

REGISTER FOR PARENT ORIENTATION



As a parent or family member, you play a vital role in your student's transition to college life. That is why we want parents and family members to attend Parent Orientation. You will learn about the business of interacting with the University and its many resources. In addition, you will become aware of the transitional issues students experience during their first year at the U of M and some strategies for supporting them through this transition. Even if you're familiar with the U of M campus, Parent Orientation offers relevant and timely information on financial assistance, tuition expenses (including how the tuition bill can be paid), health insurance, safety on campus, academic expectations, academic advising, registration, and University resources. Parent Orientation runs concurrent with New Student Orientation. Parent Orientation is a one-day program, with optional sessions on Day 2. Evening options are available at an additional cost, see next page for more details.

For the program schedule, visit www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent.

How to Register

Once your student selects an Orientation date, you can sign up for Parent Orientation at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent.

You are not automatically registered for Parent Orientation when your student selects a date. Use the link above to register. We encourage students and parents to attend on the same day. You are welcome to come on another date if you cannot come on the same day as your student.

Cost of Attendance

**\$25 advance registration/
\$35 on-site registration**

Parent Orientation includes a continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, a full day of workshops, and printed materials.

Fee Waiver

A fee waiver is available for eligible families. Request a fee waiver by contacting Orientation & First-Year Programs at 612-624-1979.

EVENING ADD-ON OPTIONS

We have arranged additional evening activities you can add on to your Parent Orientation registration. These are great opportunities to relax with other parents and process the day's activities. Current students and staff will be available to answer any last minute questions.

Dinner in the Campus Club

\$20 per person

The Campus Club, on the fourth floor of Coffman Union, is a membership-only club that will be available to parents attending Parent Orientation. The Campus Club is known for their fresh food made with locally sourced and organic ingredients. Enjoy beautiful views of downtown Minneapolis and Northrop Mall. Cash bar available.

Minneapolis Trolley Tour

\$22 per person



Enjoy an air-conditioned, two-hour trolley ride showcasing the beautiful city of Minneapolis. Tour highlights include the century-old Historic Milling District, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden which is home to more than 40 works from the Walker Art Center's renowned collection, and the Chain of Lakes. Advanced registration is required and space is limited.

Register online at www.ofyp.umn.edu/fyparent.

Please note, there are no evening options on Saturday, June 18 or in August.

SATURDAY PROGRAM AVAILABLE!

If you are unable to attend Parent Orientation on a weekday program with your student, we encourage you to attend our Saturday, June 18 program for parents only.

ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

As students begin their careers at the University, it is important that they register for classes on their own with the guidance of their academic advisors, and that they begin making their own decisions about their academic futures.

Encouraging students to be self-sufficient will help them develop confidence, improve problem-solving skills, and enhance their overall experience at the U of M.

PARENT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS



On Campus

JUNE 7 – JULY 15, AUGUST 24 OR 25:

On-campus lodging is available at Yudof Hall, across the street from Coffman Union in June/ July and in Comstock Hall in August. The rate for one person is \$44, and each additional guest is \$27 per night. You will be able to check into your room at 3:00 p.m., or earlier if your room is ready. Your room will have basic amenities such as linens and towels.

To make your reservation:

z.umn.edu/orientationhousing

AUGUST 29:

There is no on-campus overnight option.

Hotels

The following hotels are close to Orientation activities. When making your reservation, let them know you are visiting the University of Minnesota. A discount may apply.

DAYS HOTEL ON UNIVERSITY (EAST BANK)

www.daysinn.com/hotel/08225

1-800-375-3990 or 612-623-3999

COURTYARD MINNEAPOLIS DOWNTOWN (WEST BANK)

www.courtyard.com/mspdc

612-333-4646

Get a University of Minnesota discount using promotion code “Z8U”

THE COMMONS HOTEL (EAST BANK)

www.commonshotel.com

1-800-822-6757 or 612-379-8888

Get a University of Minnesota Orientation discount at The Commons by using promotion code “UORI”

STAY CONNECTED TO CAMPUS



Once school begins, here are some great ways for parents and families to stay connected with the University. First, families will receive the Parent and Family Program Update newsletter emailed every other week during the academic year and periodically during breaks. Also, follow the Parent and Family Program on Facebook.

Family Membership to the U of M Alumni Association

Join the U of M Alumni Association with a Family Membership. The Family Membership program provides families, including your student, with all of the great benefits of the Alumni Association, while also supporting programming and events for family members when they visit campus. Alumni Association membership will also connect your student with mentoring and career development resources. Families receive a subscription to *Minnesota Alumni*, the award-winning Alumni Association magazine that highlights what's happening at the U.

Membership also includes a 20 percent discount at the University Bookstore, including apparel and gifts, along with Academic pricing on select Apple products (discounts as much as \$100 on select products); alumni rates at The Commons Hotel on campus, member ticket rates for Northrop Dance, U of M Theater Arts and School of Music Performances. Registration information is available at parent.umn.edu/membership. Stop by their table at the Resource Fair during Orientation.