

Pre-Orientation First Year Programs

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So, you're enrolled at UNH. You've been to June Orientation, where you got more comfortable with campus and met some other future wildcats. At the end of August, you'll head to

[Wildcat Days](#) — a weekend for new students to settle into campus before upperclassmen arrive and fall classes begin. But if you're feeling like you could use some additional adjustment time, UNH has plenty of options for you.

UNH offers a variety of summer programs for incoming students who want to meet people, develop friendships, adjust to college life and have an unforgettable experience prior to the beginning of their freshman year. Here are the first-year programs...



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1. PrOVES (Pre-Orientation Volunteer Experience in Service)

PrOVES is a weeklong program prior to Wildcat Days designed to help service-oriented students acclimate to campus and the seacoast region. Along with upperclassmen leaders, PrOVERs spend the week volunteering at local organizations while settling into campus life and learning about the UNH community. Service activities include working at historic sites, maintaining trails around Great Bay and even dressing up as clowns for a local nursing home carnival! It's not all work and no play — in the evenings, students engage in activities such as a campus-wide scavenger hunt, an ice cream social, an open-mic coffeehouse/talent show and more.

Fee:

\$325 (Covers all program costs such as early move-in, housing, meals, site transportation, supplies and PrOVES t-shirts.)

Apply:

Deadline is July 14, 2017. [Apply here!](#)



2. Connect

Designed for our multicultural and first-generation student population, Connect ensures a smooth transition from high school to college through academic support, social programs and collaborations with key UNH resources, including a peer mentor. Participants experience residential living and recreational activities and get the chance to attend special seminars on college life and study strategy workshops. The Connect program takes place the week before Wildcat Days, but access to the Connect community and resources extends throughout the school year. [Connect STEM](#) is a side program designed for multicultural and first-generation students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

Fee:

All expenses paid.

Apply:

Deadline is July 14, 2017. Eligible students are invited via email. [Connect STEM](#)



3. PAWs

PAWs is an outdoor adventure program offered through [Campus Rec](#) and the [MUB](#) that lasts six days and five nights. Students select a basecamp, backpack or adventure trip option and will be placed in groups of 8-10 along with 2-3 highly trained student leaders. These programs challenge students while offering them an opportunity to form lasting friendships and integrate into the UNH community, which makes for a smoother adjustment to campus life.

Fee:

Fees vary but include all food, lodging, group equipment, transportation, instruction and t-shirt.

[Basecamp](#) option: \$390; [Backpacking](#) option: \$425; [Adventure trip](#) option: \$425-\$475

Apply:

Forms closed June 30, 2017 [here](#).



4. New Hampshire Outing Club

The New Hampshire Outing Club hosts incoming freshmen for weeklong adventures focused around backpacking, canoeing or rock climbing. These trips allow students to get involved with a well-respected student organization and make new friends as they explore the New Hampshire wilderness with trained student leaders.

Fee:

Non-refundable trip deposits are \$175. Further costs vary but include transportation, food, group and individual equipment, camping fees and others.

Apply:

Contact the NHOC [here](#) to apply or stop by their table at the orientation resource fair.



5. Shoals Lab Marine Immersion

Earn two credits while exploring marine wildlife with UNH faculty at the Isles of Shoals Marine Laboratory. Incoming freshmen interested in marine-related fields learn through lectures, demonstrations and field experience at the world-class lab. Students reside on Appledore Island at the modern dormitory facilities while immersing themselves in marine education for the week of August 14-21.

Fee:

New Hampshire residents: \$1,486; Non-residents: \$1,548.

Apply:

Interested students should contact Jessica Bolker by email (Jessica.Bolker@unh.edu) or telephone (603.862.0071).

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