What is Ram Welcome?

Ram Welcome: Experience CSU! builds upon your student’s orientation experience and assists in their successful adjustment to Colorado State University. Support your student with their transition by attending sessions filled with tips and strategies for families!

Parents and family members of CSU students bring a wealth of experiences and backgrounds, and come from across the United States and around the world. We’re delighted your student has chosen the University as the place to make his or her mark. Parents and family members are important support systems for students. The Parent and Family Ram Welcome schedule will help you become a part of the CSU community, learn about important resources and services, and help you support your student in becoming a CSU Ram!

Although many of the Ram Welcome programs are geared toward students, we know parents and families have unique needs and questions; therefore, there are special programs just for you through the first day and a half of Ram Welcome.
If I have a question about Ram Welcome who can I ask?

Ram Welcome Leaders will be able to answer your questions about Ram Welcome activities and events. They will help ensure that your students get to the right place at the right time and will be happy to answer any questions you may have as well. Ram Welcome Leaders are easily identified by their gold Ram Welcome T-shirts.
Ram Welcome Check-In/Residence Hall Move-In

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Residence Halls (On-Campus Students)
Noon-4 p.m. • Student Recreation Center (Off-Campus Students)

Due to the crowded nature of the check-in process, we ask that only students go through the check-in lines in the residence halls. This is a great time for families to unload students’ belongings in front of the residence hall and find a parking spot. Families are also welcome to peruse the lobby and get acquainted with the layout of individual residence halls on campus.

Pick Up Your Ticket to the New Student and Family Picnic with the CSU Alumni Association

Beginning at 6:30 pm, the CSU Alumni Association hosts a picnic on the IM fields for all new students and their families. Want to avoid the ticket line of 4,000 students and their families? Get your tickets early! You can pick up tickets for your entire family (incoming CSU students will use their RamCard to enter) at the following locations:

- 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Durrell Center Lower Level, Rams Horn Sunken Lounge, and Lory Student Center I-Box
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Student Recreation Center
- 6:15 p.m. – 7 p.m. - Information Tents near the picnic on the IM Fields
Parent and Family Reception

Doors open at 3:45 p.m. and the program begins promptly at 4:15 p.m. • Student Recreation Center

Move-in day is hectic and usually hot. After you’ve moved your students’ belongings into their rooms, please join us for refreshments & light appetizers! In addition to an overview of Parent & Family events during Ram Welcome, President Frank, Provost Miranda, and Vice President Hughes will share their experience and advice, as all three are parents of college students. The President, campus administrators, and other school leaders will be available for dialogue and questions throughout the reception.

University Welcome

5:30 p.m. • Moby Arena

Students and families fill Moby Arena to kick off the academic year when the President, Provost, Vice President for Student Affairs, and ASCSU President welcome you to Colorado State University. This is a GREEN OUT event - all students wear their For-Ever-Green T-shirt to show their CSU pride. This event is packed – both with people and with speakers – so we’ll ask parents & families to sit in specific sections of Moby Arena. This helps students and families visualize the ‘send-off’ to CSU.

New Student and Family Picnic with the CSU Alumni Association

6:30 p.m. • IM Fields

Join the CSU Alumni Association for an outdoor dinner on the Intramural Fields. Students can get into the picnic by swiping their RamCard. Parents and Families will need a ticket to attend this event and can pick one up at any of the locations listed on page 4.

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Carnival
7 -11 p.m. • IM Fields and Student Recreation Center
Games, snacks, carnival rides and live music on the Intramural Fields. The Student Recreation Center will also be hosting “Retro Rec”. This fun event is open to all new students and their families.

What to do in your free time

- Bike Registration
  8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Green Hall

- Parking Permit Sales
  7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • Lake Street Garage

- RamCard Office Open
  7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. • LSC, Room 31 (lower level)

- Housing and Dining Offices Open
  7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Palmer Center

- Textbook Reservation Pick Up
  7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. • LSC, North Ballroom
Friday, Aug. 19, 2011

Parent and Family Interest Programs
Each session listed below will be offered three times so parents and families may rotate through the sessions and receive all of the pertinent information:
8:30-9:30 a.m.
9:45-10:45 a.m.
11 a.m.- noon

RAMFAM Association Business Directory Fair
University Club
Between sessions, be sure to visit with the businesses featured in our RAMFAM Association Business Directory. Members in the directory are recommended to you by current CSU parents and family members and their support of Parent & Family Programs sponsors all RAMFAM Association meetings.

Transitions II
Cherokee Park, Lory Student Center
Lump in your throat? Ache in your heart? Smile on your face? We know families are dealing with a lot – and we want to help! This session builds on the Preview/Next Step Transitions session. It will assist parents and families in your own family members’ transitions now that your student has made the physical move to CSU. Stories are sure to make you laugh and cry!
Student Conduct and Campus Safety
Room 230, Lory Student Center
Curious about safety and security measures on campus? Wonder what happens if your student violates the Student Conduct Code? Want to know what resources are available to your student if they experience a crisis? This session builds on the Preview/Next Step Campus Safety session. It will provide additional information about campus and personal safety, the conduct system and conflict resolution process, and will address important campus policies, leaving time for individual questions at the close of the presentation.

CSU Health Network
Grey Rock Room, Lory Student Center
Unclear about what the student health fee covers and what the difference is between the fee and the optional insurance plan? Unsure what services are available if your student is sick or stressed out while at CSU? This session builds on the Preview “Keeping Your Students Healthy” session. It will provide additional information about what CSU Health Network has to offer students and how parents and families can support students in times of sickness or stress.

General Parent & Family Ram Welcome Programming ends at noon.
Additional Opportunity for Parents & Family Members

Student Diversity Programs and Services Open Houses
3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. • Lory Student Center

- Asian/Pacific American Cultural Center, Room 212
- Black/African American Cultural Center, Room 204
- El Centro, Room 178
- Native American Cultural Center, Room 218

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For more information on Parent and Family Programs throughout the year visit:

[www.parentsandfamily.colostate.edu](http://www.parentsandfamily.colostate.edu)

or call **(970) 491-5312**.