities either all in the morning or all in the afternoon. Did not have enough time for independent exploration before classes started. Also, I was not assigned to move in until after 12:30, so I was not even unpacked before convocation, I was not allowed enough time to get settled.

It was good to get to see the campus and learn about what there is here but it was very rushed during free time and was very long during some of the meetings. Maybe by adding some more time to just hang out and get settled in would decrease some stress and make the time more enjoyable.

instead of having it spread out over a week, making it into two full days would have been less tedious. It seemed like there was a lot of time in between events, but not enough to make it useful to do anything so I felt like we wasted a lot of time and that is why it could just be made into two longer days instead of so many spread out days.

I would definitely shorten it up. It was way too long having it from the morning to nighttime. It didn't feel like I was in college for a week, more like camp.

I would change the amount of structured activities we had to do. If there was more free time or we didn't have to be there by 8 a.m. the days wouldn't seem to drag on like they did.

More free time, I didn't have enough time to get my room together. I felt really stressed and overwhelmed as well being from out of state, I didn't have that time to get used to my new environment.

if I could change the welcome week, I would make it less walking between sessions and more time in activities that will provide experiences such as being in the classroom. I would do this because I thought I spent most of my week walking and that made me a little less enthusiastic about walking between my classes in the first week.
I would improve the food by providing something other than deli sandwiches.

We were all so exhausted at the end of the day because we were never given any free time. The programs themselves were good, there were just too many of them and we got any time to just relax.

there was a lot of repetition about resources. Also, more free time to interact with people and create friends.

Not have the days be so long

I already have an idea of what types of organizations I want to get involved with so Welcome Week didn't help me much. Also, I didn't learn the campus very well. There needed to be more free time, I felt very worn out at the end of the week. Also, there needs to be breakfast provided before 8am sessions.

make the days not so packed with session after session

There was too many things going on all the time. It wore me out and made me feel more stressed knowing I already had so many things to do before school even started. There didn't need to be activities all day, every single day. It was nice because we got to know our classmates and better knew our way around campus, but at the end of all of it people started skipping not to go out and party, but just to sleep and watch some tv. We had no time to just relax and get to know people in our dorm halls.

more free time, we were rushed around a lot. give more time to get settled in.

At welcome week most of us knew our schedules so a tour would have been helpful for some. It seemed like the first few days we were herded around and weren't given much independence, but then for the side trip we were dropped off and expected to fend for ourselves. This would have been fine had we known, but I went downtown and a list of businesses would have been nice. The packet made it seem as though it was going to be a guided tour.

I think some of the activities were useless. We heard a lot of the same things during orientation and didn't need a whole week of it. It would have been better to have more time in the dorms to meet people that live by me and get organized in the dorms.

Welcome Week was a great way to make friends but at the same time very overwhelming and very busy. I think to improve the experience for next years students you should take only a few hours out of each day and then let the students get a chance to relax and get to know the campus for themselves. Activities just can't be planned for 12 hours a day, it is to much and to exhausting for everyone involved.

I would find all the main points that were necessary and package them up into the first few days and give the weekend free to the students so they can get settled in faster.

I thought it was a waste of my time. dont make things mandatory, give us the option. We are no longer in grade school and can make decisions for ourself

Again, I would emphasize more small group meetings; they were much more effective in helping me obtain vital information about the University of Minnesota and provided more opportunities for me to develop close relationships with new people.

I had a great time, but one thing I would make more time for is like time in the residence halls by ourselves, so we can get to know our roommates, and/or meetings with the CA. Or give us the option to not do everything, or let us explore the city by ourselves, but give us maps and bus times. Maybe also, take of one of the days, but one day I would keep is the CFANS college day, and make other college days like CFANS'. Have it pertain to the title, but CFANS college day showed me what else CFANS has to offer for jobs and clubs and resources.

I would make it less structured and not have the days go from 7 am - 1 am repeately. I would encourage more of the things to get prepared for school and the available resources and less of the seminars and lectures about not drinking and studying 3 hours per credit.

I would make the program shorter, and not so close to the start of classes. It felt as though we didn't have time to relax in the last few days before class started. Also, it was too jam packed with activities that i, along with others in my group felt we were overbooked. I would also make more of the sessions optional because I felt as though i knew most of the stuff that was presented but was forced to sit through it.

I make it shorter to about 2-3 days because it was too long and a lot of people were trying to buy their supplies at the same time.

You need much more free time because the constant activities give you no time to just relax and get to know the campus. I had an idea of what types of organizations I want to get involved with so Welcome Week didn't help me much. Also, I didn't learn the campus very well. There needed to be more free time, I felt very worn out at the end of the week. Also, there needs to be breakfast provided before 8am sessions.

I would make it a lot less crowded and not have the days be so long.

I wish there was more time to relax and prepare. Too many activities that got boring. Lectures were long and I was tired during welcome week waiting for it to be over. And the trip to st paul campus was pointless we really didn't get anything out of that. Some things were good such as the stations we got to go to of our choice. The how to meet a cop session and getting along with your roommate sessions were fun informative and entertaining.

I would like to have more alone time to explore the campus with my group of friends instead of always being in groups...we are not little kids anymore...

less time on talking about welcoming class of 2012

I would make it a lot less structures so we didn't have any free time unti late at night.

more free time- it was too exhausting, more time to move into the residence halls- it was too rushed.

I think there should be more free time to settle into your dorm and get to know people that you met who may not have been in your small group meeting. Less time should be spent in the small group meetings and doing the "get to know you" activities.
It hink that Welcome week is awesome and I am happy I got to be part of this. No upperclassmen had this chance. I really hope it gets even better for next year freshmen, but I do want to stress the food. During one of the Mariuccis Arena times, I got this bad hamburger, I hated it. I understand the whole feeding thousands of kids is a lot, but I just wanted to you to know i was one of those students who received the bad burgers. Also, when the clarification from concession stands that were given out during welcome week to clarify how much to take or not because confusion can stir and cause mayhem.

It should be shorter!!! Freshman do want to enjoy the last few days of school before they start!!! A lot of our time was wasted doing a lot of pointless stuff we learned in orientation.

If I could change anything, I would say not to do so many things in one week! Moving to the cities was a hard transition in itself, but then to have to be constantly doing things and taking in new experiences was very hard on me. I actually got sick from exhaustion (when you're only allowed 6 hours of sleep if you do everything they asked us to). I didn't get me room completely organized, interact with my roommate very much, meet the other people in dorm, explore my dorm, or find out what other things I would need before school started. I wanted to find my classes and buy my supplies, but I had to skip a session to find the time. There's was definitely just way too much going on, and some of it didn't even pertain to me. And what's with the required attendance?!

It was kinda longish and didn't really tell me anything I didn't already know. I would have liked it if it was more pragmatic and focused on useful things like getting to know the campus, where my classes are, etc.

I thought that "Welcome Weekend" would be more appropriate; it was, frankly, too much. When that much information is being thrown at anybody, they stop being able to process it after awhile. One presentation a day would've been better and more effective. I felt overwhelmed and certainly needed more downtime.

I would make it so that everyone feels more included, because I really didn't. It was exactly like high school and the link crew program, and all I could think was, "Wow, I must be entering high school again," which is not what college is about. I'd rather find out things on my own, maybe attend a few mandatory meetings. A lot of the forced friendship stuff didn't help me make friends.

My only complaint is the fact that it all felt to structured, and i was not given enough time to just pick and choose activites i wanted to attend.

Friday August 29th was a fun day and more days similar to that would be interesting.

I would give more free/sleep time.

Welcome week should be shorter, they should give us more free time, and they should have allowed us more time to move in.

I feel like it's way easier to explore on your own than by being dragged along with a group of people that you don't necessarily get along with. But I loved the classroom experience and evening events!

I thought that welcome week was 3 days too long. I think that it had the right intentions, but at times it was a little long. I know that in my small group meetings, we would spend a good amount of time each meeting talking about how long everything was. I think that some of the activities that we were able to were very fun and helpful but some of them, such as the very long convocation or the convocation for CLA students the next day, could have been shortened in length. My reaction to welcome week could be summed up by- shorten everything up. It would make for a much easier and fun experience. Students would not be tempted to skip sessions if they weren't so long and time consuming.

I would allow more time for students to get moved into the dorms. I know that I did not have time to finish unpacking until after welcome week was over.

Welcome was too long. I believe it would benefit the University more if they had made a three day event. Five to six days were too much. For those who works it takes up too much time.

I honestly thought it was a fabulous way to get to know my way around the campus....I just wish I could have spent a little more time in my dorm room getting things put away and getting to know the people we were actually going to be living with.

I wish we had given more free time to just do things at our rooms. Also, the food we were given for lunch could have been a lot better.

I would make it more concise. So much time and energy went into this welcome week, and we could all see that and appreciate it. However it was to mch information. I think that it should have started later, and less formal classroom sessions. All the night activities were lost on us, because we were so completely tired out.

I think it would have been a lot better with at least and extra hour of free time in the morning because we were all exhausted by the middle of the week of getting up that early.

I the time to start and finish things, we start way to early and then we have to be out way to late!

Definitely more free time. There was way too much stuff packed into each day that once I got to my room at night, all I wanted to do was go to sleep so I feel like I missed out on a vital time to get to know the people in the rooms near me. There was not enough free time at all!

I would make it like a fri sat and sun and not a whole week that was too long.......alot of the classes we were required to go were unimportant

More free time and not as long of sessions

shorten the days for it could just be three or four days with the all the info/activites...

Some of the presentations during welcome week were extremely informational and helpful. But after the second and third presentation, it really felt like I was hearing the same information over and over again. Instead of doing so many presentations, it really would've been nice to have more freetime to get settled and explore and meet others on my own. Between trying to get settled in, preparing for school and going to all the mandatory meetings, welcome week was a tad bit overwhelming. Also, being stuck in the same welcome week groups for the entire week felt a little restricting. In the future, I would suggest making more of the options and presentations optional and letting people have more of a choice in what they'd like to attend.

More free time I felt like I went from a young adult in college to a grade schooler who needed constant monitoring.

I thought welcome week was carried on way too long. I think it would be more benefical to the incoming students if welcome week was only two to three days. I think that is plenty of time to get all the information to the students. Also, there should be shorter days or more breaks along the day during welcome week. It was kind of exhausting to attend every day. I thought there should be more activities where there was more bonding and interactions with others.
By the end of each day, I was always dead tired. Maybe have an hour or so between each activity?

Give us more free time to explore the campus on our own and more free time in general. I was overwhelmed by speakers to the point where I wasn't even taking in information anymore. I really enjoyed being with my small group and my Welcome Week Leaders and simply having fun with them. We went to Noodles and Chipotle, played games besides the ones in their books, spending time with others in a non-classroom setting is the best way to get everybody to come out of their shells.

I would give a little more free time, I didn't get to set up my room until Monday. Also, I would give a tour more then just walking around, as I had to walk to all my classes on Monday to see where they were.

I would make it less jam-packed. We were busy from 8am to 11pm some days, with less than an hour of free time. Our dorm room hadn't completely settled in until a few days after classes started simply because we had no time. I would strongly advise giving more free time.

More free time, Activities with people in my Res. House!!! I didn't meet any of them during welcome week. I definitely felt the need for more free time. By the end of the week, we were all exhausted and ready to be done with Welcome Week.

I feel like a lot of the "required" things we had to do were very unnecessary and our time could have been better spent learning about bus routes, navigation hints, proper classroom etiquette, courses that pertain directly to our major (requirements)... etc. It was kind of too much information in too little of time. I would have liked more free time and more time to get settled into the dorms. Starting classes on Tuesday was a little overwhelming because we were kept so busy all week long with things that didn't feel very helpful.

I would make it like 3 days or give a lot more free time.

I would let us have more free time to get settled in to our residence hall room, find our classes, and just relax in general. The whole experience provided us with a lot of information but was exhausting. Next year maybe go with the 'less is more' approach

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Everyday was so over scheduled. There seemed to be very little time to settle in to our residence halls.

I would cut out many of the events. I think that a lot of the information was common sense and didn't serve much of a purpose. The number of sessions was just kind of overwhelming. I'd also try to move all of the big events to a more central location... I know it's a lot of people but walking from Middlebrook to Mariucci and back several times a day was NOT fun; I got a nasty blister on my foot by the end of the week and it didn't really help me learn to navigate the campus. Maybe Northrup Auditorium?

I would make fewer activities required. I would also not schedule mandatory events from 8 in the morning to late in the evening. It was very physically exhausting.

I would have Welcome Week for commuters be totally optional. As a commuter, it was stressful for me to try to fit everything into my schedule. I would have rather liked to do things on my own time.

I would minimize the amount of seminars involving "getting involved" and "being successful at the U" because I think we ALL have heard those plenty with pamphlets and at orientation. And frankly, a classroom setting for that type of information doesn't inspire people.

We needed more free time, more relaxing because by the end of the week I was exhausted when school began! They should have let us stay with whatever group we wanted, there were too many breaking up into different groups! MORE FREE TIME!

I would make welcome week much shorter. It seemed WAY to long with as little of content as the presented up, especially for commuter students. Welcome Week would be better if they were to keep the small groups and give them a list of tasks to do though 1-3 days at the desired pace of the group.

Serve food in better settings; eating in an arena is kind of inconvenient. The side trips weren't very good—at least the one I attended. I mean, it was interesting because it was a part of the city I haven't seen before, but sitting at a park for three hours with nothing to do after an hour of exploring isn't very fun. Food should at least be served, or buses could be running in between hours. There were a lot of repeats of information. An example would be study abroad; like how a lot of the students talk about their experiences, but I get to the point where I would like to hear how to start the process of studying abroad. Some of the info, I've also already during college tours or Orientation and I think that was enough.

There was definitely not enough free time... If one were to actually attend all of the activities they would not get any sleep let alone have time to hang out with the people that they met...

n/a

The welcome week should have done more with showing us around the campus. I had to do that on my own, and I felt that some of the activities did not apply to what I needed that first weekend. It would have been more helpful to spend more free time so I could get my room organized and explore the campus.

Over all I felt like welcome week was over bearing. I needed time to myself, to get to know my roommate and the people in my hall. barley even saw my roommate the first week. If the days would have been 3-4 hours instead of 6-8 i think it would have been more tolerable and successful.

Less days. Not so early in the morning. Less group meetings. Restructure CLA's college day.

Make the days or week a bit shorter - it was a little overwhelming. Too much information for one day sometimes.

Welcome Week was too structured. It did not feel like we had enough time to relax, except late at night. Other than that, I really felt like it had potential to be great, but ended up being just mediocre.

I definitely felt the need for more free time. I was so tired by the end of the day, and then I felt I did not get enough sleep.
If I were to change it I would have to say take out some of the boring sessions to something a little more involving with one another. There were times I sat in a class and wish I had the chance to meet these new people but all I say was their face. On certain topics the leaders had to talk about I think we have common sense on things to do and how to act. Its not fun listening to them repeat certain things they wouldn't want to do as well.

There should definitely be more time for the students to get settled in and just relax. It was very stressful having to go, go, go all day long and not get a break.

What I had stated earlier - less lag time during the day and later starts.

Many events in Welcome Week I don't feel like I needed. I was a PSEO student and I already made the transition from high school into college both academically and socially. I felt like many of the activities were wasting my time when I would rather be starting to get to know other people, exploring the campus on my own and preparing for classes. I also felt like we were rarely given any free time at all and I was exhausted after all the activities. I would have liked more free time, especially considering how long Welcome Week was.

I would make it shorter, almost six days packed with stuff really wore me and my peers out for the first week of classes. I would make a lot more of the seminars and the like optional so the people that are really interested or affected by presented topics can go and those who are not affected can do what they would prefer to do.

I think Welcome Week was a good idea and I could tell there was a lot of effort put into planning it. However, I think it could be improved if the schedule was a little more flexible and there was more free time to settle into your dorm, buy books, etc. I also had trouble finding my group. It could be improved if there was a more organized way to meet up with your group each day.

more time to get settled into the university

I don't want to be disrespectful because I know all of the work that went into making it happen, but I thought it was a waste of time.

I would change the long days. I did not like getting up so early and having to listen to people all day without many breaks to talk and walk around. I think it would be nice if things just started a little later. Other than that I thought it was good information.

I would allow for more free time. The days were too long. I thought it was the correct number of days but in each day there were activities planned until 10:00 at night. I think that if after supper there were no required activities that would have been better. It also would have been nice to start a little later in the morning.

Welcome week threw so much information at us each day that it was hard to absorb it all. We went to lecture after lecture with few breaks. I still felt lost by the end and was worried I wouldn't find my classes. Although, we walked all over campus, we didn't get time to explore on our own- which is the best way to learn it. I did like that we went to st. paul and the west bank. I have classes in both so it was nice to see how to get there. However, Most of the information we heard went in one ear out the other. I didn't remember or didn't see any value in half of the events mentioned in this survey- hence the questions I left blank. Also, it was hard to meet people and actually get to know them. Most of the ice breakers only allowed for introductions and goodbyes. This was especially the case for me, because my roommate is a sophomore. This caused extra difficulty in meeting people because most people cling to their roomates or someone who lived near them. However, all the people around me are also sophomores. In passing, I think it would be better to divide the welcome week groups by floor or wing or major maybe. By adding that extra commonality, it would be easier to invite people to eat dinner or hang out. It would facilitate lasting relationships instead of temporary befriending. The food situation- which was pretty gross sometimes- would be fixed with free time as well. We could then eat in the dining hall or go out. This would also offer extra time to BOND with the people we meet.

I would allow for more free time because I was worn out from all of the activities that appeared to be required. Sometimes all of the group changes were tedious, but my only real welcome week friend came from my college day group. All of my other friends thus far have been made through orientation or from my community/hallway/meeting friends of friends. Overall, I'm a generally neutral person. A lot of the things that the questions referred to I had already been prepared for before welcome week or was not affected by during welcome week.

I would not have it so routine. there seemed to be too much going on at once and it was confusing at times. Also all the late nights made the week harder as it went on. I did not get a fair amount of sleep so I was dead by the end of the week.

There should have been a lot more free time so we can get used to the campus on our own instead of spending all of our 'free time' with our small groups. Also there should have been less threats towards us that if we didn't participate in ALL of our welcome week activities we would have to do it over again if we wanted to graduate. The whole experience should have been optional as it said in the first emails that we received about it rather than an obligatory program. I think being forced into it detracted from the benefits that I personally could have received from the program.

I would like more time to settle into my dorm. I was living out of boxes for most of the week because I was too exhausted to unpack. It would have been nice to have a bit less structure and more free time. I felt like I was being herded around. Exploring the campus on my own would have been nice.

The first 3 days were way too much and a little unnecessary. There should have been more free time for students or more optional events. I think most students were bored and annoyed at listening to presentations for 12-13 hours a day. Saturday and Sunday were the best days because they provided fun activities away from campus and more free time to explore on ones own and get settled in.

Not have everything required and so many things to do over so many days. All that I learned could have been done in 2 days MAXIMUM! I don't remember half of what we learned because it was so much at once. I was really tired by the end of the day and didn't have time to get settled in for classes or in my room.

I would increase the amount of free time and make then entire thing more flexible and relaxing. I appreciate everyone's effort but I would have preferred my time less structure.

I think welcome week is a great idea. It is also a great thing to have for new students, however it was a little too scheduled. Most of us were worn out by the time school started because we were always busy. It would have been nice to have a little down time.

Less activities and more free time. I didn't feel like we were adults going to college, I felt like we were second graders who were being led through summer camp. I would have really liked more tours of campus to get an idea of my way around as well as some information on classroom etiquette.

I think that some of the days had way too many activities, like College Day and the day we toured all the campuses. Those two days were so tiring, and I think by splitting them up that would make the whole process flow a lot more smoothly. I remember I was so exhausted from those two days.
see overall comments for explanation for my general disagreeableness with the quality of welcome week.

I would have liked more time or events to move around campus more and locate different buildings because I didn't have a good sense of direction when school started.

It would be much more entertaining if the days weren't so long. Maybe starting at 10 am and going until 3 pm would be a better time frame instead of 8 am-5 pm.

I would make more things optional, offer a wider array of activities for less people, make EVERYTHING shorter, provide more free time and more flexibility, decrease the excessiveness of so many activities.

Welcome week was planned perfectly, it was executed not so perfect. There was always something going on, and we were constantly moving that no one felt settled in, it was just hurry up and get to the next session.

make it SHORTER

I would change the welcome week to 3 days only. I thought it became a little bit long and tiring. A lot of people started to skip out because of it and would rather venture on their own for 3 days before class started. Some of the information was good and some was pointless.

The food was not the best. I wished we would have had more down time. The days were pretty long.

I think it would be good if students were given more free time during the day. Welcome week had days where I would leave my room at 7:30 am and not get back until 10 pm or later. I felt too tired to go to the optional activities at night. Also, college day needs to be broken up somehow.

6 hours is a little long for someone to listen to another person lecture. Cut back on all of the lectures, because they were already long enough at orientation. Have options that students can choose. For example, not everyone is interested in getting a job their first year, so have more than one option so students can choose what presentation they want to attend, and make sure there is enough room in that classroom so everyone who wants to be there can join.

The food could've been better and more organized during convocation.

Shorten it to two or three days...way too long

there were too many activities that went on in a day that were required and the fun stuff was always late at night when we had to wake up super early the next morning. the days were long and boring and most of the stuff i didn't want to learn about.

It was frustrating to have my entire day booked from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. I had stuff I wanted to do to prepare for classes and I was not able to do any of them until Monday. I also wanted more unstructured free time to relax and meet people. The whole week felt too structured.

The food was not good. There was no variety for someone who doesn't like the food you offered. With a day that long and no breaks in between it's hard to enjoy your time when your starving because the food was not something that you eat.

I would make A LOT more free time. We were way over scheduled. I would also have allotted more time for us to get settled in our dorms. About five minutes after I got into my room there was a knock on the door telling me when my meeting was that day. Everything should have started the next day. I still had to get a bunch of things from target and best buy with my mom before she drove home, and we barely had time to do the things we needed to. A lot of the activities or meetings we had to attend seemed very childish as I have said multiple times before in this survey. I would definitely make things more age appropriate. Some of the sessions offered were not very informative at all. I found myself not really paying attention half the time because a majority of the speakers were telling us personal experiences or stories and not the straight up information we wanted to hear. Because of this, I had to find a lot of things out on my own, which made it pointless to have even attended those mandatory sessions in the first place.

The major concern I had with Welcome Week was the College Day for CLA. The afternoon was one information session after another, seemed disjointed from the purposes of Welcome Week, and had little value to adjusting to CLA. If there were some more active sessions, instead of sitting in lecture halls, I would have been a more attentive audience member.

A little bit more time to ourselves, some things seemed very rushed because we had to fit everything into 13 hour days...

I would say to be more organized. I would also say that the ice breakers are pretty corny and embarrassing, and nobody likes that. That is basically it.

There wasn't enough free time. I didn't learn my way around campus until I explored it myself. Welcome week just made it more confusing, because they shuffled us around like cattle. I didn't get completely unpacked in my room until the second week of school. Welcome week was a waste of time except for being able to meet friends before school started.

All, or at least most, of the scheduled events were helpful but a little more free time to absorb all the new information would have been nice.

Way more free time to get to know the campus on our own or in a small group of 2 or 3. There was so much stuff talked about that was repetitive it got old and was a waste of time.

Accommodations for my food allergies during Welcome Week were hit and miss.

I would have given me much more time to sleep and just get settled in my room.

I would allow more free time. The CLA college day seemed to go on forever and not very informative.

I feel like more free time/down time would be a nice change or just a less rigid structure, which I understand may be difficult. It felt, however, that we were just being dragged through the motions. I met a lot of cool people in my welcome week group and we all thought it would have been nice to have more time to just hang out amongst ourselves in a non-welcome week related activity.

no

The food. I understand there were many of us, but the quality of food was bad. Sandwiches work well for these sort of events. have it be shorter. important things in welcome week were to meet people, get to know the campus and the city, know the bus routes, get involved. we don't need a week of people telling us to get involved. one day is enough. one of the welcome week days were terrible. we went to presentation after presentation being talked AT for the whole day without breaks about getting involved after we had been drilled of that already. get rid of that day, have a day where students can go out and explore themselves. maybe have welcome leaders point out good places to study, eat, bargain places, and if students have hobbies the leaders could tell or show us where some good places to go for that.
I would make the days a little shorter and have Welcome Week start on Thursday it was a very long and tiring week and I did not feel prepared for classes to start when they finally started because I had goofed off all week.

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The only reason I wasn't completely impressed with welcome week was because I felt like it was a real crunch for time. The idea overall was great but I didn't get enough time to settle in and organize myself in college. My move in time wasn't until noon on Wednesday and the first day of Convocation was at 4:30 and then we did things all late that night. I had things sitting in my boxes for days because we just didn't have enough time to organize everything in our rooms. I think if we allotted more free time combined with some of the bigger activities it would have been perfect. We were put into a stressful week but in the end, I really think it helped me meet a lot of new people and I learned a lot about the college community. I believe now, that it was well worth it and I am able to see the purpose and outcome of the Welcome week. I think it should be continued for incoming freshman, but just a few things need to be adjusted.

I have to say that several of the performance and some presenters were very boring. I did not find Jermaine Davis performance motivational. It was rather boring. The beginning was good however, towards the middle it really got out of hand. Some events were lame. Some events were very neutral because I still feel what I did come coming into the U. Welcome week didn't change any of the views that I already had. It did show me some new opportunities. Definitely needed more free time, and time to move in. Need at least one whole day to move in, especially for those who have a later move in time.

Welcome Week was less about new students gaining independence for their first year of college and more about "accomplishing" mandatory tasks assigned by the U. The early morning events and the entire days and nights of activities made Welcome Week unenjoyable. Yes, I meet new people, but I would have had even more time to interact and make new friends had I had any extra time to relax and have fun. My biggest frustration and criticism, myself and every other student took the time to fill out the Welcome Week activities preferences list before I came to Welcome Week. Yet, for some error of ignorance, no one I knew received acknowledgement of what activities they were going to attend. So instead of every student being informed before they arrived at Welcome Week, which would have been so much more convenient, the Welcome Week leaders had to tell every single person, every single day, every single activity and time and place they were "required" to attend. This angered me, frustrated me, and made my Welcome Week hectic and not worthwhile.

We needed way more free time; the week before college starts should not be exhausting, confusing, or structured. We were put in a new environment and needed time to adjust naturally. Time with hall floors would be wonderful: they're the people we will be friends with most. I don't think welcome week welcomed us to the university campus... we are all adults now and we were made to feel like children... with little groups and where to be and when... we didn't tour the campus and most of us still don't know the difference between Scott Hall and Willey Hall, let alone that they are on different campuses... I don't think that welcome week was a success. The side trip going to the mall of America didn't even get to go because there were no buses to take us. And the food quality was terrible.

I would say I have not have stuff be so repetitive since almost everything was a repeat of orientation and give us more time to ourselves to meet the people across the hall or even your roommate!

I would say to give more time to rest and get settled in. I felt less prepared for college because I didn't get any time to get organized or make sure I had books. Also, if I had wanted to call any office if I had a problem with my classes, I would not have had the time to do that. I think that welcome week probably sounded great on paper to the group of people who wrote it up, and was probably great for really outgoing people, but there are people in this world who can not handle all that forced constant interaction and for me personally I was really really stressed out from all the forced games (even when our small group had a small ten minute break our welcome week leader made us all play games). I needed more "me time" and not so much "run around crazy and be so busy that you won't think of home" time. I didn't feel at home in the resident halls until after welcome week, when I finally had the time to unpack everything and settle in. The friends I made came from the little down time that we had during the week, not during the forced interactions. I thought that all that interaction was supposed to be for meeting new people, but all those interactions were superficial being they were forced, and personally no meaningful relationships came from those activities. In college, attending class is "optional" for the most part, and the welcome week activities should have been optional as well. This is that someone who is serious about their success would attend the activities anyways (and it is just a loss for those who do not attend). From my personal experience, some of the welcome week leaders made me feel "less" than other students, just for being a freshman. I do not think it is a good thing to start out a school year already feeling unequal to a large part of the student body.

I think we needed more breaks, but I really liked all the night-time activities.

I can't think of any positives... for that week...

I wouldn't change it

It seemed like everything was planned out to the minute, and if you are really trying to give us a transition into college, you have to realize that college isn't like that. There's breaks inbetween classes, you can choose what clubs/events you want to go to; everything isn't mandatory. There were lots of times where I felt we were just waiting around for the next thing to happen. This really annoyed me, since I still had stuff to do in my dorm room. Not to mention, it wasn't until the first week of school that I really got to meet the people on my floor in my residence halls. Usually when we got back from our activities that day, I was too tired to go out and meet new people. I didn't want to be anti-social, but I was so tired.

I would make sure that there was more time to move in and unpack, that there was better food, and I think that it was way to structured. I didn't have time to find where my classes were because we never had time to go off on our own and explore the campus by ourselves.

Have less events and more free time.

More free time - not so early and not so late. Spread out the activities and give us time in between them.
If I would change anything, I would make it shorter and less jam packed with events. It was very overwhelming and tiring.

I would definitely allow students to have more time to relax. The schedule was very demanding, and we did most socializing at night and then had to get up early for activities. We were all tired most of the time.

I understand the benefits of having a Welcome Week program, but it was way too over planned! Having it start on the same day as move-in day was very stressful...I just wanted time to settle into my dorm and finishing unpacking. Instead, it took me the whole week to finally get unpacked, something I did not enjoy. The only benefit I feel that I got out of Welcome Week is that I met a lot of cool people, and still hang out with most of the people from my small group.

I thought all the activities were beneficial, but exhausting. Some activities could be removed to allow more free time to become accustomed to university life before classes begin.

The free time given to commuters was too long. Some commuters live too far to go home and come back. More activities are needed for commuter groups.

I would condense Welcome Week into maybe two or three days, rather than six. I would eliminate some of the sessions that weren't very useful. I wouldn't separate commuters from residence hall students as much, because that only makes it harder to connect to the campus. I would work on the CLA College Day, because the morning got very long and hard to pay attention to, with six different speakers preaching the same concepts at us.

First and most importantly, Welcome Week definitely DID NOT give me a greater sense of community and identity as the Class of 2012. I did not meet any new people that I continue to talk to. I certainly did not make any friends. If anything, it made me sad and constantly reminded me how I wasn't making friends. Overall, I was not satisfied with how Welcome Week turned out. Although there were a few parts I enjoyed and some very helpful information was given. It was MUCH too scheduled and exhausting. I was very tired at the end of each day and I did not like how I was expected to get up by 7 the next morning, ready for a whole new jam-packed day of (mostly) boring activities. It was also very repetitive. I felt like I was hearing the same information again and again. It almost seemed like orientation all over again. (Time 6 days)

Shortening the days would make the week better. The amount of time necessary for the activities was too much, the program should have been streamlined. As a commuter, it was very difficult to recharge and sleep every night. Making the evening programs optional helped, but Thursday especially was too long of a day. Perhaps starting at 9 a.m. and ending around 5 p.m. would make students more apt to look forward to the activities. By far, the days with free time and the shorter days were far better.

I would not try to pack so much into one week. I had no time to get to know my roommate, organize my room, or even get sleep. With activities planned from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., it is impossible to get enough sleep and still experience all of Welcome Week. I became sleep deprived and wore myself down. As a result, I was ill for the beginning of classes - not a great way to start the year. Some of the sessions were too long and not useful to me as an individual. I feel if those were cut down, I would have had more time to get to know people and to stay healthy.

More time to relax! It was VERY exhausting going to session after session after session. It was hard to concentrate with tons of information being thrown at you over and over again.

I would make it shorter - I think a week is ridiculous and unnecessary. Welcome Weekend would be better. Move-in on Friday, convocation on Saturday and Sunday. That seems more reasonable. Also, make more free time, because I still feel like I don't know people on my floor. By the time the day was over, I was exhausted and didn't feel like doing anything. There were just too many things we had to do that had absolutely no value and that I had no interest in going to. College Day was awful. We did the exact same activity that we did in orientation and we had to meet new people that we will most likely never see again in too short of a time. Basically the only thing I liked about Welcome Week is that I got a better feel of how to navigate the campus. The activities really didn't teach me anything and were not helpful at all.

More free time because we were always so rushed to get to places and never had time to find our classes.

The food was of a rather low quality. It would have been better to have more choices of sandwhiches and healthier drinks besides soda pop. The wraps were not good either.

More time for us to explore the campus on our own to find our classes and maybe even meet with instructors.

I would suggest making any required commuter activities or events earlier in the day. Even fun activities could be pushed to earlier in the evening for everyone (if possible), so that all students could enjoy having some free time, but also manage to get enough sleep... (I personally had days where I only slept about 4 hours.) Most students simply felt worn out after an entire day of activities, and, to be frank, did not feel very enthusiastic about the idea of having to wake up bright and early the next day. As a previous PSEO student at the University of M., some of the exploring campus activities were simply boring to me (no offense). I still think PSEO students should be exempt from certain activities, as they become rather redundant. I think Welcome Week is best for students from out of state, or those that are completely new to college/the University of M. However, I can see the positive aspect of Welcome Week for any and all students. Wanting more free time just to chat with new friends or to relax was one thing so many students griped about throughout the week (myself included). The evening before Gophers After Dark, it felt so great just to be able to walk over to the Rec Center with a small group of friends, check out the facility, and just spend some a few hours sitting around and talking.

I would change the time of the activities so that it is shorter, because Welcome Week somewhat "killed" us within the 6-day week.

I think that we needed more time off to make natural connections with others instead of forced relations. I think more information about school and education would have been nice before information about all of the available side activities to participate in.

More free time, because it was exhausting with so many activities.

More time to relax and get settled in Less busy days starting the days off later

Some of the lectures could be made into something more fun. I noticed a lot of people were bored when all they could do was listen.

Too many mandatory activities in too little time. We wanted to have fun and mingle informally, not sit through lectures about topics that were common sense.

More free time to interact with others.
I think that the University attempted to make the transition easier and smooth, but it didn't work. As freshman, we are excited to be independent, not walk around in groups that are required. We want to choose our own courses that lead us to our major, not attend sessions on things we are not interested in, we want to meet people on our own, not be forced to stick with the same group for days at a time. I think it would have been 100 percent better if it wasn't such a strict schedule. We wanted freedom when we moved in and they took it away up until the day before classes, which happened to be the first day of rush. None of the sessions really educated me on things I didn't already know. It was too long and not necessary most of the time.

Having the ability to choose which events to attend, and more free time to get used to the new surroundings and way of living. I agree with establishing the community of the class of 2012, and believe that some events were wonderful, but others were unnecessary, overwhelming, and stressful. Not everyone is social and I am the type of person who needs time to think about things, and not jump right in to forced social situations. Overall, I was unhappy with my welcome week experience, and in the future would definitely change the amount of free time and not make all the events mandatory to attend. I realize this is the first year of Welcome week so it experimental, but unfortunately it was just too much crammed in to each day.

Welcome Week was way to long. We never got any free time. I know other colleges have a two day program which would have been plenty long. Convocation was awful. Much too long. All week we just had people talking at us, and telling us things we already know, or had heard at orientation. The days were too full. We had no time to get to know the campus on our own. I didn't feel like I knew my way around the U after Welcome Week, because we were always just following the group. It would have been nice if they taught us about the bus system, as well.

I don't think it should be as structured. There wasn't enough time to even generally get suited with the residence rooms and I felt incredibly herded around. I enjoyed the side trips and community service day, but the constant changing of groups made it hard to keep in touch with the people i had met. Also the long speeches during the CLA College Day really put a damper on everything. I think more interactive activities like the other colleges had would do a much better job. Lastly, I think Welcome Week is just too long in general.

This is the best expect for the long lecture and overwhelming informations.

Not as structured, more free time.

Definately shrtten the Welcome "Week" to at max 4 days. I wish the days were not so jam-packed and the mornings did not start so early. Also, I thought you should be in a group with your roommate, so you can get to know them. Honestly, every night i came home and slept instead of trying to get to know her better.

More free time would have been nice. I did not get as much sleep as I thought I would. Also, I wanted to see the Twin Cities more and get a better tour of the campus.

Please give the kids next year some time to be free. And don't say "get involved" so much. All I heard was how kids don't want to get involved because they thought it was a cult.

I would shorten it drastically. A week is simply too long. I would allow more free time for students to settle in to their dorm, buy books, find classes, and learn to navigate between campuses. It is way too much to try to cram in on Monday, when we are exhausted from a week of non-stop, seemingly worthless activities. I would not change Welcome Week, I would eliminate it. It was a major disappointment and a bad reflection upon the U of M.

less high school style structure and shorter scheduled days

I think it was nice to have had the opportunity to be on campus a week early, so we werent being rushed to move in and instantly having to start classes. However, it was a bit too much information in too little time. I'm sure all the facts we were given were useful but after the first couple hours of listening to people talk at us, it got very old. I also think that more things should have been optional. Had they been of interest to me, and optional i still would have attended. I dont think everything being mandatory was quite necessary. One last thing, I would say that the sessions should start later in the day at maybe 10 or 11 AM and go until 4 or 5 PM. That way we could sleep in a bit and have enough energy to make it through the day. Also we wouldn't be getting dragged around numerous places until 10 or 11 PM. It was very long and tiring.

We should have had a whole day to get settled and move all of our stuff in. I got to move in for 2 hours and right away I had to do welcome week activities. Also, the days were extremely long and some days I did not even have a break and was busy from 8am-10pm which I think is overdoing the experience. Its length made students want to skip out because they were so overwhelmed and tired.

It would have been nice to have fewer crowded/stadium events and more small group/individual events.

Welcome Week could have been shorter, each day and the number of days. Many students had to shorten or cancel vacations in order to attend. There is also so much free time between events that, if the schedule were tighter, would shorten each day. The days themselves were long because we had to get up early and stay late in order to attend all the activities.

I felt very over-programed and lectured to during the whole experience. If I could change anything, it would be to give students more time for themselves and let them choose wether or not they wanted to go to all the info sessions.

I wouldn't make it required, or a week long. You should be able to come and go as you please, not be treated like little kids.

Welcome Week could've helped me meet teachers in my area of interest. It could've helped me with financial information i would've liked to know, and essential things like that. I don't care about school pride or football games, or forming friend ships that i will cherish for the rest of my life. Those reasons are not why I'm in college. If I make life lasting friendships then it just happens.

more free time, more campus tours, assist in finding classes

I would shorten it by a couple of days. It was VERY long and the days themselves were VERY long. More free time to get settled in and would be nice. I could have learned just as much about the University without the first two days.

I would throw it out since it was a total waste of time. Either that or totally eliminate orientation. And throw everyone into an experience like Nature of Life. Which was much better for preparing us for college.

make the days shorter, and maybe not do convocation on the day we move in, it would have been nice to get organized and meet my hall neighbors, because i was by myself b/c my roommates were sophomores and not yet in the hall

neutral. It was a nice experience, but sometimes the information did not seem useful.
I feel there should of been more time to settle down in one's dorm. The schedule was so tight that there is not any time to settle down in your dorm and guy last minute things to make your room perfect. I know i didn't go to one of the events so i can settle down and buy last min items so i can relax in my room peacefully. I just feel that the schedule shouldn't be as tight as it is...

The amount of time we had to get our room figured out was not enough, especially since I did not get the loft that I ordered... So my stuff was all scattered around the room until welcome week was already over...

Don't make the events go from 8 till 11 at night. It doesn't give students enough time to settle and feel comfortable in the new environment.

I would make there be less rigid of a schedule for us and more time to meet people and kick it with them. More time to socialize and enjoy the summer campus.

To have more free time because everything was a little to scheduled. Also welcome week was way to long. It seemed to drag on so I suggest it be only a few days with smaller meetings.

Well we, commuters, had boring times. Some of us had to take about an hour bus ride, you can't just expect for everyone to drive here. There were times when it was worth going home and coming back so we just stayed. WE ARE FRESHMAN. Some never came here so we don't know what there is to do.

I would allow more time to explore independently and also to just get settled in without having to attend so many sessions.

More freetime because i was too tired to function/pay attention. I felt like i was in junior high because it was too scheduled and required.

May have been more interesting if activities were optional.

I would have students spend more time with adults from the University to being networking earlier.

Make it a bit shorter, I feel for people who were even half decently prepared it was a lot of overkill in the repetition of material. Possibly condensing it into a Thursday-Sunday thing would have been more effective.

I think overall that welcome week was a good experience but I think it is necessary to give more free time and sleep time.

There was a huge lack of free time-- it was a bit overwhelming that we had activities all day and no downtime to relax in our rooms and get settled.

I would have it spend more time walking around campus, and getting to know where places were. Maybe make a game of it, like the amazing race, so the students would have to find their own way around, instead of just being blindly led. Also, the many events were unnecessary for a lot of people, and everyone was tired. It would be better if events were less mandatory.

program of introducing college life and resources was good. campus exploration day was good to go to other campus (west bank, st paul), but overall week was way too packed with events. need more time to just meet people and hang out in dorms as well as get ready for classes and not feel stressed before classes even start!

Have more time for students to get settled in.
I would make it not as busy and give the freshman a bit more time of their own. Everything is so overwhelming.

Don't have it, it is too hard.

It was way too long of a process, and much of the information was redundant. A lot of it was really boring and just seemed like you were trying to fill the days with too much stuff, we didn't have time to get settled at all.

More free time.

More free time

I would not have so much of the day planned out...more time for just relaxing and getting to know people in my dorm

Not so boring. A lot of it was just sitting and listening to a lecture.

I would GREATLY shorten Welcome Week so it wasn't just a really long waste of time.

Make it shorter, it felt too long

The program was nonstop. More time in between presentations and more exciting presentations would have been nice. We were up too late every night and got up too early every morning. The vast majority of sessions were incredibly boring and I got nothing out of them. During small group meetings and free time were the times I felt were most productive. I met more people doing those than anything else. After meeting people, however, we were split up into groups and taken to more boring sessions.

I like everything. I wouldn't change anything.

The only thing that I would like to change Welcome Week is maybe shorten the time. Maybe not have it be Welcome Week. It was very tiring after a few days and especially when we have MCAE kick off right before Welcome Week start. Them sometime the activities are plan too late that some commuter decide to not participate in.

Not as many presentations because they are long and repetitive.

The only thing I would change about Welcome Week would be to have more free time and possibly more off campus activities. There were points when I felt rushed to attend a session or at points I just wanted to meet new people as opposed to going to another lecture.

It would have been nice to have had more time to move in to my dorm and get settled. There were also too many required events, many of them pointless and repetitive. Going from summer mode to this was very hard, we were talked at a lot, and most of it was really hard to pay attention to.

I would definitely not make Welcome Week so long. It would be much better to make it a few long days or more short days. I did not feel like I had time to get settled in to my dorm room or settled in with my roommate.

The food was less than vegan friendly, but at least had vegetarian options. I would change the length of the things we had to do, many were extremely lengthy and less than exciting.

You need to give us time to settle in the dorm rooms, and more free time. It felt too structured and disorganized. Our group leaders were unsure of some of the meeting times, and activities. Most of the time I felt annoyed and tired, which put a negative twist on all Welcome Week activities.

Give more free time in the afternoons/evenings, they were too full and it made us all really tired the next day.

Making Welcome Week a little bit shorter would be great because it kind of tired everyone out.

I thought there was a large amount of time spent doing things that we didn't need to do. I'd rather get into my small group and just hang out every day at a different place, like a park or just some place where we could develop friendships.

A lot of the speakers seemed to blend together so I would space them out and include more side trips into the city and within campus.

I would change everything about it. It was boring, cheesy and too much. I skipped most of it. Unless you are actually really sheltered and completely unprepared for college, the entire weekend left a lot to be desired. We are not children. I for instance, studied abroad a year before coming to college. I don't need someone to hold my hand. I need time to get settled at all.

The vast majority of sessions were incredibly boring and I got nothing out of them. During small group meetings and free time were the times I felt were most productive. I met more people doing those than anything else. After meeting people, however, we were split up into groups and taken to more boring sessions.

I do not have any in mind.

It should not be mandatory on anyone. Different people have different experiences and priorities. Not everyone lives the college life in the same manner. If it is mandatory on people, it should not be mandatory on PSEO students. Its a waste of time.

I feel that since students have just moved in, we should have had a little more free time during the day to relax and settle into our rooms.

I would have it focus more on getting around campus and talking with advisors to learn about the requirements we need and academic planning. I would also have had us spend more time with our colleges, and learning where different things were (like computer labs, libraries, etc.).

There were some really good things about Welcome Week, but overall, it was not great. First, activities went too late to expect everyone to be up on time that early every day. Being tired made things not fun. Also, while we were given a lot of information, it seems like it was the same things a lot of the time, which was frustrating. Additionally, the CLA college day presentation was horrible. That theatre teacher was ridiculous; it is things like that give theatre people a bad name. The presentations were very long, many (UROP especially) were not interesting, and we had heard a lot of it before. Additionally, there were some points during the week where my peers and I were coddled, treated like children, and given the feeling of 5th grade summer camp, and yet at other times expected to be adults and just know what we are supposed to do. Find a balance between the structure and rigidity of the week and the free time. Having that many required and inane activities did not give the idea of independence and self-sufficiency that the week supposedly was meant to foster.
I would condense welcome week into a welcome weekend, as most of the information was already covered in orientation. The only way welcome week benefitted me was the opportunity to meet people I otherwise would not have met.

Overall it was good.

Make the days less structured, it was tiring going from morning to night. We need more time to hang out with our groups and meet people on our own. Make more activities optional.

The major thing that I feel needs to be changed for next year is the amount of free time given to us during welcome week. College is supposed to be a start of our independence and more personal responsibility. The way we were herded around all the time during welcome week made it seem like we were children who were not yet capable of these actions. I believe that having more free time would boost these characteristics more than there were during this welcome week session.

The food wasn't that good because it was like the same everyday. I would make it so there is more freetime.

Welcome week was a very unpleasant experience for me. It made me feel overwhelmed and anxiety. I felt sick after the second day and did not want to attend anymore. There were way too many activities planned and I did not fit in with my group at all. I made more friends on my own than with what welcome week provided. Everything that was presented was information that I already knew or could find out on my own.

I was very disappointed with welcome week; it felt like I was in high school again and could do nothing independently. If I would change welcome week in any way I would make the majority of the activities optional so stressed out students don't feel the anxiety that I did. Getting up at 6am and staying out till 1am is not my cup of tea at all. Activity wise, I think an hour or two of activities a day would ideal. Maybe there could be a list of things students could do on their own. Activities entitled FUN ZONE makes me feel like I'm in fifth grade, not a freshmen in college. This actually made the transition from home to college life much more stressful. I recommend altering welcome week completely.

Way too overscheduled. We had no time to explore the campus on our own. The little time away from planned events that we did have was spent grabbing books and supplies, catching up on lost sleep from late night events with early events in the morning and setting up for school. The entire week I felt tired, hungry, bored and disinterested. I wanted it to end as quickly as possible. Mall of America and the target run were the only things I would have gone to if attendance wasn't required. I actually skipped the target run because I needed sleep and attendance wasn't necessary. I felt burned out before school ever started.

I would give the students more time to relax, explore campus by themselves, get settled into their res. halls, get to know people, and so on. I felt like the day was so packed full of stuff that I had no time to get settled into my "college life." I also started to not feel well because I had to stay up so late trying to finish moving in and getting ready for classes, and then had to wake up really early to meet my small group.

More free time. There was such a packed schedule that most people just wanted to hang out with the new people they just met. Also, having convocation just hours after move in was a bit early.

Welcome week angered me and a lot of my fellow classmates of 2012. It was a long, boring, and very pointless to a lot of us. being mandatory really angered us all. It was orientation for 6 days. We were all very frustrated waking up in the morning to go through another day that we knew would piss us off. I understand where you guys were coming from and how you wanted us to make a transition. But it wasn't a good way of doing it. Meeting all the new kids was awesome. But if we did activities that was just about interacting with other students would have made this experience so much better. It was our last week of high school and I sat through more lectures then I ever did in my life. If you cut the information and have fun activities then welcome week would be worth our while. Also, don't say you have been planning welcome week for 5 years. either that is a lie or it doesn't show. Our leaders were telling us how you guys weren't prepared and there were things they didn't understand. Also it is not good when you see welcome leaders skipping out on your informational sessions. Welcome week was a good gesture, but a disaster. Next time plan with students. It is the students who will give you the truth not someone on salary. But besides all that I am really enjoying myself at the U. The people are great and it is a beautiful campus. Please do thank the maintenance team, they do a fantastic job and it has to be stressful. Oh and the flowers on the St. Paul are absolutely gorgeous.

We had too much "stuff" planned and required to go to when most of us either wanted just free time and time to settle in or at least optional events. Also, we got so much information these first couple days that was virtually pointless. Try to limit the information we got to stuff we really need to know.

I would have liked to have more free time to settle into the dorm, take care of personal issues and get to know the people on my floor in the dorm. Overall it was very well-planned and executed, it was just a bit much at times.

I think that it should be mostly optional. I've lived next to the campus my entire life and know so much about it and where everything is and all sorts of things. This was completely pointless and was geared at the general population of those living on campus. As a commuter, there was many 'required' activities that went late and you were expected to arrive early the next day. As a commuter, that's more of a hassle than anything. I think that if you are to have a 'welcome week' it should be a day or two maximum. I found many things unnecessary and pointless. It reminded me of orientation except with out signing up for classes. "Exploring the U of M" day was nothing to do with exploring. You were in a room or two on the three campuses. How is that exploring? I think the first and second day may be the only days I'd keep as a convocation just hours after move in was a bit early.

The food may have been okay- BUT the vegetarian food selection never left me with an OPTION of what I wanted to eat. It would be nice to have at least one other option I could choose from when I got my food.

It was nice, it just needs a bit more coordination. Our events and activities often didn't work out in terms of time schedules.

As much as I dreaded Welcome Week, I now can admit that it was beneficial to me. The only thing during Welcome Week that really irritated me was the early mornings. Being a commuter made things worse since you'd be on campus until past dark, and then have to be back to campus by 8:00am. It was kind of annoying. In addition, it seemed like certain topics were spread out over so much time, which could have most likely been covered in half the time with the same kind of effectiveness.

I would give more free time. The entire time I was forced to be with the same small group of people everyday, where we would sit through sessions that really didn't calm my nerves about starting classes. 1. I wanted to know how to catch a bus. 2. I wanted to have some free time, to walk around and discover the campus on my own 3. I wanted time to hang out with my peers, and develop relationships 4. I wanted to know where the nearest target, walmart, or walgreens was 5. I wanted to know what there was to do in the Minneapolis area on the weekends, that wasn't clubbing or drinking.
This should be more like a welcome weekend. The 5 days were not necessary because we covered all of this material during our orientation. It was just a week that seemed to go on forever when all I wanted to do was get settled into my dorms and get ready for classes. I didn't like being forced into a group of people when I wanted to be off by myself making my own friends.

I definitely think there should be more time to organize and get settled in the residence halls. Also, a less packed schedule would help with just exploring campus and learning where classroom buildings are, etc. Every night I wanted to participate in the fun events, but was always pretty tired through them from the busy day.

It had way too many times where we just went somewhere to be spoken too. I didn't get anything out of any of the speakers.

Welcome week should only be two or three days. Those days should not be filled with speeches. Let the students talk to their leaders, and then go do things on their own. Had we been allowed the time, we could have found our classrooms, navigated the campus on our own, met our advisors and possibly some professors, and we might have had even more time to volunteer. Students don't come to welcome week to hear inspirational speeches, they're already inspired to learn. There were very few opportunities to get things in order for upcoming classes. We were also allowed very little time to get to know our CAs, our roommates, our floormates, and the other people we would be living with for the next year.

More Free Time. On the first day of class I had NO idea where any of them were because we never had a chance to actually explore and see where they were.

way too much boring lecture. i actually participated and didnt skip but i should have since it was so boring i couldnt listen! i want more opportunities to meet people. putting us into those situations so we can meet people. i dont know anyone here. i dont know what i was supposed to pick for classes and everyone else seemed to know. i dont have a clue how im supposed to find a major with my general classes i took. i feel like im so behind everyone.

it was just a lot. i felt like i had gone through boot camp in a way. my legs and body just ached up until the third week of school. i feel like it was just a little too much. i also disliked the football game because i was sitting in the middle of nowhere and felt very apart from the fun and festivities.

i would make it short in a day!! but maybe last longer!

More free time, too much activity.

I would have liked a little more time on the first day to say goodbye to my parents and get set up in my room.

IT IS INSANE! We have to get up every day at 6:30AM and the day ends at like 10 or 11 at night. way fewer activities next time. On the other hand it did prepare us for all the time we spend studying. it also bonds us together because we are all in this mess together.

shorter and optional so it is not so hard to be able to spend the last weekend before school with family

I was dissatisfied with my Welcome Week experience. As a student who has attended the University of Minnesota full-time for two years, I found the programming redundant. I started PSEO in 2006 and had to find my way around the U of M on my own; had I gone through the Welcome Week experience in 2006 when I was truly an incoming student, the time would have been well spent. However, considering my previous experience at the U, my time was wasted. I have taken two years of classes, I know campus like the back of my hand, and I have already been acquainted with many of the resources at the U. I attempted to go through the week with a positive attitude, but I found that the university failed to account for students with similar prior experiences at the U of M. Instead of penalizing us for the extra work we did in high school, it would be helpful if the university recognized that we have already gone through much of the college experience. A possible solution to this is to require incoming PSEO students to go to Welcome Week and exempt students who have attended for one or two years.

Not have sessions from 8:00am until 10:00pm. It gets a little ridiculous and boring.

Well welcome week was a very negative experience for me, because my parents are forcing me to commute this semester, so it was very difficult to meet new people during the day, and then be picked up by my dad at the end of the night when the fun stuff was about to start. If i were to be living on campus, i would say to drastically shorten the program. It starts way too early and ends way too late. i know i would much prefer to be able to get all settled in rather than sit in hour long meetings about "why i made a great decision to attend cla."

Make the days shorter, the 14-hour days were too much.

we didn't have enough free time to wander around campus and find classes on our own. we were only given monday for that, but we also needed to set up our rooms, we didn't have time for that. also, the programs either went too late or started too early. we didn't have enough time to get proper sleep.

More free time, less structure Welcome Week tried to pack too much into too little time - everyone felt overwhelmed Some speeches/sessions were long, boring, or on topics people cared little about

more free time i was so busy during welcome week i had no time to prepair myself for college

More downtime less scheduling

I would make it optional. There are several of us who feel that we are well acquainted with college life already. For example, those (including me) who participated in PSEO full time for their junior and senior years do not need lectures about drinking, studying, time management, getting to know professors, making new friends, et cetera. Welcome Week was simply too time-consuming. New college students need time and space to explore the area, make their own friends, unpack, settle into a routine, set up a bank account, buy books, walk around downtown and uptown Minneapolis, sample the local restaurants, locate the nearest grocery store, go to church, recover from jet lag, get to know roommates and hallmates, try out the practice rooms and games available in the dorms, and spend at least one full day with nobody telling them where to go or what to do before they begin the drudgery of classes. I don't appreciate the fact that the questions on this survey are designed to make Welcome Week look good no matter what we put. It's like we either loved the activities, or we didn't go. The food was pretty awful. The water always ran out by the time I was able to get in line. Dinner was not served at a reasonable hour for two of the nights. Convocation was corny and pretentious, although I appreciated hearing the band. Jermaine the Great and Wonderful Motivational Speaker was condescending and useless.
I thought a lot of the events were unnecessary-the multiple group meetings, off campus activities. More emphasizes should've been put on getting around.

I would change it by making it a bit shorter. Maybe three days. Also making it so that people would not having to get up so early. And also make the day end at like 7. It was really exhausting and i didnt get a chance to relax the whole week. kind of overwhelming.

Welcome Week really did help us get familiar with the campus because we went everywhere so thank you for that. However, there was SO MUCH to do in one day, we barely had time to get used to moving in or just relaxing (except towards the end). College Day was a repeat of Orientation, don't really know if it's necessary to do that. Maybe it isn't necessary to have an entire week of stuff for us, it can be a little overwhelming when everything's thrown at you and you can't even have time to yourself to digest it all. Maybe shorten the activities or eliminate some.

I would give more free time to everyone to let them just walk around the campus by themselves and walk out their classes and find their way around campus. I would have also shortened welcome week by a few days.

I thought it was a good idea but too long. There was not enough free time to discover college ourselves. It cost 1.5 million dollars and i feel the money was spent on elaborate things that few appreciated. I know that this is the first time its been done so many kinks need to be fixed

It just seemed like the entire time it was go-go-go. It was not so much of an experience as just a bunch of random events that happened within a week. I was very disappointed on how the meal situations worked on Saturday and Sunday. That was poor planning on UDS and Welcome Week combined. I would have liked to do more things with my floor/hall community.

The schedule was just too packed to the point where you couldn't enjoy the experience. Some of the sessions were not very helpful and the information was already obvious.

Before going to welcome week I was actually quite optimistic about it. I thought it would be beneficial to me in at least a couple ways and I was excited to start my college experience. Thats as good as it got for me, soon this became the week of hell. Welcome indeed.. First, for the love of god shorten it. I ran out of steam around day 2 or 3. And everyone I talked to, (students and leaders included) said that they hated welcome week just as much as I did. It was too long, it was too pointless, and it was too mandatory. You can have a month-long celebration if you wish, but don't make us go to it. If you make the events engaging and interesting (good luck with that one), you won't need to make people go, because they'll want to go. I work for a living and I pay for my education myself and I had to take an entire week of work off for your stupid welcome week that I absolutely got nothing out of. There were two things, and only two, about welcome week I did like: 1) I liked the fact that I got to walk around campus and get a feel for how it operated, but I would have preferred to do that myself. 2) I also liked the fact that we received free tickets to an arts show, but that was also ruined for me because I went to a seminar where this rediculously annoying and obnoxious welcome week leader made us get up and dance as if we were at summer camp or something. I had to take my backpack off to do this stupid thing and I lost it along with my arts passes. Thanks welcome week. Maybe your 2.1 million dollars or whatever rediculous amount you spent on this would be better spent on something else. I’ll leave it up to genius minds of the welcome week organizers to figure that one out, cause I know they won’t let us down.

it was too long, and use less hours of the day

The week was too crowded. The first week at college needs to allow time to transition to the new environment, rather than being herded from place to place like a summer camp. Having a lot of stuff available to do is a great thing, and I loved being able to go on trips and enjoy myself, but I would have preferred it being a "welcome weekend", or a set of afternoon events throughout the week that were optional.

It was way too long and exhausting.

No so long...

More free time. It was hard to get books for classes and by waiting until monday there weren't many used book options left because they were picked over. Also I needed more time to get settled in my dorm room. Everything seemed so rushed and way too structured.

more free time, more organized, enough transportation

I appreciate all the time and money etc that went into welcome week, but I really think it was perhaps not exactly what we needed. I think the previous years orientation was a better idea; just a few days of settling in, making friends, adn getting to know the way around campus. I liked the Jermaine Davis night, but that was honestly the only speech I enjoyed and motivated me. I'm not saying others need to be like him, only that it was excessively redundant and no one really said anything different than the last person. Sure I felt welcomed, but I had no idea how to get ANYwhere, where to get anything, hadn't had time to make or hang out with friends. It definitely needs to be shortened, and check how many times a point is stressed. Free time is essential, we will not get homesick, please let us sleep and eat and have time to adjust!

Shorter and more free time. Not so much walking and lectures.

I would rather have had more free time. Having everyday planned out from about 8 am to 9 pm was too much for me and very overwhelming in a new city. I went from a relaxing summer of working and enjoying time with friends to immediately being put with new people and having to interact with strangers right away. A little more free time to explore and meet people on my own would've been appreciated.

More free time-I was exhausted after the day and I wanted to go to the Late Night Activities, but I usually left them early because I was so tired that I went back to my dorm to sleep.

more down time

I felt so tired at the end of the week. I was nervous for classes to start. I wish we would have had more time to settle in.

The Welcome Week experience made freshmen feel younger and definitely not like a college student due to the herding of groups around everywhere by students only a year older than us. It was extremely tiring and not enough free time was provided. It was also very repetitive and small group meetings were completely unnessesary.

time wise. i would make it like 10am or 10 pm or shorter. those days were long and kinda short on getting time to settle in the dorms.
We were not given any time for rest. By Saturday night I was so exhausted that I was feeling somewhat sick and even called home crying. The concept of Welcome Week is a good one, but there were too many programs that were forced on us. Give us more free time and time to get to know the new people we meet.

I would make it less busy. It seemed like there was too much to do and not enough time to hang out and get to know people.

More free time so people can feel a little more settled and be well rested.

I wish there had been more time to get to know your classmates outside of structured events. We all felt like we had no free time or even time to sleep at night because the events ended so late and started so early. Also the welcome week leaders weren't given as much information as they needed to answer our questions.

The week was way over scheduled. I found myself with no time to set up my room and run such basic errands as groceries, banking and school supplies. For future classes, I would advise a half day of information sessions and meetings, a half day of free time and (optional) evening activities. I felt that many of the sessions repeated material from orientation and that Welcome Week in general was a waste of my time. Plus, I hardly had time to get to know the people I did meet. Since there was no free time at all, I also had no time to visit and socialize with people I had known before coming to Welcome Week as well as people I met during it.

Way too much of everything to handle. Welcome week was so much I did not have time to unpack, let alone meet or get to know my own roommate. The basic premise of everyday was study hard, and get involved. Theses are to very basic keys that don't need to be driven in our head over and over for a whole week. Besides meeting people I felt welcome week was a waste of my time, others time, and most of all money. Make it short and sweet, that's what counts.

I would add more free time to Welcome Week and/or make more activities optional. Many of the sessions simply provided information I already know or wasn't really applicable to me, so I didn't exactly discover new resources. Unfortunately, it didn't really help me realize how to become more successful; it mostly made me tired and worn out while preventing me from meeting people I might actually see from day-to-day (like the people on my floor). I have to acknowledge that Welcome Week helped me to get to know a lot of people. I also enjoyed spending time with my Welcome Week group and leader. However, there was so much going on during Welcome Week that I felt more exhausted than prepared for classes to start. Perhaps making the week shorter or making activities optional would increase people's enjoyment and appreciation of the Welcome week in the future.

Every day was planned from 7 to about 10 which left no free time for us. Just having an afternoon off would have been great because we could have explored the residence hall and relaxed. All that we did was wake up early and go to mainly boring classes.

It is too long.

I would incorporate more down/relaxation time. I didn't feel as if I had time to make connections with the people in neighboring rooms in my dorm because I was never at the dorm.

Only have it be like 2 or 3 days, 5 was way to many and I was sick of all the presentations/classes we had to go to after the 3rd day. Also give us a little more free time all of the 5 days we barely had any time to relax we were always on the go.

Too much being led around in a group. Let us make more decisions.

The only thing is too make it a little shorter. The whole experience was great but it was a long week.

Make it shorter. 3 days. More breaks to explore/bond with people we just met. Also it didn't make me feel like I was in college, with the whole small group setting, it was very grade-school.

I would have more time to get settled in my dorm and free time to explore. By the time classes started Monday I was very tired from welcome week and it was all a little overwhelming. I participated in greek rush events on Monday so I did not have time to get my books or find my classes before class on Tuesday.

The thing about Welcome Week I would change is the number of events. Everything was so tightly scheduled and structured that I didn't really feel it was an accurate indicator of what college life would be like. I would have made about half of the required activities optional, allowing for students to get settled in and meet people in their halls. All of the get to know you activities felt forced and a lot of the presentations went on too long.

There were several events that I, as a commuter, did not feel I needed to be there for. Also, being kept there until 10 pm greatly limits one's options for transit back home. Most busses do not run at that time. That was aggravating. It would be more helpful to be able to use the routes that I plan to use during the semester, for practice, instead of having to show up and leave at odd times.

I would make it shorter. we didn't have have anytime to relax during welcome week which made us tired for the whole week.

I think we need more free time and more time to sleep and get rested for the start of college. I started my college experience tired and worn out because you expected to much out of us during welcome week.

Give people time to adjust into college. don't schedule them like crazy.

I would make it shorter, maybe just 2-3 days. Also, it would help if the days started at or 10 am instead. Also, it didn't help at times that some of the welcome week leaders were just as in-informed as I am.

Some of the food during welcome week (sandwiches) were very soggy, but other than that the food was okay. I also wished we would have had more free time with our room mates to settle in and get to know each other.

Less required sessions, they got too long and some weren't very helpful. More time was needed to just adjust to dorm life and meeting people in the halls.

I would have liked to get more time on Wednesday to settle into my room. I felt I didn't have any time to unpack and eat out with my family before they left. Also, the first two days were filled with information we already got from orientation. Sitting in the arena for several hours felt extremely unnecessary. I felt after the first hour many of the students weren't even paying attention anyways.
My main problem with the welcome week program is that a lot of the time it seems to treat incoming students like children. In my opinion, the University should have a little more confidence in our competence. We don't need someone to always be there telling us where to go. We are capable of getting to places on our own. I understand that many of the reasons small groups and such were created was to foster a sense of community and allow students to get to know other new students. It's not a bad idea on the outside, but when I come to a small group and I am forced to play childish games, it does not really want to make me return to it. Also, for people who are already familiar with the Twin Cities and the Campus, many of the activities are unnecessary. In addition, being told that I need to attend an event titled, "Teacher, may I go to the bathroom?" does not make me feel like I am receiving the respect I deserve. Overall, even with all the problems I see and experienced during Welcome Week, I see it as a good thing. I believe the most important thing the college can do is treat the students more like adults because that's what they are.

I think that they had too much on the agenda. We were not given anytime to just relax and meet new people. A lot of the information we were given seemed redundant from orientation. I also think that the convocation dinner was very unorganized. I understand that there are a lot of people to feed, but it was almost ridiculous. Our group was at the very top we were one of the last groups to go up for food. There was not enough for us, and I ended up having only a bag of chips.

I would give the students more time to settle into their rooms. Things were to timed out, we were running around all day without much resting time, that is if the student attended everything. It was great information, but it was to much information thrown at us all at once. Other than then I enjoyed welcome week.

I would make "U-topia" more of a contribution (even if it's making cards for hospital patients like the greeks did or something to that effect); I feel like my time was wasted that day when I could be helping others. Also, lots of needless paper was handed out. For a university so concerned with the environment, the amount of paper used seemed uncharacteristic and wasteful.

Not be so busy. Give us more time to unpack and relax.

I think we were rushed from session to session that we didn't have time to thoroughly investigate the resources each of us were interested in. We learned the basics, but we could do that (and more) on our own throughout the school year.

More free time to socialize with all of the new people that I was meeting!

More time to get settled and not such long days. It would have also been nice to some more useful information because some of the presentations seemed pointless.

I would include more free time. I felt like every second of every day was planned and there was no time to relax and get settled in. Also, I didn't like how evening activities ended at 1:00 am but activities the next day started at 8:00. That is not enough time to sleep! I think the activities the next day should start later. I think some of that stuff should have been optional. Most of it seemed really important, but the Icebreakers and some of the interest sessions were not very useful.

Make it 1/2 as long. A lot of students were worn out and I guess it was a nice little time to get settled, but most of the information thrown at me went out the other ear. Get rid of college day, get rid of service day. And dear lord, get rid of any type of motivational speaking. Otherwise I guess it's just a nice time to mingle w/ people even if you don't make any long-lasting friendships, which you probably won't from any of the WW stuff.

I would give the freshman time to find all of there classes and for commuters time to find their buses they need to ride to try to get to and from campus.

I think we should have gotten the opportunity to interact with and meet more students besides the people who were just in our welcome week group. Also, I think that events should not have been mandatory. It was frustrating to be so tired and be trying to enjoy the events taking place.

Welcome Week, as well intended as it was, was too much. We barely had any free time, and between waking up at 8 am and having activities that ran til at least midnight, I barely got any sleep. I got sick, in part I believe, because I was so run-down and tired, and thus more susceptible to sickness. To make Welcome Week a better experience, I would have decreased the number of informational sessions. After awhile they all start saying the same thing. It would have been nice to have had one session in the morning and one in the afternoon and the rest of the day we could hang out with our group and explore the campus and start getting settled in our rooms. I was impressed by the organization and the amount of content that was in 5 days. It was nice to see how excited the university was for our class to join the U, and hopefully, with advice from this year, next year will only get better.

more down time to do stuff to get ready for school

Make their be less sessions and more free time. Too overwhelming most of the time. Less things that are required.

have it not be madatory

If anything, I would just give students the opportunity to roam around freely and get used to the campus and explore other things that might have not been covered during WW.

There were some days that everything was so crammed into one day, college day. It would've been nice to relax a little bit and hang out with the friends that we met.

Well, I was rather exhausted once the week was over so I would have liked to have had more then just Monday to rest and prepare for my classes. I also noticed that quite a few people, including my roommate, still had to unpack some of their stuff. I think that unless you moved in the night before as I did, you may not have had enough time to adequately settle into your rooms before being rushed off to Welcome Week activities.

Dont have the students sitting in halls and listening to people speak for more than an hour because that makes the students not want to be there. Also dont have the day so structured leave time for students to be able to breath!

Shorten it

We need more time to ourselves to just relax. We were going all day from like 8 am to 1 am. Didnt really have time to get settled into my room. Also a lot of the information seemed like a repeat from orientation.
I would have liked it better if it were not so jam-packed with activities. If Welcome Week were to become 'Welcome Weekend', I believe it would have been more effective. There was too much time before classes began. Also, by constantly switching groups around, it made it harder to solidify an acquaintance with anybody. I met some interesting people, but was not able to talk to them for enough time to get their phone number.

I would allow more time to relax, and get settled in our dorms.

Shorten it, to many breaks

I felt like the schedule was quite exhausting. While a lot of the events were fun, I don't think I appreciated them because the days were so long and I was so tired.

I think 6 days of welcome week was extremely excessive. As a commuter student, I didn't feel that I received any where near the amount of info pertaining to commuters as I deserved, but which the residence hall students received. I think the future welcome weeks should be turned into welcome WEEKEND! This would require only presentations of speakers with relevant info for all students, and not just random speakers rambling. There were too many small group meetings, that basically repeated the same info that was said at orientation and by also W.W. speakers. The intentions of W.W. are appreciated because one could tell the extent to how much work was put into the week, but for new freshman students, it was too much info spread over too long of a time span. Most students would have rather had a weekend program so they could work longer, spend a few more days at home, or else adjust to their new future in their own ways.

Allow for welcome week leaders to help all of their group members find all of their buildings for their classes on the coming Tuesday, have a simulation of what a lecture/lab is like and what professors expect from you in class.

I would change how long the days were. Being up by 8 and not going to bed until sometimes 1 in the morning was way too long of a day for me. I was exhausted by the end of the week, and things became slightly less exciting for me.

Just know that we need sleep. If you must keep us at speeches/activities until 11:00 pm to stop drinking, then at least let us sleep in until 8:00 am. I learned a lot about campus, but I would have liked more time to settle in instead of being go-go-go.

Make Convocation shorter. Way too long and set us off on the wrong foot.

Give us more free time to do what we want. I felt tired from all these activities and did not attend Sunday's activities.

I would streamline the activities and maximize time spent in groups to increase conversation between group members.

Make more things, such as sessions, optional. It got really old just being talked AT. I was falling asleep during a lot of things because I was so bored.

More free time to get settled! CLA College Day presentation was horrible; too many speakers.

More free time, waking up a bit later, not sitting through two hours of non-stop talking, less walking, no more insane lawyers, no more good job good job, no more "under the circumstances i did my best" crap, more choices, less pressure to do all activities, make welcome week only 3 or 4 days long.

We should of had more time to move in. Move convocation back a day. And don't have us so scheduled. Give us some free time.

It felt too much like a camp and not like college.

I would definitely say that students need more time to relax. I was exhausted by the end of the week, which is not how I wanted to start my classes!

I would make the day less structured. We were scheduled from 8:30 to one am.

I would make sure you have consequences for missing things because many people just skipped things and did not get in trouble.

I think it would be better to have more free time to explore the campus and get settled on our own. Some of the activities made Welcome Week feel like camp and not our first week as college students. The food was pretty much the same and not very good.

If I could change the welcome week procedure, I would make it be from 10-5 everyday so students could kind of sleep in and then they could have free time at night.

Everything was too planned and there was not enough free time. Even if we did get to meet people during the lengthy seminars or slight transition time between activities there was no time to hang out with those people, especially since we couldn't switch some of the activities we had selected-- we couldn't go with our new friends. There were far too many seminars. I got so tired of sitting and being talked at! The off campus activities and the mall of america night were fun, but there was not enough free time to settle into the dorm or explore the campus on our own. It was a super busy week before the already slightly nerve wracking first week of classes.

There wasn't enough free time to hang out with the people you met and get to really know them. And getting settled into the dorms was tough with all the welcome week obligations.

After a while most of the students got burned out from all the activities. We were all so tired and just wanted to chill and relax before classes started and there wasn't enough time to do that. But overall I was very impressed by all that was in Welcome week.

I would have more breaks in between performances. It seemed to much all at once. We are just starting schooling and I was tired of school already.

I believed that there were way too much information/activities that made everyday very tiring. Maybe having a few less activities and more free time would make welcome week feel exhausting in a way.

I would not make it to early and so long. As a commuter student, it was really irritating coming to school that early when it didn't relate the "real" time I would be coming to class. And once again, it was too long. As a commuter, driving at night wasn't a great thing for me either.

There were so many things to do also, that you were just worn out by the end of the day.

See all above.

Maybe more chances to rest, while it is very much possible to attend all the events it gets rather tiring doing stuff all day with just moments to sit down and catch your breath.
I was unimpressed by welcome week as a whole. I felt like I was being herded from one place to another, no time to even think. We were required to do too much and because it was requirement no one wanted to do it, we are college students allow us to make our own decisions. I felt that I heard the same thing about fifty times throughout welcome week it was so boring, I am not one to fall asleep in class, by my eyes were closed during a few of he sessions.

I would condense the welcome week activities into two days and I would make many of the events optional as I did not feel they impacted or helped me, but adversely wasted precious time when I could have been purchasing books, working, or moving into my new apartment.

more free time at night, get back n its lights out

I would make times shorter because I felt really tired and overwellmed during that week.

I would not repeat presentations that were at the orientation.

More free time because nobody can talk while some person is rambling about something that makes you want to fall asleep.

I would shorten the days. It accomplished the goal of keeping people busy so they don't get in trouble, but in a way it also detracted from the experience because everyone was so tired.

I would eliminate a few activities during each day to give students for free time

no college day, shorter days

I think welcome week was really dumb. the only thing i liked about it was the finding new friends/socializing part and the college day because in CEHD we actually had class. thank you very much. we needed WAY more free time.

Students definitely need to be given more time during Welcome Week. Move-in day should consist of nothing other than moving in.

Welcome Week leaders need to be given better prior knowledge of the activities.

The food. I think the variety of the food wasn't enough, especially for lunch

less time consuming

I really couldn't say.

no small group discussions

I would change how much they crammed into each day, because there were no breaks my body felt miserable by the end and i even ended up getting sick

More free time, I would really like to meet people that I will see on an everyday basis rather than people who I haven't seen since orientation.

I would give us more free time at night so we could get more sleep. The more sleep we have, the more energetic we would be during the day activities for welcome week. Thus, more sleep would lead to a better week!

It was way too long and sometimes really boring.

I felt like U-topia was really boring and it did not help me connect with the community. Also, my welcome week leaders were really giggly the whole time and they didn't really seem to care. Overall, I think Welcome Week was really long, and we could have spent more time on academic advising. Also, we should have had more time to ourselves so that we could go around campus and explore without our WW leaders guiding us.

none

Two or Three days would have been perfect. I had no time to sleep, get settled, find my classes, or meet people in my hall. The days were too packed with the same information getting presented over and over again. I understood the goal but it was just over done.

I enjoyed my experience during welcome week but thought that there was not even close to enough free time given. The days went too long and we did not even have time to set up our dorm rooms. I also wish we would have gotten a tour of St. Paul Campus.

More time to get settled into dorm before classes began, get last minute supplies and a way to meet residents on floor.

The Career powerpoint. It was useless. Reasons stated previously.

More free stuff!

Have more free time. we had events planned from 8 in the morning til 1 or 2 at night and we can't go that much for five straight days. I ended up getting sick because i tried to do it all.

I'd reduce the number of group motivational lectures and include more free time.

make it less boring. too many speakers that talked at you. and i only attended one day.

Honestly, it didn't matter what we were going to do after a certain point, I just wanted to be able to relax and explore the campus on my own. And I really must say that the constant drilling of warnings to 1. Avoid alcohol abuse, 2. Engage in safe sex, 3. Make friends and get involved, and 4. Practice good study habits...did little more than make me want to flee from college. I came here thinking college would challenge me to basically be an adult and take care of myself. But upon attending Welcome Week, it turned out to be even worse than my high school experience. And then, after the horrible week was over, we leapt right into classes and hit a brick wall because my professors expected exactly what I thought they would expect. Welcome Week acted as a retarding force in adjustment to college, in my opinion, and I think if it is really to be used as a transition period to college, A) We should not have been told that it was MANDATORY. We are paying to go to college and learn from experts in our intended fields...not to sit in mariucci and watch "entertainment" for three hours, followed by some cheesy chant telling us to get a "good job"...or that we're doing a good job...or that the speaker has a good job...or whatever the heck he was trying to say with that. I seriously could not believe all that was mandatory. B) We should be told more about what would actually be helpful (Like here's how you use the ResNet, this is how you can see what things are available to check out from the information desk, this is how you fill out a worf...). You know...things that we kinda need to know rather quickly. But instead we hear over and over about how college is going to be different from high school and that we aren't simply going to be told how to do everything like we were in high school. We're told
that we have to be responsible and accountable. We're given fun little lectures on how we need to be respectful of differences... So we were basically told what we already knew... and it seemed like everything else we just had to figure out for ourselves.

Would make it during the weekday. Like Monday-Friday, instead of Wednesday-Monday!

I think that if students had more free time to themselves, they could interact with more people besides preparing and resting for classes.

I would definitely change the fact that we got here, barely unpacked and were rushed of to convocation. There should either be an earlier move in date or welcome week's start should be pushed back a day. I didn't have enough time to get settled in at all.

make it shorter with less mandaroty things, more freedom would be nice

If I could change Welcome Week I would just like to have more free time to get to know my neighbors and I also would have liked to have another campus tour because it had been a long time since a tour from orientation.

I would have had less required activities. There were several times when I felt overwhelmed and I would have liked to have more time to explore on my own and get to know my roommate and hall members.

To not make the side trips and other fun activities MANDATORY.

It should not have been so long. Maybe a couple days. For some people, the advise was a little too much and did not help at all because of the information overload. There should be more and longer breaks.

More time on the first day to get settled in, it was far too rushed.

Welcome Week would have been more effective and beneficial for me had it been more flexible and less time consuming. For example, I am a musician and I had an audition the week after Welcome Week. With little free time, I had to practice at 11:00 p.m. and sometimes later. Other music students were also struggling to find enough free time to practice for these important auditions. In addition, many students did not receive their beds lofted right away. As a result they could not step up their rooms on move-in day. Because we had activities ALL day, these students could not set up their room until classes started. At that time, the last thing they want to worry about is their bed. I believe a lot of the presentations, groups, and discussions were repetitive and unnecessary. A campus tour would have been more helpful than a seminar on drugs and alcohol. Most students have heard all about drugs, alcohol, and sex since middle school. On the other hand, most students don't know this area/campus or their classrooms. A meeting on transportation would have been more helpful than a meeting on goal setting. Most students realize that goals need to be set. However, most students don't know the city bus system or the light rail.

More free time, I was tired by the end of the day and we had no time for ourselves.

make it optional, much of the information was pointless and there was not time AT ALL in order to prepare for the upcoming semester. i.e. Auditions.

It was way too long and didn't give you free time to meet people so you felt more alone than ever.

I did not like welcome week at all. It was too long and my group leader did not want to be there.

I would let the kids out earlier at night so they have time to do their own thing and get to know the campus on their own.

Would not have it. There is no need for a 2 day orientation and a 6 day Welcome Week. Information and activities were pointless and no other college has anything related to this.

I would allow the students to have a full on optional day. It felt a little too structured and overwhelming.

I believe it should be shorter. The days were way to long, so there was no time to socialize at night because we were so tired and had to get up so early the next morning. Not everything was necessary, other things could have been more important.

I would not make students play ice breaker games, I would have my staff more knowledgable, and I would have my staff lead a group from their college. Also, I would divide the groups according to the college they are in.

I thought that overall welcome week was very helpful but, there were too many speaches. They all were very similar which made it challenging to listen. If there was a bit more free time to get into our rooms and look around for ourselves, that would also be nice. I thought the amount of days for welcome week worked nicely because it gave time to get adjusted.

It was way too long. It should have been Welcome Weekend. There were way too many lectures and speakers. It was a very long five days and honestly it made me feel homesick. It had a good intention but it needs to be toned down alot. We were told numerous times by different speakers that our grades are important and to try hard and to get involved. The kids that care will do it and do not need to be told the same thing over and over again.

Stop all the ridiculous classes. I slept through most of them, and I know many people who slept through them or didn't go at all. The people that did go didn't get anything from it. All the welcome week did was make college seem like bible camp. That isn't right. It gave me the opportunity to prepare for many things, but I didn't need any of those opportunities, nor did I use any of those opportunities. You should have an assembly, and some activities that are very fun, and let the kids learn things themselves. Maybe throw out a few e-mails for the ones who need things spelled out for them. But to be honest, all of these people are going to the university of minnesota, how much spelling out could they need.

Make the event two full weeks

"I was favorably impressed by my welcome week experience." I marked that neutral because, while there were many things it helped me with, there was just SO MUCH. Everyone I talked to was exhausted. There needs to be more downtime in the future. "Welcome week gave me... class of 2012." I marked that neutral because, while I did meet the people in my group, there were so so so many people in our class, it's hard to feel united... And I only got to know the people in my group. I met some people that I really liked at the ice breakers, for example, but I didn't get to continue getting to know them. My other complaint had to do with that- I didn't really feel like I connected with my group. I wanted to meet more people, but I also understand there's only so much time in welcome week. And if you were to ask me if I would rather have one group I really get to know with a few other acquaintances on the side, or if I would rather have a whole bunch of people I only go to know a little bit, I would definitely choose the former. I understand there's only so much time to get to know people during Welcome Week.

I would decrease the amount of scheduled time; I really wanted some down time at the beginning so I could get settled and unpacked.
Drop some events. After the first two days, my group (and I'm sure this applies to other groups as well) was exhausted. The schedule seemed to be intense and condensed.

More free time or activities with new students.

I wouldn't change anything!

More free time. It was too much and we felt like little kids.

More free time!

It was way too long and way too much stuff was planned.

I would not have activities constantly - especially during the first few days. It felt like it was go go go! A little time to get settled in the dorm and/or meet others on your floor would have been nice. I also was so physically exhausted by the end, Monday I felt I was trying to play "catch-up" going into the start of school.

I think it would have been really helpful to have more free time to be able to settle into my room and just relax a little bit. It was very stressful adjusting to a new school and new life style and we need to time to figure things out for ourselves also. I ended up missing some of the night events because I was so busy trying to settle in and then also so tired from running around all day in sessions.

Not enough free time.

more free time. we were constantly doing something.

I have not packed so many activities in one day at a time. It was stressful, tiresome (no sleep), and a bit overwhelming.

I attended the university as a PSEO student and was previously aware of most of the information that was provided. The main benefit that I gained from the experience was to meet new people. However I prefer to meet people on my own than be forced to spend time with people that are selected for me. I think I would have enjoyed it more if it had not been so long, honestly I would have rather had that time to enjoy my last week of summer. Almost every student I talked to had little little enjoyment during welcome week related to the events we had to attend.

There was not enough time to walk through our class schedule. The events were too planned and were often a waste of time since there was nothing to do. There should have been more free time to find books and settle into the dorms. There also could have been more about classes to take, how to volunteer, and how to find an on campus job.

I overall thought the experience was good. Many of the information we were given was helpful. However, I know myself as well as other were a little stressed the first day here because we did not have enough time to move into the dorms and unpack and get settled with our roommate. I arrived on campus at 10 am and when I left for convocation my room was full of packed boxes still. I also think that it would have been nice to have a little more down time to meet people in our hall and hang out with new friends we had made. The day was so structured by the time I got back to the dorms at 10 or 11 I was too tired to go to the residence hall activities and meet people. I also would meet new people but then never have time to hang out with them during welcome week so we lost touch. I really liked the Jermaine Davis presentation as well as the small group activities. The welcome week leaders were very helpful and knowledgeable and made us all feel very comfortable.

less information because it got a bit boring

I would greatly condense all of the welcome week activities. I think it is a good idea in theory but all of the activities were too packed together. There was no time to rest and by the end of the week everyone was irritable and began to skip things.

More free time, and less wasted time. I hated that so much of it was mandatory because most of it was common sense and I sat around bored, not paying attention for hours on end while my things sat in boxes in my room. Having us run around and do mandatory programs from 8 until 10 every night when were trying to move in and get to know people is ridiculous. So make attendance mandatory, do not make all of the programs mandatory, and allow more time for free time.

I would make the information given less repetitive. It seemed like we kept hearing the same things over and over. "Get involved, work hard... etc." Also I would allow a lot more free time and make it clear if things are optional. Being someone from the Twin Cities I already knew a lot of this information so maybe allowing Twin Cities students to opt out of some activities would be better.

Orientation was very well planned, and very informative, and welcome week was a great idea on paper. The problem was WAY too much of the information overlapped. Also, Welcome week was way too much. All of the activities were great ideas, there was just no time to breathe. We barely had time to unpack and we were shuffled off to convocation, and had to get up immediately the next morning for college day.

I believe that overall, the idea of welcome week is in the freshmen's best interest, and it is here to help us in any way possible to adjust to college life. Although the schedule may have kept us very busy and possibly prevented some home-sickness because we were too busy to think about home, welcome week was too busy and scheduled. I didn't feel that there was enough time for me to get settled into my dorm and get the feel of the building or the whole college experience that I was looking forward to. I felt very stressed throughout the course of welcoming week, which is not quite what I was expecting to feel. I understand that there was some really great opportunities to learn about and experience during the week, but the pressure to participate in every single event was overwhelming. Although we were able to pick some of the sessions that we wanted to learn more about, I felt that I was being hand-held through everything. College to me is the time of my life where I have to go out and experience life for myself, making my own decisions and paying my own consequences. It's a time of experiencing an untouche freedom, but welcome week was more less like high school. I am not trying to bash welcome week in every sense, I know that it took a lot of time and money to prepare and have ready for the class of 2012, I am only trying to give back some helpful criticism to help improve this first year experience to future University of Minnesota freshmen. Thanks so much!

I would give us more free time. I was so bored and tired that I refused to have fun and/or listen. My welcome week leader was the only person who made me have fun and made me want to continue coming.

I would have liked to have more free time and time settle into our rooms.

I did not like how over scheduled our days were during Welcome Week. It would have been nice to have had at least the first night I arrived to settle into my dorm! I might have enjoyed Convocation if I had had time to relax after the rush of moving in. We didn't even have time to finish unpacking! My parents had also planned to finish shopping with me that day, but we did not have time due to the 4:30 meeting for Convocation. The whole week in general was too packed! There were some nights where I attended the evening activities and didn't get back
not going to hear the same things over again at Welcome Week. I appreciate the University’s attempts to make us feel welcome, but myself would be more beneficial. Maybe you could at least shorten it up a little. It was pretty extensive.

Week made me more knowledgeable or comfortable with attending the University. I think letting us discover the campus and new friends which actually gave me more anxiety about school. I think the activities should have been optional. I do not believe that attending Welcome Welcome Week was way too long. After a while, all the presenters said all the same things. It got a little old. We had hardly any freetime, in general.

Increasing the number of buses available for students that live on the St. Paul campus to allow for more time to do the activities and make it more welcome week group activities, to get to know my group more and the people in it. free time to hang out with the new friends i have. I thought the week was overly scheduled. Yes, most of the things we had scheduled were fun but after awhile the days felt to long and it was kind of a drag to go. Even though we had the say in what we were able to participate in, we would have liked to just have free time to un pack and meet people in a natural way; not forced thorough ice breakers.

Welcome Week is way too long. Nobody wants to be dragged around and treated like they are still in highschool for their first week of "freedom" away from home. You made it feel like a never ending summer camp and many felt like we were treated like little kids. I did not talk to a single person who honestly enjoyed Welcome Week. It was mostly bickering and kids skipping events.

For those questions I marked 'neutral' or 'disagree' on, I had already mentally prepared myself adequately for the transition to college. Day were unnecessary. A lot of kids would have preferred more free time to explore and get to know their roommates. It needed to be shortened. You cannot expect us to go from 8AM to 1 AM everyday. Thats an impossible schedule. It was extremely repetitive from orientation. Something needed to be changed. Those days we days i could have spent at home, getting ready and saying goodbyes. I felt like welcome week was a bit overwhelming at times becase of the amount of activities that were scheduled into each day. It would have been nice to have had a bit more free time for getting settled into our rooms and buying books.

I would definately make it so the students have more free time we were way too busy having to do stuff all day long. It was tiring and I dont think everything we did was necessary. Make the days shorter, not have to be up at like 8 am. 9 am at the earliest. Also put in some time just to chill at the dorms and get settled in. It was way too long. The information was some of the same stuff delivered at orientation. Convocation was important, but things like College Day were unnecessary. A lot of kids would have preferred more free time to explore and get to know their roommates. If I could change the Welcome Week program, I would change it in multiple ways. First of all, I would provide students more time to get settled in. (I had to leave as soon as I got my stuff to my room, and I was moving stuff in and taking care of other important business in every moment of spare time that I had.) I would also change it so that it didn't go as late into the evening or start as early in the morning. In fact, I wouldn't make the activities start until after lunch. This way students could get more sleep. Sleep is one of the most important things during such a transitional period.(I got a cold--probably due to being exhausted.) I would've had more pride in my school if I was well rested, feeling good, moved in, and organized.

Condense the material so that students get more free and still attend the events. more welcome week group activities, to get to know my group more and the people in it. free time to hang out with the new friends i have. I thought the week was overly scheduled. Yes, most of the things we had scheduled were fun but after awhile the days felt to long and it was kind of a drag to go. Even though we had the say in what we were able to participate in, we would have liked to just have free time to un pack and meet people in a natural way; not forced thorough ice breakers.

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For those questions I marked 'neutral' or 'disagree' on, I had already mentally prepared myself adequately for the transition to college. Increasing the number of buses available for students that live on the St. Paul campus to allow for more time to do the activities and make it back in time for meals on the weekend. Probably allow students more time to get settled into their room on the first day, as well as more time to relax and meet people in their halls in general. Welcome Week was way too long. After a while, all the presenters said all the same things. It got a little old. We had hardly any freetime, which actually gave me more anxiety about school. I think the activities should have been optional. I do not believe that attending Welcome Week made me more knowledgeable or comfortable with attending the University. I think letting us discover the campus and new friends ourselves would be more beneficial. Maybe you could at least shorten it up a little. It was pretty extensive.
I would not make this experience as timely. Some of the presentations were way too long and caused many of us to lose concentration. It was great to get all settled in, but there never seemed to be time to do so with all the presentations we needed to attend.

More free time...I was only there for Thursday, and there was so little free time, it felt really terrible.

The leaders were unprepared, the days were much too full, and there was no way to know what was going on if you lost your leader.

fewer required activities, more time to get settled in and meet roommates/neighbors.

Not so long! It felt like one thing after the other! A lot shorter next year!

More free time to settle in, purchase textbooks, and meet people living on my dorm floor.

I would make it much shorter and give more free time!

Less, it was good, but WAY TOO MUCH

There should be more free time allocated for the students. Having the entire day planned is too overwhelming. Many students didn't have time to get settled into their dorms, buy books, or meet their neighbors.

Classes/requirements (and less of them) in the midmorning to early afternoon, fun optional things in the late afternoon and evening.

More free time- I felt like a 6-year old being hauled around from building to building. It got very tiring.

It should probably be welcome half week. And seriously consider how many times freshman need to hear things... Surely not as many as we did. Just cut it down a bit and realize that freshman just need time to settle in and explore for themselves a bit.

I would have given us more time each day. Welcome Week was the most tired I've been while I've been here. I fell asleep everywhere and I'm not the type that normally does that. I also felt overwhelmed with all the information thrown at me, but I don't know how you should change that, since there's a lot of information that new students need to know about.

I would probably want it to be shorter in days and hours. There was too much to do. Some people would like to be with their families the last week before going to college. Others have jobs they cannot skip because they need money to pay for the college tuition. More people volunteer or have family issues. For example, my brother is mentally disabled and my dad at the time was hurt and my mom isn't physically strong, so they needed me to come home and take care of my brother. Busing wasn't good for commuters. We'd get home at around 10-11 at night, and we'd have to be up by 5-6 in order to catch the bus. Welcome week should be optional, especially to PSEO students.

I felt that we were not given enough free time. We had to wake up and get started so early in the morning, that by the time we were given the opportunity for free time and evening activities, everyone was exhausted. I felt that I could have made more connections and met more people had we been given sufficient free time.

be more organized,

Better food.

there was too much going on. the days were packed full of activities and i had very little time to relax and just meet people on a more personal level

I would give us more time to settle in and relax. Everything was crammed so tightly that we didn't even get a chance to really arrange our room and feel like this was our home for the next year until the night before classes. It was an incredibly overwhelming and stressful five days and actually made me feel much more anxiety about school starting than had we had more time to relax.

College Day for CLA felt a bit redundant to the welcoming the previous day. I would make the small group meetings more useful.

A lot of the information presented during welcome week was helpful, but so much was being told to us that I forgot a lot of it. Also, the days were so long and non-stop that I was completely worn out after the first day and did not want to go to any of the next day's activities. I think that a lot of the information could have been presented in a more brief and to-the-point way so that the days were shorter and we would have more time to relax and get settled into our dorms. After just moving in, all I wanted to do was finish organizing all of my things in my room, but the small amount of time that I had in my room was spent sleeping because all of the activities were so tiring.

It should allow more free time for people to interact with others and just get situated in living spaces and campus.

I would have more free time to rest or explore the U since I felt exhausted every day with just too much to do.

Less activities; it was overbooked, and nobody had time to relax and settle into their new living arrangements.

I would change the fact that I felt like I was still in high school. We were not able to find any place by ourselves, we had to follow like a heard of cattle. I believe welcome week would've been more enjoyable if we were told where to meet not lead there by our leader.

I think welcome week in it's entirety was a poorly developed program that apart from being annoying, was truly a hassle. I was told i MUST attend things i did not want to, or feel comfortable with and in the end, I regretted wasting any time with it. Another reason welcome week was so miserable, was the fact that the ridiculously structured day ended, leaving the fun activities not ending until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, when we had to get up to participate in bullshit group activities at 7 o'clock in the morning. I was told that welcome week has been developed over the course of 5 years, when in reality, a bumbling idiot could not have created a more aggravating or useless system in ten minutes.

I think it was a good idea that kind of went a little bad. Like the logistics of moving 5,000+ new students around for a whole week and keeping them entertained and fed and stuff is probably really complicated. And the times where we basically sat in Mariucci for three hours were really crummy and boring. It would be better with more free time and more some more information about like where things are on campus and stuff. We know that college is hard and that we're going to have to study harder, but it would also help to know where stuff is :-P.

Provide more free time for the students to just let loose. It's still summer, and in many ways Welcome Week felt even more structured than an ordinary school day for a college student. Especially the community involvement and many of the sessions felt like a waste of time.

Welcome Week was too much information at too much time, so it was hard to effectively get anything out of it a lot of the time. I think that it would be more beneficial to tour the campus and point out resources such as libraries rather than attending sessions on facebook.
I would add like a scavenger hunt for the campus. I think that would really help with finding everything. I also would cram welcome week into three days. The whole week... it seemed like after the first few days the general message was repeated several times.

I believe that overall Welcome Week was a success. The only problem was that we were so rigorously scheduled that we didn't have time to just hang out and meet new people or travel around campus and find out where all the stuff they were telling us about was. By the end of the week we were so tired of being herded from one place to another and talked at that we just wanted some down time to relax and meet the people in our residence halls. The break out sessions on Saturday were of some help, but it wasn't nearly enough time.

Consolidate so you don't waste our time. Give us the ability to settle into a new life and make friends ourselves because you can't artificially create friendships for us. Let us sleep more, we need it.

I would just allow more free time. It was hard to keep going and not have time to relax more.

At times I felt as though my leaders needed some more information. They adapted easily, but not all things went just as they were planned. Some more time allowed for sleep would have been good. I agree that keeping the students busy will prevent them from getting into trouble, but starting later in the morning could be a good solution.

I would not have had so many activities. It was really difficult to be enthusiastic about the activities because I was so exhausted. I would definitely limit the number of activities and give students more time to relax and get situated. Also, I didn't feel that there were many activities to meet other students outside our groups. I think I would definitely have more student interaction. It would have made me feel a lot more comfortable knowing a few more people. Although it was insanely exhausting, I do have to say that the transition to classes was really really easy in comparison to the events from Welcome Week. I did not feel nervous before classes my first day because I did know my way around campus and because going to class almost seemed like a break after all the constant activities from WW.

I would strongly encourage that you do not make Welcome Week mandatory. It interfered with a lot of other plans, vacations and most people would like the week before school to get settled in and say goodbye to their family and friends, not to start school early. Having us arrive at 8 am and keeping us there until 10 is ridiculous. If people want to attend and be forced to make friends, they will do it on their own. Don't make all of us go through it. Making it a requirement to graduate is completely ludicrous. Also, there were a lot of pointless little sessions and activities.

Welcome Week should be optional. It doesn't help everyone. Those who need it should, of course, have Welcome Week for themselves personally, but others just had an attitude towards it. I myself would have rather been finding my classes and getting sleep and getting ready for my actual classes rather than Welcome Week.

I would make it Welcome Weekend instead. I would also make it more interactive and have less speakers, and it would not go until 10:00 because then we never have time to meet people outside our welcome week group. Also, I would stress that it is ok to make friends with upper classman. I have four upper classman that I would consider close friends that I did not meet before I went to school here. Welcome week seemed like it was trying to force you to be friends with only freshmen.

Allow some more free time for new students to relax and hang out with each other

Definitely include more time to allow us to settle in, move into our rooms, and just generally get settled in.

Some of the presentations seemed to run a bit long; they could have been trimmed so that either a new topic could have been covered, or else some more free time to meet new people would have been available.

Just less structured that all. Maybe more free time or at least time to move in. Also time to get to know the area and where classes were going to be without others things going on that day.

it seemed like we were at summer camp. Every our of the day was planned, and even though I was tired and sore, we still were supposed to be involved in a ton of activities.

Others and I felt like we were just going, going, going and we feel like there wasn't time to eat, drink, or go to the bathroom. Also, the number of water-bottle filling stations was lacking, and it always seemed like you were out of the food option that I wanted to eat.

Far too many speakers, far too little free time, I felt like a five year old being led around and heard the same message from all the speakers about twenty times.

As a commuter, I felt like there was a lot of wasted time. I had to go and come everyday and did not have to opportunity to meet many people outside of my small group, it seemed like many of the activities was designed to keep students busy, and that time was not needed by the commuter students. Consider either making more activities optional for commuters or find a way to make them feel more included.

There was too much shoved into the days. A lot was very repetitive as well.

I would say that giving us more time to just hang out and get used to the campus.

I would give the freshmen more free time. It was a bit much having to wake up relatively early every day and be busy until about 12 or later at night (that is, if you did attend the events scheduled). It was taxing on a lot of us when most of us were just concerned with moving into our dorms and making it "home". It was a great experience, but more free time would be nice to situate ourselves to our new surroundings.

Make the day a lot shorter by not having activities start so early in the morning and make night activities optional.

I wouldn't have the week so packed with required activities that started so early. We were so tired out because we had to get up so early and do stuff all day.

I felt like I was back in elementary school and had a babysitter.

I would make it shorter, or, give us more free time. It felt like all day we had activities planned constantly. The information sessions weren't very exciting, and we were all tired from having constant information thrown at us, so we got bored easily.

Not as many activities so early in the morning and so late at night. Everyone I knew was so exhausted from welcome week that when school actually started we were all worn out; this is not a good idea for next year. Give the freshman time to sleep and don't make them get up any earlier than 9:00 am for goodness sakes, we've all been on summer break for 3 months, and most of us were sleeping until 1:00 pm!

No. It was good.

More free time!
I thought the Welcome Week program was very well put together but the days were long and I know people that were complaining a lot and getting bored of listening to people all day and the days were long.

The number one thing I would change about Welcome Week is how LONG it is, both in number of days and hours per day. Also, the first two days of Welcome Week seemed pretty irrelevant to my college career. I didn't learn anything during these first two days that I hadn't already heard before at Orientation or figured out by common sense. As for responsibility to the campus community, this wasn't exactly addressed in any discussion I attended. In fact, I'm not sure it was addressed at all. Welcome Week made me feel more overwhelmed than prepared -- overwhelmed by many different events and activities that I HAD to participate in, lest I invoke the University's wrath upon me before the fall term even started! It was more stress than it was benefit. But honestly, Welcome Week wasn't a total nightmare; I got to make friends with both fellow freshmen and upperclassmen. The friends I made at Welcome Week, Orientation, and Nature of Life, in addition to my Welcome Week leaders, kept me both sane and willing to come back the next day.

I would allow for more free time. It felt like I was at a camp, not moving into college, because we were always on the go and we had so many sessions to sit through. Plus, after sitting through a few sessions, I lost my concentration, so when I had four more hours of talks to sit through, the day seemed to drag on. Also, I think finding ways for people to meet other people who live in their dorm or in their hall is another great idea. I hardly ever saw my room mate or the girls on my floor for the entire welcome week experience. I still feel that I do not know some of them very well. There was a chance for many of us to do activities or something together, that would be great. Also, the welcome week group was ok. I got to know some of them, but after a while I wondered about meeting people outside of the group. It would have been nice to meet more people.

I would make the days shorter. A lot of the events were one right after another till late at night and then it was like now get up at 8 and start all over. It was a little tiring. Also I felt that a lot of the sessions we attended were saying the same things that the other sessions were saying. Eventually it got to the point of being boring! There were multiple people who asked me at rush what I thought of Welcome Week and I said that it was okay but way to long, and they said that thats what they have been hearing a lot!

Not so strictly scheduled, more free time, more time with Welcome Week group

I think the days were really long. We were up very early and out very late. I understand the late night activities were used to show us about various events and keep us out of trouble, but it would have been nice to have more time to just relax in our room and sleep a little longer. Maybe a later start time would be effective.

I think that there should be more free time within the week. I felt that on College Day, it might have been too much to also have students attend the presentation when they had just spend a whole day doing something with their college.

I would have shortened Welcome Week. Each days activities were way too long. As a commuter student it was very difficult waking up early and coming home very late at night. Welcome Week didn't make me feel any more confident in getting to my classes and understanding what I would need to be doing everyday. The intent of Welcome Week was good, but the program needs a lot more work. Overall I expected a lot more from Welcome Week.

Make the first few days less scheduled and allow for more free time. The days were really long and overwhelming for the first week in college. The sessions were all very informative, but a lot of the time we were too concerned with getting out of there to pay attention to what was being said.

If the days are so packed, don't make the starting times in the morning so early. Leave more free time on move in day too for moving in. I was up very late with my roommate trying to arrange our stuff and we had to be outside at 8 in the morning. Also, on the weekends, don't have the starting times before breakfast is available. It was a little tiring. Also I felt that a lot of the sessions we attended were saying the same things that the other sessions were saying. Eventually it got to the point of being boring! There were multiple people who asked me at rush what I thought of Welcome Week and I said that it was okay but way to long, and they said that thats what they have been hearing a lot!

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more free time, either don't go so late or don't start so early in the morning because I couldn't go to the fun stuff, I was too tired.

I would not pack so much into one particular day. It really was quite a lot.

The length of Welcome Week seemed too long. Cutting it down a few days would have been beneficial especially since we were kept busy from early in the morning to late at night. Cutting it down a couple days would be ideal. Also providing more free time and allowing more time to move in would be helpful as I did not feel settled in until towards the end of the first week of classes.

Welcome week was very well-organized, but to no real benefit to the students. I care about making this event better. As such, all of these comments are meant to be honest, constructive criticism for the staff in order to improve Welcome Week. Sorry if the comments wander a lot. The week was structured in such a way that the people who had taken time to come to a college summer session, or to orientation had already heard almost all of the information two or three times; but also allowed the people who hadn't heard the information and didn't care a chance to skip the sessions with little consequence. The week was so full of fun stuff to do that on the surface people were expected to go to everything even though they may not have enjoyed it. Having a football game and a late-night trip on the same day was a bad idea, because I was so tired from one that I skipped the other. Also, I addition to the lack of lofts for many people in my residence hall, several people complained that they had little time to relax and settle into their room and hall community. I heard stories of several people who hadn't even had time to unpack their belongings before they had to go to the first session at Mariucci. Not only did this happen on the first day, but nearly every day after that until Sunday. I had not set up everything myself, and stayed up fairly late every night of welcome week and did a little unpacking here and there, and was not ready to interact with people in my hall. Also, I live in south Minneapolis, and had a very low-stress move-in, but if anyone had a problem with the move I could understand why people might skip some of the events. The service projects were a great idea, but many people skipped them. This meant that several people in my group wanted to do a service project, but couldn't, because they were "full" even though in my project at Hillel, almost twenty people didn't show up. Other, broader service projects with professors would have been a good idea, because you would have student-faculty interaction, and service for people who wanted to participate. In regards to College Day (I am in CLA honors). The CLA large group session was long, tedious, and largely completely uninformative. The only good presentation was the presentation from the advertising competition about the Coca-Cola campaign. The seminars on college day were often repeats of the information presented on CLA sneak preview day and at orientation. I did the same connect the bubbles to change the world exercise at orientation and at welcome week, and it was (for me) completely worthless both times. Since CLA is so large, we know that there are lots of different people in it, so it would have been nice to get together with people who were interested in the program we were interested in. For example, I am undecided, but if I had to pick a major I would pick Math or B.S. Econ. an opportunity to get together with people who were interested in those programs would have been a good opportunity to meet students who had like interests instead of those who had nothing in common with. A session like this would have a larger impact than a group of tired people.
sitting in a large auditorium listening to someone talk about Econ or books or diversity. Those broad topics have little value for getting people connected to their college. Helping people find friends in a large college is better accomplished by getting people together with like-minded interests and sharing what the college has to offer in that department. An example of something I would have liked would be a small, relaxed session talking about what the Economics department in CLA is about, in more of a discussion form than lecture form. I think across all departments that this would help people towards finding a goal for themselves within the college, or show them a subject that they had some interest in, but didn't want to take classes in that semester. I think welcome week could be great, but the way it was run this year it did very little to help ease my transition to college. Either consisted of unnecessary information that we had to scramble to get to with nothing else going on, or a lot of things going on at once with no time to absorb or enjoy them.

It got to be a bit much. Maybe do a welcome weekend instead of 6 days. Also, we probably didn't need both orientation and welcome week because a lot of the information overlapped. It helped us to navigate the campus better, but the information was kind of an overload.

The food was not the greatest, it could have been better, and we didn't have time to eat breakfast on Saturday and Sunday because we had the earliest rotation.

More free time. We were quite limited on free time at certain points, and this left a psychological impact on us when we *had* free time: Students tended to hang out and loaf about instead of preparing or cleaning up their rooms because they felt so highly-strung from activity-after-activity. Otherwise, the activities were nice.

I would want it to be more organize. Also, if we could pick our side trip when we got to welcome week.

Get rid of the informational seminars and focus on peer interaction. Networking and making friends is more important than being taught things most people already know.

The University needs to understand the ridiculous schedule they planned out for us. I attend the Multicultural Kickoff the day before people moved in and I did not have any time between that and the Convocation. I said hello to both my roommates and was then forced to a long and boring Convocation with poor entertainment, and then we did not have anytime between the days of Welcome Week to even get to know our roommates. I think the week gave very little opportunities to meet our CA and dorm neighbors. These are the people you are going to be living with for the rest of the year. WELCOME WEEK (according to my plans): DAY 1: MOVE IN 11am until end of day 1-no events (just getting to settle in and meet roommates/neighbors) DAY 2: BREAKFAST, LUNCH with Residence Hall Neighbors, CONVOCATION (dinner) DAY 3: CAMPUS TOUR and OUTING DAY, acutually walking around with your welcome week group and seeing the stpaul campus, mpls campus, dinky town, followed by the Twin Cities Outing events choosen by you. Gophers after Dark DAY 4: INFORMATION DAY (explore u, and day of presentations by different resources of the university) DAY 5: Community Service and (Mall of America/State Fair) DAY 6: Dorm Hangout events Day, Superblock, Middlebrook, Sanford, Comstock have different outside and inside events such as a live concert, food, crafts, and hypnotist all day at their dorms for people to get to know the locations of other residence halls and their dining halls. DAY 7: Chill Day, relaxing before class starts, do whatever you feel like DAY 5: community service

Welcome Week was a longer orientation, and orientation was too long. The first day shouldn't have started on Wednesday, my room was still in boxes. The morning shouldn't have started so early if there were going to be late night activities every night.

I think there should have been more time to get settled in, instead of trying to get everything set up right before classes started. There was too much put into one day, and there was too much of the "get involved" thing going on. Yes, being part of something is great, but school comes first, and until freshmen get the hang of that, they shouldn't go try a lot else. The bus drivers were rather exasperated with the freshmen after the first week of class, because none of us knew the differences between the connectors, the express connectors, and the circulators.

I think Welcome Week was a great opportunity, the only thing that I didn't like was the lack of free time. It was extremely draining and just felt too forced. If we would've had more free time it would have been a lot better.

I was not impressed with Welcome Week because it seemed to be a repeat of Orientation, except longer. We were not given much time to navigate on our own unless we skipped parts of WW.

I would have liked more free time to explore the campus by myself or with friends as well as more free time in general so preparing for the beginning of semester. By the end of the week I felt extremely stressed because of the constant activity.

I would make it start later and end earlier because the bus line 25, the one i take to get to and from campus every day does not go all the way to my house after 6:30. over all the welcome week needs improvement in accomodating commuters.

I would not let it go into the last weekend before school, and would make it just three days.

Overall, I thought the experience was excellent. I learned a lot about the University that I did not know previously. I do think that it was difficult to get settled in and have enough time to rest because there were so many activities.

I would like to have more free time and for more of the programs to be optional.

Overall, the best part of Welcome Week were the friends I made from my small group and other activities. It was a nice easy way to meet people and have things to do so you weren't thinking so much about how you were in a new scary situation. The main two things I would change would be the schedule and the amount of lectures. The schedule was ridiculous, there was no time to set up your room first of all and there was almost no time to sleep. The best part of the day was the night activities, but as soon as you got there you were completely wiped from running around all day. A later start time would be effective in helping appreciate the day and night time activities more. The amount of lectures would be helpful to change because half way through the day you stopped listening it was far too much an overload of information. Also many things I did want to learn about were not lectures. My favorite lectures were ones about getting involved in campus. There should have been more lectures about how to be an effective freshman. From picking out the right classes to take to learning how to get around campus better. The last thing I would change is that we felt as if we were being treated as young children then young adults always being herded around. My favorite activities were the optional ones. If you make it less structured it will make the new incoming freshman feel able to breathe and become part of their new community at the same time.
It was wayyyyy too long. Go back to New Student Weekend! Or at least give people time to settle in to our dorms. Don't start events at 8 AM and end them at 10 PM- thats way too long of a day which WILL CAUSE us to skip!

I would definitely add more free time. I felt very stressed having every second of that week planned out for me. When I asked others how they felt, the expressed similar beliefs. Everyone was very tired by the end because there were events from 7am to 10 pm. We all wanted to be able to find our classes and get our books throughout the week rather than have to wait until Monday. I had to walk a lot of distance in one day just to be able to find the exact location of my classes and to time how long it takes to get from one place to another.

Welcome week should be changed to welcome day. It was way too long and to regimented. I did not enjoy the experience

I feel that we needed more free time during welcome week to get settled into our dorm rooms. I understand that some people commute from other places, but we just moved in that day and I felt like I wasn't quite settled that whole week because I never had time to put all my things where they needed to be, rather than in boxes on my floor.

Not having so many planned activities would be nice…also, having sandwiches or burgers for most meals got a little bit old.

The activities were fun, but became to overwhelming, especially on move in day. It would have been nice for move in day to just be 'move in day' maybe the house meeting could have been the activity that night so everyone is aware of the rules and how the residence halls work, then it would have been nice to start the next morning with convocation, and then the rest of the activities. Also, college day for CLA students was exactly like orientation, but for CSOM students it was a blast...maybe you could change that up a little bit. Also, some activities could have been shortened which would allow everyone a little more time to just relax and adjust to the new living situation. All in all it was a fun week.

No icebreakers. Let us rest more.

Give us more free time

We need more free time to move in and to just rest and relax.

I would make it a little more relaxed

Reduce the amount of activities, as most of us would reach our ResHalls by 10 at night and be required to wake up at 7:30 the next day.

I was not impressed with the experience because it was a non-stop talk at you, week long orientation. What we do need is time to meet each other and faculty, and actually move in to our room before our entire week is structured and full.

I already knew that I was responsible for my own college experience. Welcome Week was good but I felt as though I couldn't fully appreciate it all because I was so worn out and tired by all the activities we had to do. There needs to be a lot more free time during the day so as to not overwhelm us. I also think that it was a little too long, all the sessions on the second day were not very helpful because I knew a lot of the information already and I think that Welcome Week does not need to include all these sessions in the future. Overall it was a good experience! Thanks!

Make it shorter - it was excessively overscheduled and long. Everyone needed more time to move in and get settled.

It's seem that our welcome week groups were a bunch of random people. I only see one person that was in my group, and that's because she lives near my dorm. The group should be people in our residence halls, or people we'll have classes with. Not random people. Also, there were WAY to many name games. Those were a waste of time because even if I became friends with people in my group, I probably won't see them again.

There were too many scheduled activities. I would allow a lot more free time or at least optional activities. Some of the small group meetings were unnecessary. "Explore the U of M" day was poorly organized and didn't allow enough time to get from one part of campus to another, so we missed several sessions and barely made it to the St. Paul campus. Saturday and Sunday were my favorite days because they didn't involve sitting in classrooms and being talked at.

Some parts of welcome week were unnecessary like the 20 minute long speeches. Speeches should be short sweet and to the point.

I would turn welcome week into Welcome Month, that way kids get a stronger feel for the campus and campus life. A week was much too short, and we had too much free time during Welcome Week. It would have been more beneficial to have more time with my Welcome Week group.

I would have had less speeches because it got very repetitive after a while.

Not make it so long, or have more free time at night.

Fri. seminars were incredibly unenthusiastic. I would have split them up over a couple days. Also, i would shorten how long welcome week is in the first place. There's too much stuff that was not needed. Like small group meetings....i felt like i was at camp.

I think that commuters should not be required to attend all of Welcome Week. Being commuters we know the Twin Cities and do not need to explore it. I also think that the weekend in general should not be required. I was supposed to work and ended up losing about 200 hundred dollars of pay that I could have had to attend the Welcome Week.

If I was to change the Welcome Week, I would give more free time to the students and less time in the informational sessions. Many of the sessions were very repetitive and boring. Also, I would start the day later to allow for more sleep. This would increase the moods of everyone involved, including the students and the Welcome Week leaders.

More free time! Most of the days were longer than necessary. I also think it should be more well known that Welcome Week is optional and not required, because we were getting mixed messages about that. Convocation was not very exciting at all, and the icebreaker games were getting very tiring by the end. We are in college, and we should know how to meet people by now without having to think of a word that starts with the first letter of our name... I would have liked more information on how specifically to use the library resources, because I know that I and some of my peers are pretty confused.

Give some downtime during the day. After the week everyone was so worn out and crabby.

Change it to "Welcome Weekend".
I would not make it as structured. Maybe a few events a day, but nothing more than that, and what is trying to be taught when we have to travel in groups, college is about individually and taking care of yourself. We should have small groups, but not have to travel in them. If you all are worried about having kids make connections during this small group time, then have a small seminar on meeting people and then your going to get the people who want to be there.

I would make it maybe little shorter.

I wouldn't make it as long. It had gotten long. I would give students a list just like the question before this, have them select it. That way, students would get what they really wanted to get. Have stuff like academic requirements and career planning be required though. I talked to an upperclassman, and he said they had never heard of stuff like that, and that it was good I knew.

I would change welcome week to be shorter or the schedule should be different for students living on campus and students who are commuting. I am a commuter and it was very hard and tiring for me to be at school morning until evening. There should also be more free time and/or nap time because when I get home from welcome week, I was so tired. The information given at welcome week were mostly informations that were already given like at orientation and the MCAE Kick-off. Food should be given at the side trips because having to skip lunch was hard when I haven't eaten breakfast. I went to Loring Park and it was very long having to stay there for three hours of just walking around and no food. It should have taken just an hour. Overall, I said that welcome week is too long because that week just stressed me out.

I would spread the fun stuff out. the first days get very long and sometimes very boring. We understand the information is useful but you pack it on us and it just gets old. all the long classes and sessions and things to be at were the first four days then we get one day and we are supposed to do everything fun in that day. Thats terrible, and everyone was to tired anyway!

I think that welcome week was too long. It was exhausting. I actually got sick during welcome week and had a cold the first two weeks of school. Great way to start the school year. I was just so tired out from this experience. I have to commute to campus. Having to be there every day from about 8 am to 8, 9, 10 pm or later was just too much. I don't think that I got a lot out of welcome week. Having been a PSEO student, nothing they showed me was new. I wish that there had been more exploration of the campus and buildings. I felt that we really did not get shown the campus at all. It would have been nice to have been shown the gopher way and libraries and places like that. Also, I really would have like to have been introduced to more of the resources. I know about a lot of things like the writing lab and tutoring centers, and I don't feel like Welcome week did a good job of showing the freshmen what was available to them. I thought that the college day was worthwhile. I am in CBS so I got to meet up with people that I had met at Itasca. Also, I liked that we were put into Welcome Week groups. I met a couple of people that I still talk to through that group. I would have liked there to be more free time. I missed the state fair this year because of Welcome week. I could not go to the late night trip the state fair due to my cousin's birthday. I think that welcome week could have been short by at least 2 days. The last two days I felt like it was a waste of time even driving down to the U because I really didn't get anything out of the involvement fairs. I think that my biggest problem with welcome week is just how tiring it was. I was so tired my first week of school because I had lost sleep during welcome week due to the fact that there were so many things I had to do for it. I think it is easier for students living on campus than it is for commuting students.

It was very overwhelming and I almost felt less independent due to the required seminars. I was very tired most of the time because there was so much going on, I think there could have been more time to adjust in our dorms and also on move in day there was not enough time before we had to leave for activities.

My only change would be to add more free time so we can get settled and meet people for more than just a few minutes.

I would not require welcome week, or if it is going to be required not require all of it. Also the days were very long. 8 am till 9 or 10 at night, or later if one stayed for the evening activities. There was also a lot of information that I think students are not going to use, they just went to sessions because it was required. Many students also had to leave early because otherwise they would miss their bus home.

The events seemed to become repetitious, and then became kind of long. Next time a full week might not be necessary and or give students less lecture and presentations and more enjoyable friendly meeting time

welcome week was absolutely over scheduled, provided much too little information about what was going on to the small group leaders (which was not their fault), and did not make me feel at home in the university. I would have much rather taken that time to explore the university on my own, perhaps most of welcome week could be more optional than trying to threaten everyone about attendance, and gotten to know my roommate as well as others within my building on my own, not in a forced and exruciatingly boring setting.

Nothing... I suppose...

cut out all the long talks, These were very boring and encouraged people not to come to other activities that would have been helpful. speeches are finee but keep them short and to the point.

The sack lunches were horrible in quality and very stressful trying to obtain.

I would give the students a little more free time and have it be a few days of a lot of activities rather than one whole week of things planned every day.

I would change maybe how long it was. I thought it was a good experience but it was the last week of summer and making it start so early in the morning and end so late at night was tiring. I was a commuter so it was hard for me.

During Welcome Week, I learned my way around campus extremely well since we walked everywhere but I also felt like we were at summer camp. There was a set schedule everyday and I wish we had more free time.

I would shorten the program, make it 3 days. The current program was too long and became a bit redundant.

The entire welcome week program was too long, which caused extreme apathy towards the event. Most of the individual seminars were uninteresting with no alternative. It was also uncertain as to what was required and what was not. The icebreakers were generally useless as they could never help to establish long term relationships. I will say that the welcome week leaders were very nice and hardworking, as well as understanding towards the freshmans' confusions or boredom. And now, a limerick from wikipedia: The limerick packs laughs anatomical In space that is quite economical, But the good ones I've seen So seldom are clean, And the clean ones so seldom are comical.

Not so much go go go. We need time to rest and get books and stuff.
Although I felt that welcome week is a good idea, I didn't have a lot of time to settle in and I was very sleep deprived. This made me more... 

more free time. It really sucked having welcome week activities until 10 and then having to wake up so early the next morning.

I would have less events that were mandatory. I know that there was an immense amount of sponsorship, and they wanted us to actually get something out of it, but it would have been better for our experience if there wasn't so much going on. It seemed like more of an 8-5 workday than a welcome week.

I would make it optional because then students would have the choice to attend. I would also start the activities later in the day because I was more tired going into the first day of school.

The days were very long and we were "talked at" the entire time.

Although I felt that welcome week is a good idea, I didn't have a lot of time to settle in and I was very sleep deprived. This made me more annoyed with some of the activities at event throughout the day. All I wanted to do was sleep. I did find the majority of welcome week to be less boring.

I would make it shorter and less boring.

Welcome week was just too long. It was really hard to have that many days that planned out for us. We had no time to get settled in to our dorms or explore the campus for ourselves. Almost all of the sessions and what not seemed to give the same information about getting involved on campus, and taking responsibility, which was particularly hard for me to sit through being a student that lived on my own all of last year. Also, a lot of the sessions weren't interactive or entertaining so it got REALLY REALLY hard to focus. Also this survey may have been better sent out like the week after welcome week ended. Welcome week is a good idea, and I think it does help to be on campus a week before classes start, but it needs a lot of help.

Give more free time during the day so we aren't constantly busy. Our days pretty much went from 8 in the morning to midnight if you participated into all of the activities with only a few short breaks. That makes for a very long week.

I think welcome week took too much time. Some things we went to weren't helpful but some were. I was just frustrated because I came late on move-in day and didn't have any time to unpack until all the welcome week things were done (on Monday). Every night I'd come back to the dorms for free time, hoping to meet people, but I was too tired to do so (I just went to bed every night). Please allow more free time for next year. Also, it was hard to meet people outside of your welcome week group. It was nice having a change in people for college day; maybe have 2 groups you switch off every other day. Of course don't have too many groups so that its too hard to meet people because you come across so many.

I am neutral about welcome week helping me understand how I have to create my own college experience because I know life is what you make out of it. I would have liked more free time to interact with people and relax.

I would give more free time and less structure for the whole week.

reduce the number of events

It was a little long. I would suggest that a campus tour would be implemented in it as well so that we would have known where our classes would be.

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the food could be better, but other than that it was ok.

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More free time, it was exhausting and the same thing every day. I can hardly remember what happened because there was too much information.

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Although I felt that welcome week is a good idea, I didn't have a lot of time to settle in and I was very sleep deprived. This made me more annoyed with some of the activities at event throughout the day. All I wanted to do was sleep. I did find the majority of welcome week to be fun.

I think one week was a little long considering we had things we needed to go do from 8- or-so in the morning till 10!!! We were exhausted and this experience felt more like orientation, but longer.

Convocation was very long, but that's to be expected. I know that a lot of people were complaining during Welcome Week about this and that, but overall there was a LOT of work put into it, and it actually worked out very smoothly for this being the first year, so congratulations! I marked Disagree on the quality of food, just because during Convocation and large-group things like that, it's hard to have quality food served to 6,000 people at one time. I understand.

Nothing
I thought it would have been more helpful to go around and find out where each of my classes were. I talked to others and they agreed with this statement. So on the first day of classes freshman weren't forced to constantly be checking there schedule to see if they were going to the right place.

Make it shorter, because I have work in summer and I need those hours.

Don't have activities so back to back. Give students some time in between. They won't resent going to seminars, etc. if they have an hour to sit and relax, or just explore campus on their own.

It was too long and had too much planned social events that were not academic related at all. especially being the week right before school, i would much rather have spent that time getting myself prepared individually.

A couple changes I would make to Welcome Week, is first off less time spent in lectures being talked at. I realize that this has to be done in order to relay information, but it go to be a little much, especially the week before we started classes. Also, there were so many fun evening events planned that I feel many people didn't attend because by the end of they were so tired that they had to sacrifice the fun optional events for the lengthy required events. Another change I would make is providing more options for meals. I understand it is hard to cater to the appetites of that many people, but I think if more options would be provided, it would make this area better.

Not make is so bloody irritating. The point of graduating to a college life is to find one's independence, welcome week was nothing but organized/force fed lines. Instead of making it a full friggin' week, try cutting it down to 2-3 days at the most. I could have been an asshole and suggested that next year's incoming freshmen should have to go through two full weeks of this shit, but I decided that I wouldn't wish that on my mortal enemies.

I believe that I would give a lot more freedom to the students to be able to choose what they find fun and exciting. Also, more free time needs to be included because that was way too much activity. I also believe that welcome week should be made into "Welcome weekend" or "welcome day". I became bored too easily and wanted to get out of many of my sessions. Had I not been required to attend so many of the sessions, I would have not attended many of them. I already have school spirit, but being bombarded by all the school spirit was just too much. I was very disappointed with welcome week as a whole. The main thing that I got out of it was meeting new people, but I have four years to do that (and yes, I am from out of state and know one other person going here).

I would make it less scheduled, there was too much stuff, in too little time, it was really tiring and i didnt like that, it should be more relaxed, i think 3 days to just move in, hang out, and get to know campus would be better...

more free time to get settled in

more free time

I would just make it like two days so it doesn't become stressful.

I would make the times more spread out throughout the day to give the students more time to relax and get comftrable at the U opposed to just being rushed into these events or make more events optional.

I would give more free time in the beginning, especially time to get settled in. I felt rushed and disorganized in the beginning and had little time on Monday to prepare for classes.

more activities but non mandatory

I think the only thing that would have been nice was to have a tour through the gopher way because although it was really hot outside, I feel that come winter when I use it I'm going to get lost. Knowing the underground tunnels is my only advice.

I would change so we have more time to get settled in our room and residence hall. I would also elaborate on the bus schedule. I live in Bailey and i felt very uninformed about the buses, and i felt we never got a very formal tour of campus which would have been very helpful.

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- Welcome Week is a great experience that all freshman and university community should be involved in every year!
- Welcome Week was more stressful and painful than my first week of college has been.
- Welcome Week was an abomination from start to finish. You ran us completely ragged, stole a week of our last meaningful summer, threatened penalties for not cooperating in puerile and pointless ice-breakers, and chronically wasted my time. The obligation to attend forced me to reroute my move-in plans, to the great consternation of myself and my family, not to mention that valid college issues were never addressed the way they should have been. Please, for Christ's sake, someone pick something else to do for CLA college day. Being herded onto the West Bank to hear random presentations on topics we don't care about is completely stupid. That was the worst of all these despicable days. I can't believe you wasted my time with this.
- The whole experience to me was worth it.
- I think students need to be allowed to have more time to just hang out with others instead of being in sessions all of the time. After the day was through I was often too tired to go and meet people during a night optional session.
- Make it shorter!
- Welcome Week was WAY too overwhelming. I wish there was a lot more free time. I feel having time on your own to explore your new surroundings and community is vital in gaining a sense of belonging and community. I was also stressed about buying my books all week. I would have been able to concentrate on Welcome Week activities if I hadn't been stressing about when to buy my books and prepare for my classes. I rarely paid attention to the sessions I attended during Welcome Week because I was bored with going to the activities and felt they all said the same thing. Overall, there were just too many activities and too many similar activities.
- Please rethink the CLA portion of College Day. I do understand that it is the largest of the colleges... we are the artists. We need stimulation. While other groups are running about learning about campus we were stuck in Mariucci (the headquarters for the Week) wanting only to leave.
- More of Fun Zone! I loved that. I didn't have enough time to do all the activities and to keep doing them. Over all the scheduling was really tight. I thought we had to get up a little bit too early. I think everyone wanted more time to relax and just maybe walk around the campus on their own. I think that would have been really nice and to have time to just hang around the mall area in the grass with our peers. The campus is really nice. I loved band! That was amazing! The football game was fun too. My new friends and I would have liked to sit with all the other Gophers in the big glob of maroon and gold, but we were seated with the other football team. We had made all of our shirts spell GO-PH-ER-S! We wanted to be on TV and all of the good seats, where the football team's came in and out of, were not even all filled. It was all a very good experience though. If I had the choice I would go to it again.
- I think Welcome Week is a really great idea to get students familiar with the campus and their new community, however I think the 'week' was a little too long and too packed with activities. I felt like I couldn't enjoy all of the even activities because I was already too tired (being in a new environment takes a LOT of energy out of you!) to get involved.
- The idea of Welcome Week is a good one - it just needs to be changed a little. I met one of my good friends during Welcome Week, and it made me more relaxed for the first day of classes. It was good to have been on campus 5 days before classes started, because my dorm already started to feel like home.
- I think that overall it was a positive experience and helped me get adjusted to the U. For its first year, it was good, but it could be better see above!
- More durable day packs would be nice because the ones we got did not last very long.
- The overall idea of welcome week was good though there are a few kinks to work out. I liked the experience but it definitely could have been better.
- More free stuff!!
- Loved the "How to Meet a Cop" presentation.
- Lessen CLA speakers
- GET RID OF WELCOME WEEK! DON'T MAKE ANY MORE KIDS SUFFER!
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<td>Overall, it wasn’t a horrible experience, and I did make some really nice friends. I enjoyed some of the activities, but I think that it was a little too long and drawn out. Welcome Week wasn’t horrible, but it definitely wasn’t something I look back and would ever want to do again. The days were far too long with way too early of start times. Instead of feeling rested, I felt tired and crabby. It’s difficult to want to meet new people and actually meet new people when you look like poo because you hardly had time for a shower. I felt like I wasn’t even moved into my dorm until late Monday night. There was no time to organize or even see my roommate all that much because she wasn’t in my group. Welcome Week definitely could improve, but some parts of it were actually fun. I really liked the Late-Night Activities and the small group meetings, but overall it was way too long of a day everyday. We need to have time to meet with our advisors. I needed to talk to mine but had to do activities that meant nothing to me instead. Also, during College day, please do not make CLA people - or any people - do the “How You Can Change The World” activity. It was ridiculous. The only part of College Day that I found interesting and informative was the talk about books that the three literature professors did - they were very engaging, I found. Also, I know that Welcome Week was funded by many companies, but the constant, completely non-subtle product placement got annoying after a while. Welcome week made me feel like I was at a summer camp. Having a leader made me feel like I was being baby-sat. When students move out of the house for the first time this is not what they want to experience. I liked the small group activities. There were way too many seminars. I would have liked more time to myself to get my room organized. Welcome Week is good but can be even better if it is less-time-consuming. Welcome week was a horrible experience for me. When I got to campus they didn’t have any welcome week info for me such as the name tag and business cards, so I didn’t know what group I was in. Then, I was told I would find out at mariucci later. When we got to mariucci there were about 1,000 people who had they same problem I did, so you guys panicked and told everybody to go and sit wherever and come back later. When I came back, they still didn’t have my info, or anything for me. The staff needs to be trained better in troubleshooting. After convocation, I decided that I wasn’t going to attend the rest of the events, because that night was just horrible on your part. I did however end up goin to some of the events with some friend of mine in their groups. Overall, I would recommend not doing welcome week next year.</td>
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Good first year!

The days were too full, it felt like summer camp where minute was planned and that was unhelpful in the transition to college. We have a lot of free time here and we have to figure out how to manage it, it was overwhelming to go from the extremely structured days of Welcome Week to real college life.

It was a good experience, but everything should be optional so that we are only going to the events we want.

I think Welcome Week went very well for it being the first year. I had a lot of fun but I just think it shouldn't have been so over-scheduled.

Overall I was unhappy with Welcome Week. I feel that the entire program was extremely overwhelming and exhausting. If anything it should have been WEWelcome Weekend. There was so much packed into everyday that by the time we returned to our dorm rooms, everyone was just exhausted. I think that a lot of people felt as if it was very "camp-like" because each day was planned so specifically. I liked the variety of information provided to us, but, honestly, half of it I already don't remember. I would have really preferred to have had a lot more free time. I think that it wasn't until the 4th day of Welcome Week where I got to spend more time in more dorm than just sleeping in there. I feel as if we were treated like little kids. I think that we are all adults and about to be freshmen in college, I'm pretty sure we can handle the responsibility of finding information about things we were interested in. I wish I had more good things to say because I know that the entire WEWelcome Week was a huge expense on the University's part but I could have done without it.

This was great, especially compared to the orientation-type activities my friends at other schools described to me. Awesome job.

Reformat to optional seminars after school has started so the information comes when people are looking for it. Unless, of course, you were looking for the effect of the class of 2012 uniting in their dislike for numerous seminars with no freedom and constant attendance being taken and being led around.

More small group activities were the main focus is interacting and getting to know the group.

It was a great idea, and I know it was the first year, so I believe it was well done. However, there could be many improvements, but I also know there will be. Great job guys!

My welcome week experience was excellent

It was interesting.

I thought welcome week was great and although some of it could be better, I felt it really helped me adjust. I would also LOVE to be a welcome week leader next year because I want to help other incoming freshman how Chase had helped me.

none

To sum up what I said in the previous question, I don't believe that some of the events should have been required for commuters. Also, I don't think you talked about the main things that students wanted to know about. I felt a lot of the presentations were too vague and did not apply to us as freshman, for example, the two girls who talked about research during the CLA College day. I was disappointed in the presentation because they told me no information I could use to learn more about it, and how to go about doing that sort of thing. That really bummed me out, because researching with a professor is something I am very interested in.

The sessions should be left optional so people can choose exactly what is relative to their lives. It was really hard to sit through the three-hour convocation and the college day sessions. I also didn't like being scheduled so late. Everyone had things they needed to get done and couldn't do any of them until 9 or 10 at night. It was definitely not how I wanted to spend the last few days of my summer.

For future reference, let everyone move in and get to know their dorm neighbors and wait a day before starting. I still don't even feel like I know the people on my dorm floor that well because I never had a chance to interact much with them before we started school. I think more meetings with our houses during Welcome Week would be more fun. Thanks!

Overall I thought it was a good experience, I just wish we had a little more time to ourselves.

Make sure that the leaders are well-informed of their duties, responsibilities, and the activities of their freshman.

Welcome Week was useful, but I think more information would have been soaked in and more people would have had positive attitudes about it if they weren't so exhausted and run down. Overall, I think too much was packed into so little time.

Just give up on it. It wasn't worth the five years of planning.

sleeping in a little longer is always a good thing! The speaker with the last name Davis was really good

Just give us more free time and flexibility! There's a lot to take care of the first week, and to go back to something more structured than high school was very frustrating.

Make it shorter. Give us more free time.

Looking back at welcome week, I really enjoyed it and have made two of my best friends during welcome week.

This was planned over a course of 5 years and this is what you came up with?

none

I think that since it is required for everyone, and that there should be consequences for those who decide to skip more than half of the time. I know that my roommate skipped almost everything, and I think it was ridiculous that she thought it was above her because no one else was thrilled about it, but we went. She had no reason to miss, either. If someone had a real reason to miss, that is understandable. But for the lazy, there should be consequences so they understand that they need to live up to the expectations of college. I don't know, that is just my opinion.

Not bad for a first time.

Although sometimes the information presented is a little bit boring, the delivery and appeal was spot on! Very nice job chaps!
IT SUCKED!

Have Res. Hall people and commuters interact with each other more! A LOT MORE!

Welcome week was a good experience but with a few changes it can be an even better experience for future students.

Fantastic! Lindsey was great! 59er's for life!

more free time. let us move in and unpack. also, start it on a weekend. my mom was the only one able to come up here to help me move in. my dad really wanted to come but couldn't take off work. i'm still pretty bitter about it.

Welcome Week felt really long and had us on a rigorous schedule that involved sleep deprivation as well as long periods of time where we sat around and waited for something to happen.

stop bothering me, I'm in the marching band

Sometimes I felt a little bit like an elementary school kid with all of the planned activities. I was annoyed by the policy that if we got done early we couldn't leave and also the attitude of some of the group leaders when they treated us like kids. I would prefer a looser structure for welcome week overall.

Read above ^^

Overall, I really enjoyed my Welcome Week experience. It helped me make friends in a state where I knew nobody.

It was like boot camp for college students :-(

For a first year program it was very well done, hats off to Kelly O'Connor and the rest of the organizers!

I had a great time, met new people and really got to know the campus. This was a very helpful program.

NOT SO STRUCTURED!

NO MORE WELCOME WEEK! it makes the U look like a prison!

It was okay

it was overall super fun

it was a good way to meet new people and sort of learn your way around

This program had great intentions but, it was too long and really the exposed the bureaucracy that the u is! Make is shorter with less days around 3-4 and also and some students will like it! the best part was the welcome week leaders ! they were amazing. Loved the football game!

good times!

it got to be a little long and there was no free time, a lot of people skipped out b/c they were tired.

Very nice job considering it was the first time you guys held it :)

Overall, I like the idea of Welcome Week and appreciate all the effort put into it.

Just scale it back. Remember, LESS IS MORE with these things. People will develop their own opinions about the U of M eventually, so it would be more effective to allow them to define their own experience to a much larger extent than was possible this year. Might I also suggest removing the "mandatory" tag from the program...

I liked the week-long program, it gave me time before school started to meet people and get used to life in the residence halls. However, this time was not utilized because I was constantly having to go to scheduled sessions, many of which reiterated what we were taught at orientation. The redundancy of the program became boring after a while. I wish more things were optional, and we just had fun things to do for a week, which provides a much more relaxing environment in which to meet people.

I realize that there is a lot to cram into a short time, but more time to sleep would have been nice.

IT WAS HORRIBLE!

Give the next welcome week group more free time to just have fun with the people who they live next to.

Overall, there was a bit too much going on. I found it to be organized, but i felt like there should have been some more free time incorporated into the schedule. Thanks!

I found Welcome Week to be rather beneficial and a great way to meet fellow peers.

It was fun, yet stressful and overwhelming because there wasn't much down time.

Too long

more exploring, less sitting would be good

More Rest time and better way to transport all of us students! Maybe separates us a little more?

Give more down time inbetween the day! Students don't need to have their entire minute planned out for them!!

the welcome week leaders were fun, and overall it helped me meet a lot of new people. i would have liked having a few groups of people where i consistently saw them everyday rather than seeing and meeting 100 new people everyday that i will most likely never talk to again. it would be nice to be able to build relationships with people in your small groups. maybe it would be cool to have like 2 or 3 small groups rather than going on your own schedule everyday.
Overall welcome week was unnecessary and a waste of time. Only part I got info from was asking the leaders questions directly. Other than that meeting new ppl was the only other benefit.

Just make Welcome Week shorter. There are a lot of fun things about it, and the Leaders really know their stuff. There are ways to get the next group of freshmen more interested if you keep it short, simple yet keep it so it has all of the information they still need.

I do appreciate the time spent with our welcome week groups because I have been able to establish some very good friendships with people I probably wouldn’t have if we didn’t have all that time together.

Welcome Week would be effective with less structure and just two days of tours instead of unproductive activities. It was a good way to meet people in small groups, but the activities were not helpful.

As a commuter, I didn’t feel like Welcome Week actually had to be a week long. The time I spent by myself finding each of my classes and just a few days away from our first game and we were forced to sit through the College Day presentations in Mariucci which weren’t very long.

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I am very thankful for all the hard work that went into Welcome Week. It must have been crazy. Thanks. ;)

Educational and informative, but, at times, got very long and I kinda got burnt out.

See above

Space things out next year and let the students sleep more.

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It was an awesome way for me to get to know my way around campus and meet people that I am good friends with now.

Please reconsider. Think of the children. People aren’t going to want to come to the U after hearing Welcome Week horror stories.

It was something

Looking back, welcome week was helpful, but there were too many activities that were redundant

I think Welcome Week should be eliminated.

LAME!

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Like I said above, make it a weekend, not a week. This was way too drawn-out with information that we already knew. All the necessary stuff (like convocation) could have been in a single weekend, or even a day. In retrospect I could have chosen not to attend most of the events, and still be in the position I am today.

I think that Welcome Week was good and helpful, but it was definitely the first Welcome Week program, that is, there are still quite a few "kinks" to work out. I would like to see the progress from this year to next year, and I think that with the information from these surveys, next year's Welcome Week will be a good success.

Just give us more free time. You had us going from 8AM to 1AM, that's too much.

Welcome Week was pretty cool. I was impressed with the organization of it all being that there is so many people involved and serving us all that free food and giving us all that free stuff - props!

Again more organize the welcome and give the leaders more training because some of the leaders did not know what they were doing this year.

I met cool people.

Welcome Week has been a great opportunities for us to get to know each other before school starts.

I really liked the side trips and late night at the MOA, and target run, I made quite a few friends at those events.

I was impressed at how smoothly Welcome Week ran. With so many people and so many different activities it was amazing that everything was on schedule. After the week I felt much more comfortable with college.

Make it exciting.

I was pretty much satisfied.

Welcome Week was fun but students need to have some time to meet people outside of their Welcome Week group. Also information needs to be relied in a better manner since at times our welcome week leader did not know what was going on because he had not be told by his leaders.

I did feel that a lot of work was put into making this welcome week possible and I thank all that helped to make it something special and helpful and very welcoming for the class of 2012!

It was a great welcoming week I wish it would have been longer and more fun.

Yeah. Spare next years freshman and get rid of Welcome Week!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We needed more free time, I got sick because we were up late and had to get up early. I felt as if I was in high school because everything was planned and there was always an agenda. I enjoyed Welcome Week over all but there needed to be time to relax and have fun on your own....

don't require so much from commuters

I would like to have had more free time. Most of the activities were very helpful, but it was too much at once, and a little overwhelming. I wish that welcome week would have started the day after moving in. I was rushed to say good bye to my family, and I did not unpack all of my belongings until a week or so after welcome week because I had no time and I was so exhausted. The long days wore me out and I was tired before I even started classes.

Not having a roommate for the initial move-in, welcome week allowed me to interact with others and get to know people! Yay! I still hang out with people from my welcome week small group.

THIS SHOULD NOT BE A REQUIREMENT!!

Please give us time to relax! We were all so exhausted. A lot of us had not even gotten situated into our rooms. I did not have time to meet with my advisor either.

Well I felt that getting to know my class was far less important than just learning to reach out to peers. That though this may be college there are normal people to just chill with. I felt that Welcome Week was an awesome experience where I learned many things about what to do for college.

I thought it went well but it was a little too long.

Welcome week was helpful, but the days were too long. The information and activities could be done in a much shorter amount of time.

None

It was effective, but very overwhelming and too much!

The side trips need to be longer. By the time we got to the Mall of America, we had less than an hour before we had to leave again.

Thank you!

I felt very prepared after Welcome Week. It was a success from my point of view.

Welcome Week needs desperately to be re-thought.

Welcome week is great!

I was satisfied with the welcome week event. Everything was perfect.
I think that welcoming week was fun for me because I had leaders that were fun and relax and my group had great energy.

If the University chooses to do welcome week next year, they strongly should reconsider taking up every day, the entire day of the week for freshmen, because it's not productive and it doesn't allow them any time to adjust. Overall everyone that I've spoke to was highly unimpressed by welcome week its requirements.

It was a bit overwhelming but ok overall. if most of the options were optional, then that would've been better. Need more free time, and plan activities after noon. I don't think we need an entire week for activities either.

All of the seminars we had to go to were boring.

Good idea, but needs more free time and time to get settled in the dorm room.

These guys need to get paid for all the crap they have to go through. I applaud you welcome week leaders, but hell if I'm going to become one. I might do it for the multicultural event though. Those guys were cool. Overall I'd suggest more sleep. I'm sure people wouldn't mind all the treking if they were more awake for it. I know there's this whole deal with drinking and trying to prevent that but seriously the idiots who do that stuff are going to do it anyway. Might as well give the ones who aren't doing it time to sleep instead of having us do stuff late into the night. Make the late night stuff optional. That way those who want to, and can, and can do it. >WHO ARE WE? >MK!!!!!

Welcome week could easily be cut down to 2-3 days total, saving the university millions of dollars and saving students from a very high-stress introduction to college. I was offended as I felt that I was treated as a high-school student and not an adult/college student. Treat us with some respect -- when I asked my WW leader what the consequences for not attending something I was not interested in were, she did not know and could only speak of vaguely threatening "attendance" records. I was offended by this -- when I ask what the consequences of my actions will be in a respectful manner, I expect to get a clear answer so that I can make my own informed decisions. This was not the case. To summarize, this experience did not encourage RESPONSIBILITY as I was not given appropriate information to make my decisions nor the opportunity to decide what I thought was necessary/unnecessary. This experience did not encourage INDEPENDENCE. It was a completely guided week with everything pre-scheduled. There were many places I would have loved to have visited independently, but time was not provided for this. The only aspect of RESILIENCE that was promoted was stress-management -- all stress directly due to the welcome week process. And TOLERANCE OF AMBIGUITY is NOT A VIRTUE. Ambiguity is AT BEST neutral and there is no reason I should be tolerant of it. What I am tolerant of is CLARITY and TRUTH -- Tell me things in a clear, concise, and honest manner and I will be pleased. Tell me things in an ambiguous manner and I will politely listen and then just as politely dismiss you as deceitful or at the very least uninformed/ignorant. I hope you enjoyed my commentary and found it useful. I can only hope future students here will have a better experience than I have had, particularly considering that students had little input into this year's Welcome Week. Despite my negative attitude, after welcome week was complete, I immediately began to enjoy college and my pleasure in attending the U has only grown since -- no thanks to my first week.

I'm glad that the Class of 2012 was the first to experience Welcome Week.

Keep it as busy as possible

Welcome Week was good because it helped getting to know people and our way around the campus, but give more free time next year.

You are giving us all this information and helping me so much in learning about so many different things. I felt much more comfortable attending college after welcome week!!!

I know this was a 5 year process and I know many people worked SO hard to make Welcome Week happen. And for that, I am sooo appreciative. Hopefully next year it will be new, improved, and AWESOME! :)

Fun overall

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I thought the idea of welcome week was great and I really did like the concept of it, it was just all a bit much for the first week of being away from home. I would suggest doing it again but leaving more free time for students.

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Really fun experience. Super yummy food, with good variety and vegetarian options! Loved meeting people in my residence hall.

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The food could have been better (Institute of Technology.)
I liked it! I wish I had had more time to attend the sessions I missed!

It would have been nice to have some free time to get settled into my room. Everything was so planned out, and it got stressful because there's only certain times my dad could come down and help me get everything situated.

I have cookie breath.

Make welcome week less packed with one activity after another because then it just gets overwhelming.

I have cookie breath.

Well the welcome week is a unique and ice-breaking event for all the students. However, I felt kind of exhausted and suffered a lot from time difference that time. I think it's pretty important to make it slow and well organized because lots of students, especially international students would need a better rest to get prepared for the new semester.

I think there should be more time for small group meetings because that was how I met people and we were rushed a lot.

sweet

I really like the idea of welcome week but there is definite room for improvement!

Make it shorter. Totally unnecessary.

See box above

Let boy and girl be a group.

MORE FREE TIME!

I didn't find it much fun and it felt not worth the time I had to put in. More free time to explore would have been great. More free stuff as well!

Glad it's over. I feel like it would have been more needed if I hadn't already known so much about the university. For some it might have been vital, just not me. Also, kinda sucked that it was all mandatory. Made me feel a little trapped and aggrivated. I feel like it was also a little like being headded like middle-schoolers, even though our Leaders rocked (I can't imagine how bad it would have sucked if they hadn't!).

DON'T DO WELCOME WEEK.

You should check out the movie In Bruges. It's a really good flick, has Colin Ferrel in it. I'd suggest it without a doubt.

Welcome week was fun, but tiring.

I think the students and welcome week leaders were just exhausted. Maybe shorten it to four days or space things out more. :)

Overall welcome week was a good experience but I think there was too much information and too many activities planned to the point were many people were tired at the end of the day

Overall, I don't know if it was worth the money the University spent.

it was very intersting and i like the welcome week progarm.

Jeanine Davis was one of my favorite things about welcome week I thought he was really great and it was an amazing opportunity.

Good job for first time.

Welcome week was fun at first, but then it just felt boring. Towards the later part i really felt like skipping out on somethings so i had more time to settle in.

It was a fun experience. I am lucky and proud to be the first year students to be involved in such a new experience.

Thank you for your hard work! I'm pretty sure it was tough this year, especially since we're the first class to ever do it.

Welcome Week is helpful for new students, but it can get VERY overwhelming and it becomes hard to absorb all of the information thrown at you. Also, some messages are repeated over and over and get boring - for example, time management, stress management, and goal setting were constantly emphasized. Although they are important, I was more worried about finding my way around the U and getting to know campus resources. Students should have more options for Welcome Week activities. Finally, a group of 30 freshman is fairly large, even with 2 leaders and it becomes hard to connect with all of the other students. A smaller group creates a closer network that students can rely on through the entire year.

I would definitely keep welcome week, I'd just get rid of some of the lectures and allow that free time for moving into the dorms, getting books, and getting to know your roommate. I would definitely keep the professor who gave out the tassels, though.

The programs were good, but sometimes late for commuters. Sunday should be a day off, because there was nothing to do. Volunteering should be included. The students should be together from different college's. Like have lunch ......

welcome week over all was helpful of getting to know campus and meeting to people even though it was very hard to sit through hours of speeches.

I liked it! I wish I had had more time to attend the sessions I missed!
The welcome week leaders, bless their hearts, tried to be enthusiastic about the whole process. By the 4th day we were skipping about half of the meetings at their suggestion.

WELCOME WEEK WAS HELPFUL TOOLS THAT YOU CAN SPREAD OUT THE NEW STUDENTS AND BUILD THEIR SKILLS FOR LEARNING THE U MORE. WELCOME WEEK ROCKS "GOOD JOB, GOOD JOB" KEEP DOING.

Welcome week is a NECESSITY, I am scared to think of what things would have been like just having one day to prepare.... you could even use welcome week as a perk to attract people. I come from a small town of 2000 and I feel like the UMN isn't as big as people make it seem.... Maybe letting us know more about our resources would have been nice like where one stop is, book stores, stores, computer labs, libraries, AND WHY IS THE BRIDGE CLOSED TO BIKES?????????????? I BROUGHT MY BIKE SO I COULD USE IT GOING ACROSS THAT THING... NOW I WILL HAVE TO WALK ALL YEAR LONG????????????????????????WT?

Thank you for the week!! It was great to meet so many new people and the speakers were amazing!

We need more time to ourselves and spend less time on Welcome Week, it was a long five days.

Sorry but i don’t feel that this should be going on next year. It was a waste of money that could have been used for something more meaningful to all the students at the University.

Fix the bus issue. I, along with a lot of other students, got sick because of standing out in the rain. Welcome week sucked and made me not want to attend the U. I wish I didn’t have to waste my last week of summer at Welcome Week. If anything it should all be optional because it was horrible.

Don’t make it as long in the future.

I think welcome week is a very good idea. However, I do think it needs some adjustments to be effective for next year. Students will be more willing to participate if the hours aren’t as long and there is more freedom and less feeling like we are in high school again.

Include more calm activities and time to get settled, because that would have helped me adjust more. I got overwhelmed and it was hard to handle for a whole week.

Make it shorter, more pertinent

Please seriously revise welcome week for next year.

I think I covered it in the box above.

Too much was planned. We could have used more free time to relax.

It’s super hard for commuters to get close to people who live on campus. A lot of late-night activities would be great, but I just can’t commute back from home or stay on campus for that long.

Just don’t put anymore freshman through this... If you were to do another welcome week, have it be way more open ended and less busy, have more open blocks for free time, and just let students have more choice in what to attend.

It was fun and overall a good experience.

Welcome Week made me want to go home. Please do not subject the class of 2013 to a similar ordeal. I would have been better prepared back from home or stay on campus for that long.

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Welcome Week unabled me to be ready for classes rather than help me prepare. The soonest I could deposit money in my debit account was Saturday, and only because I had to skip something. I was then unable to buy my books until the second day of class, which already prevented me from finishing an assignment. Also, for the sake of the leaders, don’t make the schedule so confusing. I felt sorry for the guy, always sort of hesitant of where to lead us. He was doing his best. Also, one last thing, I think the business cards, the tickets to welcome week events, and the lunch "cards" were an unnecessary use of paper. This campus is very interested in the environment, and it seemed sort of contradictory.
The Welcome Week program did not help to transition me into college. It was the most inaccurate representation of actual college and did little to inform us of the changes and tips we may need to know. Welcome Week was a clear example of the University trying to shove their liberal perspective down people's throats with diversity and community seminars and also environmentalism at Utopia. I thought Welcome Week was supposed to be welcoming and help us transition into college...I suggest that next year's Welcome Week allow more free time to get settled and meet people and have actually helpful information about things on campus (maybe info on where to use Flexdine, how to get around campus, etc.) And again the college day was somewhat useful, but not the seminar and involvement days. Please don't force people to go through what I did.

I found Welcome week a waste of my time and I could have instead spent that time preparing for the upcoming semester.

My roommate is technically a transfer student, because she was home-schooled and went to a community college early. Because of that, she was not allowed to participate in Welcome Week. She didn't know her way around as well, and knows few people on campus. Also, she was not introduced to the resources that I was, or any of the tips for a successful college career. I think that anyone new to campus, regardless of their prior experience in another college, should at least have the option of participating in Welcome Week.

As said before, make it so it's not so busy and over the weekend. And maybe make it less boring.

Do away with welcome week.

I felt like I was being welcomed to middle school upon arriving to college. I found the tone of the week overall to be elementary and felt underestimated. Exposure to resources was great. There should have been more student groups at the fair and less advertising. An optional tour of St. Paul campus instead of just an in and out to the student center would have been appreciated.

Everything was pretty good, just more free time and less structured schedule in the future.

Welcome Week could be improved immensely. By the first day I wanted it to be over and at the end I was dying for classes to start, which was a positive result of welcome week, but only because welcome week was so useless. The only highlight for me was college day, and only because I was in Carlson. If I was in another college I would not have found it.

I urge the encouragement for Welcome week leaders to be leaders. Encourage them to interact with students, show them the techniques they have learned on campus like if the leaders knew shortcuts to certain classes, tell the freshmen. Freshman's just got out of high school, still in the abercrombie mode, but if the leader's make it clear in a positive and optimistic way that this is college not high school, any message they want to draw out for the freshmen to know will probably stick.

I thought the idea is very good and the results, even though many students would not admit to it, were successful. I definitely had a good time and have some relationships that I made from it. It would be nice to involve your neighbors from the dorms into a group at some point since I still do not know many of mine and I feel that if I had meet them right away it could have been better.

It was a good experience. This can be made into a great event with just a couple of little adjustments.

I really enjoyed college day at CFANS. The scavenger hunt was great and I loved the team bonding with my fellow CFANS students. I also enjoyed the presentations by the professors, they were quite interesting and made me want to learn more. Overall, I think Welcome Week helped me get better acquainted with the campus, meeting new people, and revealed the many opportunities the campus and community has to offer. BUT I think a little more free time would be nice instead of constantly going, going, going, and more going everywhere imaginable. Convocation was a good experience. It was a great way to meet more people and get comfortable with the campus but we could have all used more free time.

It was pretty good overall, but I think that there should have been a little more free time for us to get settled in. Having stuff going on all day is fine, but I think that at night we should have been able to just chill out and relax. It took me a couple of days to unpack because I wouldn't get back to my room until late and then I had to wake up early for the next day's activities.

Convocation was good but got long with all of the speakers. CLA day was boring. Day 3 sessions that were short and we got to pick I actually paid attention to. It was nice to be able to go with friends to sessions we wanted to go to and not as a group. Day 3 also gave us some free time between sessions to just relax with our friends in our group. Overall, it would be better with more time to meet people, less sessions, and more fun activities.

Overall, I had a good Welcome Week experience. I met a lot of fun, interesting people and really connected with my group. Having groups was extremely beneficial.

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It was JUST like orientation but instead of being two days it was an entire week. That's BULL. It's just too long to keep jittery self motivated people cooped up together and forcing them to do things such as sit in an arena for 3 hours. Welcome week is just not my idea of spending my last week of summer and the week before school begins. It was just too long, had too much repetition, and was a waste of your 1.5 million dollar budget (which could've gone to a more respectable use) and of my time. Suggestions for changing I would say if Welcome Week is going to be a staple, cut down orientation to a day maybe even just a few hours or fuse the two together or something, it's really tedious. Give students more time to spend wandering the campus say more time in the evening instead of having 13 hour days, makes us feel like we're elementary school children. I did PSEO for the University and was thrown into the mix to learn the campus WITHOUT anyone holding my hand, all I had was a map and a schedule on my first day, I'm sure the admitted students to the University of Minnesota can do the same and find their way around campus. Another thing, give PSEO students the option because you KNOW they're smart, give them credit for being apart of the University during their high school year(s).

I had a good time and would suggest it for next year but with some minor changes.

I also would have liked to have been given more free time to meet others. As it was set up, I felt like I was isolating myself from my peer to have enough sleep and free time to get settled and ready for Fall Semester. The night time activities were the type of thing I would have liked to see more of during the day, and with breaks in between for exploration of the city and community.

Welcome week was fun, informational and helped to learn the campus area.

VERY VERY GOOD
Give us more options. Welcome week is the first week of freedom in a freshman's life and feeling like you are being babysat by your welcome week leader and forced to sit through conventions that you don't really relate to is very frustrating. It would have been more beneficial for me to focus my week on developing relationships with peers then learning to be an active leader. I really enjoyed going to Uptown and just seeing what is around campus.

Welcome week was alright. I was just a lot of things going on in a short amount of time. We never had all that much time to rest.

It was helpful but very tiring.

none

Welcome Week was a great opportunities for new student including me.

Overall I think Welcome Week could be an amazing experience with a little bit of change.

I really enjoyed college day. I am in the Carlson School of Management, and I went on a tour of Best Buy. I learned a lot about the company as well as what accountants (my intended major) do there. I also like the Chipotle :)

I had a great time, and I love the U!!! Even though it is a HUGE school you made it feel small but also let us realize this is a big city. Thank you!!

I LOVE THE MY LEADERS, THE FREE STUFF, THE FOOD, and the people that help me understand college life

BORING!!! WASTE OF TIME!!!

As I mentioned before, the welcome Week is a must-have every freshman year.

If you guys could condense and prioritize the activities the freshman next year would probably enjoy it more.

Things I would have liked during Welcome Week: More free time Tours of areas around the campus (dinky town, como, etc.) Where to find stores (groceries, supplies, etc.) How to navigate the buses (campus shuttles, transit) Employment (meet with employers, how to create a resume, etc) Scheduling conflicts/dropping or adding classes

Need more time to get settled in

Overall, I loved the idea of Welcome Week but for sake of future U of M students I'd have to say that the first 2-3 days seemed extremely long because of all the speakers with had to listen to for hours. Definitely a big thank You for the experience!

Dont get me wrong, i do think that welcome week was very helpful, i just believe it could have been alot shorter.

Overall, I though welcome week was a good idea and was executed very well for the first time.

I think too many complainers kind put a damper on the week at times, but the welcome week leaders were great at being enthusiastic for those who wanted to get involved!

I really liked Welcome Week a lot! I was so nervous at first to come here, but Welcome Week made me feel so relaxed and comfortable. During the first few days we could have used more free time (even if it was just for an hour) to get adjusted to our rooms. It was a little crazy trying to move into a new place and to be gone all the time. But, overall it was great!

It was nice to meet new people and it will benifit in the long run!

N/A

Overall, I really enjoyed my Welcome Week experience and now our welcome week group are great friends.

hi. welcome week was really hard and seemed really pointless DURING the experience. but now i see the value of some of the activities and i know many people, including myself, who interact with the people in their welcome week group on a regular basis. so yay for that. but i would have liked to see a little different organization in the groups. i liked how they were all people from your residence hall, but either i would have liked more people on my floor to be in my group, or would have liked to have gotten to know people on my floor at some point in the process.

I didn't enjoy Welcome Week and I talked with several people who didn't like it either.

If it sounds even slightly boring it probably will be.

If some events don't have to be so long. I don't mind having to get up early and everything, since breakfast is served (that's the good thing). But for commuters, it's kind of hard to stay around so late for some of the other events. I think that info where we've already learned from Orientation oor previous days can be omitted, like trying to do well or what it's like to be a member of the U. I understand it emphasizes worth and pride, but sitting there for one to two days and hearing the same things again and again gets too overwhelming. The food wasn't all that great either, especially having to sit in the arena; it was crowded and inconvenient.

More free time!

n/a

I think it needs some work on it I think most of us had some fun but we really thought it was a little lame in a way.

Welcome week was very long and very boring. the information was useful but very repetitive.

I felt that WW was suppose to make us students excited for the upcoming school semester, however I felt that it, instead, drained away my energy. By the time WW was more of less ending, I chose my Monday of WW to get prepared for school and therefore did attend WW on campus (I am a commuter). Welcome week took up so much of my time that I did not have the time to complete pre-class homework that was assign to me through email. On the same time, I was dragging my feet to attend WW because I had an aunt who came all the way from Thailand to spend time with my family, but because of WW, I had to spend less time with her. I know that I could be exempted which is why most of the programs listed above had a "I did not attend" answer. As a commuter, I try not to stay on campus till the evening because my
family takes high priority in being able to have dinner together. I wouldn't say that WW was a bad experience for me, in truth, from
Wednesday until Friday there were certain events that I would not want to miss -- convocation, college day (CSOM) -- and by the weekends
the events was held at those time, I could not care less. I'm sure you've receive the classic comment of "TOO LONG HOURS" so that is
unnecessary for me to elaborate. But all in all I do thank WW coordinators and leaders and faculties and speakers for everything that was
done during WW. It was wonderful and I know that ALOT of hours was put into this for planning. Thanks.

Welcome week should definitly be optional, perhaps some required events but not everything, and definitly we should not be intimidated
by the welcome week leaders and groups that say we MUST attend. It doesn't give off a good aura to new incoming students, makes it seem
too much like highschool where everything is told to you.

The days do not need to be filled to the max with events and students don't like to be shuffled around from speaker to speaker for 12 or 13
hours a day.

Having taken two years of PSEO (post secondary entrance options) I had accumulated 60 credits on campus I am for all intensive purposes
a junior and am applying for upper division, furthermore because I live off campus it is no simple matter for me to be on campus all day and
any time which was free I was still forced to be on campus (away from my home possessions and friends) because there wouldn't be time to
go home and come back again. I feel personally insured that I was forced to endure the welcome week and listen to lectures about
information that is utterly useless to me. I felt like my intelligence was being insulted that my opinion did not matter, and that my situation,
experiences and attempts to achieve higher learning were being specifically punished. I had been in college for as long as my welcome
week leaders and intellectually feel that I have more in common with them then anyone else at the event. overall I feel that the event was
infuriating, belittling and a huge wast of time, that made me feel more frustrated and less like I was important or that my opinion mattered
than ever before at my time at the university. further more a note about the overall format. I felt like the format was in many ways modeled
after 4th grade summer camps, using groups with leaders and the buddy system. I felt that I was being treated like a child when I have
worked very had so I could be treated like an adult and I felt like you were treating us like children unable to make our own choices and
descriptions. while it is possible that this was not the intent I can only assume that no effort was made to take into consideration the needs of
those who live off campus and cannot reasonably be asked to be on campus all day, the needs of those who have taken PSEO full time at
the university and have already become adjusted and situated at the university, and those that feel the time would be much better spent
properly preparing for the beiging of the school semester properly, instead of having no time to prepare at all. overall this experience has
caused me to feel a great shame in calling myself a gopher knowing that the U of M is unwilling to admit that I have earned that title.

If it becomes shorter I may be interested. conn0419@umn.edu

I thought it was the perfect way to start off my college career. I still see people in my group that I talk to in the halls of my dorm. It was very
nice getting to know a handful of people that I saw everyday for the first 5 days of welcome week. I also see my leaders around and always
say hi. Its nice knowing some people within this large university. It really feels like a home away from home and I just love it!

make the required stuff shorter during the day and give us more free time

I did not think that welcome week was very useful. In the end i had to: find the one-stop office on my own, figure out the bus system both on
and off campus on my own, figure out how to set up certain things in my financial aid account on my own, meet people and make friends on
my own, and find my classes on my own. If i'm not mistaken wasn't the main point of welcome week to teach us these key things and not to
play childish games and listen to irrelevant speakers?

I think that it is a good idea and it was very helpful.

The most successful part of Welcome Week was allowing me to meet new people, especially those in my residence hall. However, I did not
learn all that much about the University that I didn't already know.

really good!
tell us where the good stuff is like bargain places, study areas, good cheap food. etc

Same as above. To improve welcome week overall I would ask students to write suggestions of their own how it could be improved; by some
mass email or something. Its easier for us to explain what went well and what went wrong by actually telling someone about it instead of
picking a multiple choice option. Overall it was worth it.

See above.

Make welcome week less intense and more welcoming. It's okay to have lots of things planned, but don't make everything mandatory.

See above comment box.

I think the College Day for CLA should be improved. We should have broken up into smaller groups (i.e. Communications & Media) for the
majority of the day.

It was good for students to get use to the campus which is better than them coming onto campus on the first day and not knowing anything. It
was really long though because I heard a lot of people complaining about that.

thanks!

I liked the fact that my small group ended up being really fun. I made a lot of friends from the group and it made the experience better.

Start the events at a later time.

It was good, but could be improved.

I did learn a lot about campus from welcome week, but revising would make it a much more fun experience.

Don't plan activities for 18 out of 24 hours each day. It is just too much.

Although it was exhausting, I'm glad I was able to participate in Welcome Week. It has definitely benefited me in many ways.

it was a great time i really enjoyed it
I would say congrats on a job well done. As I mentioned above, I think the whole event could be shortened, or at least some of the days could be shortened. As a commuter, getting home late at night was kind of a pain, but it was worth it to say for some of the late night activities with friends. In no way do I want my comments or suggestions to sound hurtful. I just wanted to give a few honest opinions about my personal experiences, and I think that this survey will be a great opportunity to adjust a few things about Welcome Week. I also want to take the time to THANK all of the staff, faculty, students, etc. etc. at the U of M who put in numerous hours of their time and energy into this event. You spiced up the week with quite a few interesting activities, fun events, and opportunities to interact with several other freshmen. You guys made it happen, and I hope the future Welcome Week participants feel the same way. Thanks again!

I would recommend Welcome Week for everyone!

I really appreciate the idea of welcome week to get new students involved and aware of the community they are about to be a part of! Thanks so much!

Make it shorter and more independant.

Not very good.

Thanks for the Welcome Week events.

I think it is an excellent program, and it will be even better next year!

Thank you

I am not saying get rid of welcome week overall, but please please please make the days not so overbooked and give us time to roam around and enjoy our last days of summer. I also hated one of the meetings I went to in Anderson Hall. We had a discussion about economics, randomly. It was honestly not worth my time. I also think, convocation was THE biggest waste of 7 hours of my life and the basically said the same things at the CLA meeting the next day. Please, make it less boring and maybe it was just because of Sarah, my welcome week leader.

It was ok. Just very booked as far as free time went.

Morgan and Kelsey were the BEST leaders!!! "BUCK FITTY!"

I think welcome week is a good idea, and maybe shouldn't be changed as drastically as some would suggest. I should just be more streamlined and less hectic/crowded.

I think that welcome week was well planned, but needs to be a little less intensive.

Welcome week was crap. Too much sturcuture let us be college students damnit.

Do not make it required. Have less GLBTA stuff, too.

Maybe Welcome Week would have been helpful to those out of state, or those not familiar with the campus. It should be optional for students who need to see the campus, and things like that. The whole time during Welcome Week, I was wishing I was in class, doing something meaningful, but I was stuck going to childish meetings to learn how to have school pride and make friends.

It was great! :D

Overall, it was great. I met many new peers and now i am friends with

It was very good, thank you for adding this to the school year for freshman!

It was a fun experience and I commend all that organized Welcome Week because it was relatively successful for the first year.

It was a good experience but to much

I think more free time and also more actual navigating the campus and surrounding area would be helpful. Also the schedule was way too jam packed we had things at 7 am and then activites till late at night.

More free time!

I really liked Welcome Week, think it is a good opportunity to get to know the campus before classes start. makes it seem more like a community.

Overall I felt that Welcome Week was what it was because of the great leadership exhibited by the group leaders and everyone involved. They really took all of us freshman under their wings and quickly made us feel comfortable on campus. I think that the majority of the activities were good to attend, however some lectures could have been shortened or eliminated to give everyone a few more hours of free time. It seemed to take just as long to get used to my own dormitory hall as it did the entire campus because of the lack of time I had to settle in.

Welcome week was the biggest waste of time every. I am glad I moved onto campus early so I had time to adjust, but all the planned activities were so pointless and incredibly repetitive. I already know what it takes to make the most of my college experience. I don't need people telling me over and over how great I am. I already know how great I am.

it was super exciting and exhausting.

It was very well planned and everyone that participated was great.

Welcome Week wouldn't have been half as bad if it were a Welcome WeekEND.

Please make welcome week not so long! Either a few longer days or the same amount of day that are shorter. Aka 11-5 for 5 days... or 3 days of 10-7.
While I realize that the night activities were to keep us from going out and partying/drinking, I think that we did need a little more free time at the end of the night. The first few days it was awful getting up early to go to small group discussions when we had "mandatory" things going on at night (Jermaine Davis and more small group discussions). The people who want to go out those nights are going to go out anyways. More unpacking time would be nice too, being an out of stater, I brought more things than people who lived in-state or close by who could go home and get things anytime they needed. Overall though Welcome Weeks was a good way to get us integrated into the U of M community.

Cut back on the over kill. Just let the leaders be more free flowing

I think that it was a great first year for welcome week.

Welcome Week was kind of boring but I did learn a lot.

I had a horrible week, again, should not be mandatory. good effort though.

It is a worth while experience. With a little bit of change, this program could become a very good experience

I think it was a good idea, and I did learn more about navigating the campus. I think stressing academics and learning our way around the campus would have made it better. I also think spending more time with our colleges, and doing more with our college groups would have been better, so we could meet people in the same school as us.

This week needs a lot of work before next year. And the vegetarians need something other than Bocca Burgers.

The welcome week leaders did an amazing job!

Don't make students feel obligated to go to activities so early and stay out so late. I felt like crying listening to my welcome week leaders have a three page activity list long. Its too much, it should be optional for the students who want to be involved as opposed to the students who do not.

Welcome Week was way too long. I think a lot of the presentations should of been optional.

It should be optional for many of the days. I found it more of a hassle and annoying than helpful in more ways than not.

The idea of Welcome Week is great and it really did help with my school spirit and feeling comfortable on campus. But after the first two jam packed days I'd had enough. I just wanted to sleep, have a day to hang out with friends, then have classes start. I especially liked getting the 2012 tassels and marching band the first night- don't get rid of that.

It was a lot better than simply being dropped into the ocean of college, as I was more or less expecting.

Overall, the week went well. Some of the sessions (u-topia) weren't necessary.

Maybe I'd like to be a welcome week leader. Please have someone email me at gacek004@umn.edu

Please make it a welcome weekend not a welcome week. Was very long and the information was not helpful because I had either heard it before or didn't really care about the information being presented.

I felt that my time was wasted during welcome week. Instead of meeting our professors, we sat into meetings about how to meet our professors. Instead of actually planning our classes, goals, and careers, we had sessions talking about how to plan those things. I would have liked a chance to navigate the campus myself and personally explore all of the campus resources. I came to campus excited and inspired. After welcome week I had heard so many inspirational speeches I was truly uninspired. There was way too much talking and far too little action.

I'd like too introduce u of m to next freshmen in my own way!!

I had very little time to explore the campus with just my family, as I had to shove them out the door to make it to a welcome week meeting. I also didn't have enough time to get anything in my room set up the way I would have liked it, and Welcome Week felt kind of like a summer camp.

Pretty good. Too focused on goal setting though.

Way too long. As a commuter, I felt very left out since all the fun stuff happened too late at night so that I couldn't stay because I don't want to make the 40 minute commute home at 2am. Cut out all the fat and make it worthwhile.

Welcome Week was completely overrated and made me feel like I was in high school all over again.

None

Welcome week was a good experience, but it could have been shortened, and had more free time

Too long, convocation was ok but more time in the beginning should be set aside for settling in and meeting people around you

I think that freshman next year will have a better experience because with some improvements welcome week could be a really good and helpful program.

I don't do this out of anger, I do it in hopes of saving future freshman from this horrible fate.

More time to enjoy the campus.

I felt dissatisfied with my welcome week experience. I thought the program was unorganized, for example: none of the welcome week leaders or some of the presenters knew what was going on, our leaders gave us contradicting information and often times because of this people were late or missed the bus. The first night we had to wait in the pouring rain in a thunderstorm because there wasn't enough busses running so it took a while to get back to bailey. People were crowding and pushing to get on the bus. Some of the bus drivers were upset when we asked questions because they thought that the welcome week program was supposed to teach us about the bus system. Our group never really got a tour so even though it was good that we at least got to walk around the campus it was hard to remember where things were and how to get to different places.
Overall the concept is good just some flaws.

I think Welcome Week should be a little shorter. Not 8am to 10pm every day.

Overall it prepared me for classes.

Waste of time.

Too long! More free time needed!

My suggestion is that Welcome Week either be seriously revamped or cut. Welcome Week was so overbooked and stressful that it actually had a detrimental effect on my ability to move in and prepare myself for the start of classes. I doubt this is what you want students to get from a 'welcoming' session.

Way too much of everything to handle. Welcome week was so much I did not have time to unpack, let alone meet or get to know my own roommate. The basic premise of everyday was study hard, and get involved. Those are to very basic keys that don't need to be driven in our head over and over for a whole week. Besides meeting people I felt welcome week was a waste of my time, others time, and most of all money. Make it short and sweet, that's what counts.

Didnt like welcome week.

Give more free time to incoming freshman.

Welcome week was to long and should be shortened down for future years. Also there should be more time to relax.

If the stuff given away said "u of m" instead of "Welcome Week" it would have helped assimilate us into the college, instead of singling us out as freshmen.

Welcome week was a smart idea, it was a good concept but the way it was worked wasn't very effective. It was a constant going and running around and not enough time for just easing in to college life and meeting new people. We were set too much on a schedule where we didn't get our independence on our first week away from home... It's like you were excited to leave home and you couldn't wait for doing what you wanted and when you got here it wasn't that way at all. There were so many things going on during the day where you had to walk and it was mandatory that when you wanted to like hang out with some other people and relax you didn't even have enough energy to do that. And if you did have enough energy in the evening, and you did go out at night to do some activity, you had to wake up super early the next morning to walk all day again and it just wiped you out, there are definite better ways of going around it all, and I wish we could've explored the buses more. Because I had to try to navigate my way around by myself, which was difficult. Like which campus connector took you where and where they picked you up. It was hard.

Welcome week was, overall, a great experience to have because it allowed me to get to know the campus and eliminate "butterflies" before my first day of class.

Convocation was a great opener.

Welcome Week helped me in being confident with navigating the campus and helped me with meeting new people. I feel like I know a lot more people because of Welcome Week and that I'm better at meeting people and building relationships because of it.

Treat students more like adults and not like elementary students. Don't force students to play childish games against there will. Instead, have more events that would appeal to college students such as those that occur during Gophers at Dark.

This program was a success this year, and I look forward to seeing it become fine-tuned and perfected in the years to come. Thank you to all of the coordinators and volunteers that made this week possible.

More free time for students. Have the welcome week leaders be more familiar with the schedule.

Overall, I thought it was an awesome experience, just a few kinks to work out!

Did you seriously spend $27 mil on WW? If you did, I seriously wish we got every meal comped instead of 1 a day then. And that's way too much to spend on welcoming freshmen, if you did.

Great experience!

It was overall an enjoyable experience. The only true criticism being how tired I was once classes began.

DON'T MAKE WELCOME WEEK SO LONG! It was way to long and a lot of the things students didn't want to go to.

Allow more freetime to get ready for classes and settle into rooms. Have more side trips to get to know the twin cities area better.

Though there were some positive points throughout the week, I believe that overall, Welcome Week has had a negative effect on my transition into college.

Intentions were in the right spot for w.w., but it was overly excessive, especially for incoming freshman students who really just wanted to get accustomed to the campus at a slower pace, instead of just getting all of this info thrown at them.

It was a very good opportunity, and I would like to be able to help the incoming freshmen next year, to try to give them a great transition as my welcome week leaders did.

Good experience but tiring at times.

Overall--good way to meet people and learn how to get involved.

It was fun and I met a lot new people.

Not a fan of Welcome Week.

Don't do the same thing next year.

I thought Welcome Week was a vital experience and if nothing else helped me learn my way around campus and make some friends.
Overall, I thought that the program was very well organized and well thought out. However, it is not necessary to plan events for 14 hours everyday for 4 days. Free-time allows students to mingle with others they most likely would not see during their rotations and such. It also allows us to freely explore the campus or just sit in our rooms and decompress/adjust. If optional game times were available during these free times, I'm sure they would be attended. Suggestions for games include; Capture the Flag, Volleyball, Bowling, & Ultimate Frisbee. Maybe have a bunch of information on the student groups, or perhaps even have early sign-ups for freshman. Thanks for taking so much time and effort to pull this off.

Eliminate the enormous amount of paper waste! Send more e-mails and collect all of the available coupons into a single coupon book that students receive in their Welcome Week packets.

Welcome Week ROCKS!!!!

fun

Welcome week is a good idea but there is way to much packed in so most of us were extremely tired and never really got the chance to catch up on sleep and really enjoy and learn everything we needed to.

It seemed like many of the speakers had the same things to say, which is fine, but it got boring after a while. Welcome Week, even though I thought it was helpful, felt like it was Welcome Week College Camp instead. It would have been nice to have more time to explore campus on my own time then on the tour's time.

I could type further complaints, of course, but I think the general idea has been made clear. The welcome week format used on the class of 2012 failed miserably, as a general rule, and it requires massive rethinking. The concept is fine, but the duration was ridiculous and the content had a very negative effect on my view of the U of M. Fortunately, now that it is in the past, I have been able to put it behind me, and now I've rather grown to like the U. But the memory of welcome week will always put a sour taste in my mouth.

Don't jam pack welcome week.

It was a waste of time and I often found myself wondering why I was there and what meaning I was supposed to get out of it, at the same time thinking about all of the useful and necessary things that I needed to get done, and had no way or time in which to do them. This was a pointless activity to the majority who attended, and was a waste of time, energy, and money. Not in 1,000,000 years would I ever consider doing this again. I feel insulted by the lack of respect given to the entire student body. We are college students, as such we should have some freedom to do the things that we feel are necessary. This felt too much like junior high; walking together in groups, taking attendance. The U of M does not need to hold everyone's hand. Bottom line, welcome week was a joke and subtracted more than it gave back.

don't ever have welcome week again

It was a good experience, but again the days were very long, and I still did not feel prepared for the first day. Yes, we did get a lot of information about the college, but I was more concerned with just starting my routine and getting from class to class. Basically just surviving the first week. That should have been the number one priority.

sometimes I can't find my group, I hope there be a way to connect with my welcome week leaders.

The side trips were good and enjoyable. I think the "acampus tours" were not really campus tours. We just walked from hall to hall for different speakers. We should have to find places on our own and not just follow around a leader, otherwise you dont actually find it because you are just following the person in front of you. I think students need more time to get there room situated and prepare themselves.

The schedule was crazy

I really appreciated the University's attempt to help us freshmen transition into college life, but would strongly suggest scaling back on the number of days/shapeule activities. Thank you!

It was an overall good experience for me. I learned about the University and what it has to offer.

I was very tired during welcome week and freaking about not having enough to time to get ready for classes. My roommate and I didn't get to finish actually getting our room put together and organized until about a week after welcome week. I would have like to have had some activities during the day and then have a free evening. I didn't go to a lot of the optional things that I would have considered fun because I was so tired from the not fun activities during the that I just went to sleep. It was very frustrating and then I just decided to not go to a bunch of the day activities because I felt like they were a waste of time. I liked touring the campuses, however, I thought that was very helpful. Overall, my experience with welcome week was very disappointing and tiresome.

it was a lot of fun but maybe a shorter week would be better!

I guess I did and did not like Welcome Week. It was fun and helped me with things but was way to packed and gave no free time.

I would suggest that it be limited to one or two days at most.

More free time, less bs.

I dont know. Maybe if you spread things out more, the students would have more fun and less people would skip.

overall it was very informative and helpful.

Do have welcome week again it is a very good way for students to get to know each other... Adjust fire on how it is run and it will be a great and helpful program... I'm still friends with most of my group... St. Paul campus is smaller and easy to walk around so i found everything here myself...

It was a good program but next year provide the students with more free time!
It needs to be changed greatly. The fun activities were good but when it came to the stuff during the day it just became brutal to sit through.

Pretty much everyone I talked to liked the first 2 days but after that, it became just way to much. People were tired, and that beats the entire purpose.

it was long and we really didn't have time to settle into our dorms. good first year hopefully it will get better in the years to come!

Less planned things and more free time. Also, we should get a tour of the library.

Exhausted and overwhelmed students need more time to sleep, chill with people, and get organized. Bombarding them with information doesn't help. It's like a slap in the face.

more open and optional events in the evening and less required events in the evening.

it was awesome and can be even better...buck fiddy rules!!!

Have groups of students going to the same side trip meet up so they can go together.

In general, just provide a little more relaxation time, because all the meetings/speeches on thursday got to be really annoying.

Have groups of students going to the same side trip meet up so they can go together.

Welcome week was way too long and if anything caused more unneeded stress.

You overwhelmed us and gave us way too many requirements for us to do. I barely had any time to settle in, unpack, make friends, or have the weekend to myself to prepare for classes. Plus all the publicity about how it was all supposed to help us graduate in four-years really stinks. It made me feel like a lot of the Universities priorities were to increase their graduation rate statistics instead of helping the students.

it was a very good experience overall.

I can seriously respect and appreciate what you were trying to do by cramming all of this information into a week, but I felt that much of it was either repetitive or not anything we hadn't received in other mailings/websites/emails from the university for the past few months. It seemed as though the university couldn't quite decide between holding our hands (playing get to know you games/herding us around to the various events) and forcing us to rush around (scheduling everything so close together).

ENDD ELCOME WEEK. HAVE PITY ON THESE POOR CHILDREN.

Welcome Week was good overall, but more relaxation time is needed.

Was a good experience

Don't make the entire CLA sit in Mariucci for four hours listening to repetitive speeches, and when they are done sit there still doing nothing.

A lot of repetitive pointless events were planned out for us. A good idea, but I don't think it made me feel like I was in college and certainly wasn't as enjoyable or useful as having free time to walk around the campus with friends and explore on our own.

my welcome week group was great! but there could have been a lot of improvements in the activities/ amount of time each day allotted to activities.

I liked it a lot. And that's all there really is to it.

I understand that this was a big event to plan and for the most part you did okay but missed the mark. The greatest thing about coming to college, for me, was that I was finally going to be free and I really wanted to get out and explore, but Welcome Week hindered me from doing so. Instead we had to go to a lot of stuff that were okay, but not necessarily what I expected. I was expecting to get an itinerary (we signed up for all of this stuff ahead of time, why didn't we get a personalized schedule?). It did allow me to meet people without the stress of classes but I wish we could have been grouped more with our floor. Overall, it started out bad and got better. Convocation was okay, college day was really boring (I'm in CLA) then the next day was better but the student-led sessions were bad. The Facebook session and career sessions were really good. Tour Day was great. Mall of America was AWESOME!!! I'm glad we got to move in early and overall I thought Welcome Week was a good thing and I hope you make improvements for next year.

I am interested in being a welcome week leader in the future, not for the class of 2013 but in two years for the class of 2014. But I would still like to be contacted so I know what to do in two years when I am ready to lead.

If there is a way to have less talks, and more activities and free time, that would be great. I felt that some of the talks were repetative and went way too long. If we have to sit through so many talks, we get bored and don't end up paying attention. I would keep the Mall of America, Target run, service project, and Student organization/ local businesses fair. Those were a highlight to my week.

thank you!

I thought overall welcome week was very helpful for me. I went places that I probably would not have gone to over possibly this whole year (i.e. st. paul campus) and I was able to meet a lot of new people whom I see almost everyday now. In my opinion it was a success!

Overall, I think the Welcome Week experience was good and helped with the transition from high school to college. The only thing that concerned me was how scheduled every day was, the 9am to 1am was a little much.

I chose to come to the U of M for the opportunities to meet people, faculty, student and adviser alike in order to learn, grow and live in this community; I had no chance to meaningfully interact with any of those people during welcome week because of over-scheduling and mis-allocation of time and effort in the planning of the event.

At first, it's hard for me to get involved in this Program, But later, with the help by my group leader and new friends in my small group, I found it was not so difficult and the welcome week is reaally crazy, nice also. Only one thing, I wish I could have more free time to prepare the shcool. The fill schedual really made me exhausted when Sep,2 comes.

I heard alot of negative comments about welcome week. most of us were in agreement that it kind of felt like high school all over again. we were forced to go to some classes even though school hadn't even started yet. i wasnt able to attend the who time though because i had to work and was sick another day but over all it was okay at best
I just feel like Welcome Week did not really Welcome myself to the University at all. I barely got to know and hangout with my roommates or dorm neighbors until after Welcome Week. There was a lack of good planning during welcome week. There should of been less information and more exciting events that were helpful and social. I still cant believe this took 5 years to plan, because it was not necessary for such an uneventful week before the start of my College Life. The time should of been more emphasis on settling in rather than burning the class out of energy and motivation before school starts.

Welcome Week gave me the chance to meet cool people i otherwise wouldn't have.

Welcome Week was way too long. I talked to many people who felt the same way. It should be shorter, and students should not be expected to stay up late and wake up early. I felt that, as college students, we were treated like elementary students. We were lead around and told we HAD to do everything. I thought that was very unlike college.

Again, The welcome week leaders were all awesome.

Overall I was not excited about welcome week, but I made new friends and got to know more about the campus, so it was good.

I had a blast i want to become a welcome week leader next year.

Effective for making friends. Maybe make a little shorter and give more free time to move in and just relax

I did like the information given during Welcome Week, but by the end it was very repetitious. We didn't really learn anything new or exciting.

And all the information was relatively vague. I would either add more free time and space out events, and let students have a better chance of picking exactly what events they would like to do or would make Welcome Week turn into Welcome Half-Week.

I think that welcome week is a good thing, but somehow combining orientation and welcome week might be better

It was fair enough overall.

More small group / free time, and more chances to meet faculty.

Not so many name games, or other games at that, because they're a waste of time. The whole welcome week could have been put into 2 or 3 days, if all the boring filler was taken out, mainly the games. Also, many of the lectures were common sense.

I feel like I did get to know a lot of people through Welcome Week, which I was really glad about. I didn't learn much new information about the campus. One of the most helpful discussions we had in the small group just involved the WW leaders telling us about what classes are actually like - this was more helpful to me than most of the sessions on Thursday and Friday.

Make it longer for next year with less free time is my main concern.

Way too long. The days should be shorter. Probably half the information was given to us at orientation.

It should have not been required.

Definitely more free time and less planned activities. Some of them were poorly planned out, timing-wise, so we missed a few of them.

For your first time it wasn't too bad. Thumbs up.

very good!

Serve breakfast on saturday. Or at least warn students in advance that there will not be any breakfast!

I think that my main concern is that Welcome Week is so long. It was just too long right before school. I think that a lot of the things we did (like the volunteering stuff) was unnecessary. I would have liked more time to rest before the first day of school.

I really appreciate the work that was put into welcome week from every level.

Welcome Week really needs to be changed. I think it is a good idea, but only good for those who want to attend, requiring people to attend is not a good idea. I think the biggest thing I got out of Welcome Week was learning my way around campus, which could be done in one or two days, not 6.

Welcome Week was a lot of fun and I'm glad the University of Minnesota put on an event to kick of the school year for freshman.

good intentions, bad execution

FUN TIME YEAH!

A great time, and got me used to the university.

Overall it was better than I expected. I made friends and got to know the campus better.

Bah-dum kish.

Proofread the survey better. For the question "I would like to attend workshops or sessions on the following topics during the fall semester: (mark all that apply)", it just repeats the answers for "I wish Welcome Week had provided more time/information on: (mark all that apply)". I'm not sure how you can attend a workshop on "Free time" or "Time to get settled in my residence hall room" see above box... I'm sure you don't want to read a novel.

I would be interested in being a welcome week leader if they somehow changed welcome week around. I dont want the students in my welcome week group complaining to me about it as most of the students did this year. I would like to engage in a leadership building program such as welcome week as well as learn a few more things about campus and meet some incoming freshman!!!

My welcome week leaders were amazing! They were the ones that made the experience fun - without them I think there would be little, if any, fun involved in Welcome Week.

Allow students more time to settle in. Jamming their day packed with activities may keep us out of trouble but it makes us dread going.
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