Things to bring to orientation

☐ Confirmation letter (ENCLOSED)
☐ Parking permit (ENCLOSED)
☐ State or federally issued photo ID
☐ Note-taking supplies
☐ Comfortable walking shoes and casual clothes
☐ Light jacket or sweatshirt
☐ Old high school T-shirt to trade for a Texas State T-shirt
☐ Twin sheets, pillow and blanket*
☐ Towels and toiletries (INCLUDING HAND SOAP)*
☐ Shower shoes or flip-flops*
☐ Alarm clock*
☐ Exercise items* (IF YOU WISH TO VISIT THE STUDENT RECREATION CENTER)
☐ Phone charger

*FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS

Be sure to ...

Be prepared for any required testing or submit TSI Assessment scores prior to NSO. (PAGE 12)

Have AP/IB score reports, dual credit transcripts and/or CLEP scores sent to Texas State. (PAGE 13)

Submit proof of bacterial meningitis immunization. (PAGE 14)

Submit your housing request for fall. (PAGE 14)

Submit a copy of your Texas Tomorrow Fund ID card, if applicable. (PAGE 15)
Congratulations on your admission to Texas State University.

We have reserved a place for you at New Student Orientation (NSO). This booklet will tell you what you can expect to do and learn there.

At NSO, you’ll meet your academic advisor, polish your class schedule and get connected to some of the great people, places and resources on campus. NSO is the first of several special programs at Texas State to help you become familiar with the university and become a Bobcat, ensuring you’ll have the support you need to be successful both in and out of the classroom.

At Texas State, we’re prepared to make your time here the best of your life. We hope you are too!

Sincerely,

Javier M. Garcia
Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

You’ll be introduced to the university and the resources and opportunities waiting here for you. We’ve got a lot planned!

- Visit with academic advisors and learn more about your area of academic study.
- Polish your class schedule.
- Meet other incoming Bobcats.
- Explore the beautiful Texas State campus.
- Get your Texas State ID.
- Find answers about financial aid and on-campus living.
BOKO
Our mascot is one of the best looking anywhere!
Watch for Boko at Texas State sporting events.
He loves students who show school spirit.
DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE NSO?
Everyone who is admitted to Texas State is required to complete New Student Orientation.

WHY IS NSO REQUIRED?
Research indicates that students who complete orientation have higher rates of success in college than those who don’t. NSO gives you everything you need to start off right at Texas State. You’ll meet your academic advisor, connect with campus resources and traditions, meet new and current students — and have fun, too!

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?
See the checklist on the back cover for everything you’ll need, including casual, comfortable clothing and shoes that are suitable for walking. As any Bobcat will tell you, Texas State is known for its hills. We recommend a light sweater or jacket because meeting rooms tend to be chilly. You’ll need an official government-issued photo ID (driver’s license, government-issued passport, military ID, or state-issued ID). Pen and paper are good ideas, too.

HOW DO I CHANGE MY NSO SESSION?
You may change your registration from one session to another without financial penalty if space is available. To change your session, log in to the NSO sign-up page at admissions.txstate.edu/nso. Please note the orientation fee is nonrefundable.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?
We’re happy to answer them. E-mail us at nso@txstate.edu or call 512.245.3655, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central time. You can also check to see if your question is answered in our FAQs at admissions.txstate.edu/nsofaqs.
Sign up your family and guests to participate in our optional Family and Guest Program by logging in to your New Student Orientation account.
## WHAT YOU’LL DO

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»Residential Life visit  
»Student Business Services  
»Information for pre-professional students (medical, dental)  
»Q&A en Español |
| **1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** | Bobcat welcome session — Part II |
| **2:30 – 3:20 p.m.** | Academic college presentation |
| **3:30 – 5 p.m.** | Texas State 101 |
| **5 – 7:30 p.m.** | Dinner and visit to the Student Recreation Center |
| **7:30 – 9 p.m.** | Real World Texas State |
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| **2:30 – 5 p.m.** | New Bobcat reception |

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| 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Lunch                                                                |
| 12:30 – 5 p.m. | PACE success:  
|                | Financial success (freshmen only)  
|                | Introduction to PACE (freshmen only)  
|                | Advising and registration                                             |
| 5 p.m.        | Students participating in Cat Camp will transition to their Cat Camp Session. (July 8 and July 22) |

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| 2:15 – 3:10 p.m. | Parent and Family Relations / Career Services                        |
| 3:25 – 4:15 p.m. | Healthy Bobcats                                                       |
| 5:30 – 7 p.m.  | Dinner and family reception  
|                | For families participating in the Cat Camp experience  
|                | (July 8 and July 22)                                                 |

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STUDENT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Freshmen (students with 0 – 15 hours since date of high school graduation) are required to stay overnight on campus in a designated Texas State residence hall during NSO. Your overnight accommodations are automatically reserved when you sign up for NSO.

North Campus Housing (NCH)
302 Student Center Drive
North Campus Housing provides double occupancy rooms set up in pod-style fashion, with each pod sharing a common bathroom. Each floor offers study and lounge spaces, while the lobby features comfortable TV viewing areas and other recreational amenities.

Student check-in
For our two-day orientation sessions, check-in will start at NCH at 8 a.m.

Room and roommate assignments for NSO will be made at check-in. To request a specific roommate, you and your preferred roommate should check in together.

After you check in, make your way to the LBJ Student Center.

The entrance doors to NCH will lock at 10 a.m. Please make sure you have all of your items you will need before 10 a.m.

What to bring to stay overnight
We ask that you supply your own linens. You should bring a set of twin sheets, a blanket and pillow, some shower shoes (flip-flops work well), a bath towel, toiletries and an alarm clock.

Refer to the back page for a list of what to bring.

Student checkout
Be prepared to check out of your residence hall by 7:30 a.m. on day two. You should be finished with registration for fall semester classes by 5 p.m. on day two of NSO.

Please do not make plans to leave San Marcos until 5 p.m.
FAMILY ACCOMMODATIONS

Your family is also welcome to sample campus life by staying overnight in another designated Texas State residence hall.

Overnight accommodations are not included in the NSO guest fee, but can be reserved through the Department of Housing and Residential Life. Go to reslife.txstate.edu and click on the conferences tab. Family rates are $35 per person per night payable by personal check or money order upon arrival at the residence hall.

San Jacinto Hall
217 West Woods
Family accommodations will be in San Jacinto Hall, which is a suite-style hall. Guests will each have their own bedroom and will share a bathroom and common area. A parent or guest staying alone on campus will be assigned to share a four-bedroom suite with other guests of the same gender. Couples will be assigned one half of a suite, which contains two private bedrooms and a bathroom. The living area may be shared with another couple. Each floor offers a lounge with a TV, while the lobby features a TV and other recreational amenities.

Family check-in
Check-in for families will start at 8 a.m. in San Jacinto Hall and will continue through the day.

Please note that San Jacinto Hall is located in a different area of campus. Please leave your items in your car as your student checks in to North Campus Housing.

What families need to bring to stay overnight
We ask that you supply your own linens. Each family member staying overnight on campus should bring a set of twin sheets, a blanket and pillow, some shower shoes (flip-flops work well), a bath towel, toiletries and an alarm clock.

Refer to the back page for a list of what to bring.

Family and guest checkout
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TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) PROGRAM

The state-legislated Texas Success Initiative Program seeks to improve student success in college-level course work by assessing incoming students’ math, reading and writing proficiency. The program provides guidance for developmental course work to those needing to strengthen basic academic skills.

Students with certain SAT, ACT or STAAR scores may be exempt from assessment testing. Students who are not exempt will need to take one or more sections of the TSI Assessment. The TSI Assessment is offered at testing centers located on community college and university campuses across the state. Failure to satisfy TSI requirements may affect a student’s class registration process.

Prior to taking the TSI Assessment, you will take a pre-assessment activity (PAA). Instructions to complete the PAA will be provided by the testing center. This online activity is designed to help students understand the importance and purpose of the assessment, developmental course options and institutional resources.

Students whose TSI Assessment scores do not meet the minimum requirements for exemption have two options:

1. Retake the TSI Assessment and attempt to meet the minimum required scores.
2. Register for and successfully pass the appropriate math, reading and/or writing developmental courses. Developmental courses do not count toward a degree plan but are designed to prepare students academically for college-level course work.

For more information about TSI requirements and exemptions, visit our website at [txstate.edu/tsip](http://txstate.edu/tsip) or contact the TSIP Office at 512.245.3942.
IB, AP AND CLEP INFORMATION

Texas State will accept some examinations in the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs as credit for college courses. You may also participate in the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) to earn credit for some courses. To learn more about these opportunities, visit txstate.edu/trec.
MENINGITIS VACCINATION
Texas law requires all new students under the age of 22 entering a higher education institution to provide proof of immunization for bacterial meningitis. You will not be able to register for classes until this requirement is met. Find step-by-step instructions on how to upload your documents, along with information about exemptions or where to get the meningitis vaccination, at admissions.txstate.edu/meningitis.

HOUSING CONTRACT/EXEMPTION
If you are younger than 20 as of September 1, 2016, with fewer than 30 credit hours, you must live in campus residence housing. If you have not yet completed your housing contract or filed for an exemption with the Department of Housing and Residential Life, you should do so right away. You will not be able to register for classes during NSO if the department does not have your contract or approved exemption on file.

For details, visit reslife.txstate.edu or call 512.245.HOME (4663).
TEXAS TOMORROW FUND PARTICIPANTS
If you will use your Texas Tomorrow Fund to pay tuition and fees, please provide a signed copy of your Texas Tomorrow Fund ID card along with your Texas State ID number to the Texas State Student Business Services Office before arriving for NSO. Fax a legible copy to 512.245.8812, e-mail a copy to cashiers@txstate.edu or mail a copy to:

Student Business Services Office
Texas State University
601 University Drive, JCK 188
San Marcos, TX 78666-4684

Contact the Student Business Services Office at 512.245.2544 or e-mail cashiers@txstate.edu with questions.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS WITH DISABILITIES
If you or your parents need special assistance (e.g., sign language interpreting services, information in an alternative format, etc.) or other arrangements during NSO due to a disability, contact the Office of Disability Services at 512.245.3451 at least one week prior to your assigned NSO session. Information regarding campus accessibility is available at txstate.edu. Click on the “maps” link and then on the link for each building to see accessibility information. Please note that the university does not provide wheelchairs.

SPIRIT FRIDAYS
A weekly display of pride; students, faculty and staff show their spirit by wearing Texas State clothing — maroon and gold everywhere!
AFTER NSO
WHAT’S NEXT
You’ll leave NSO with your class schedule in hand. When you return to campus the week before classes begin, we’ll help you settle in with Bobcat Preview, which gives new students the information they need right before classes start. Texas State traditions like Convocation, Common Experience and University Seminar will help you become part of campus life right away. Check out these Texas State traditions and more at txstate.edu/about/history-traditions.

BOBCAT PREVIEW
Your next step is Bobcat Preview, a transition program that begins on Monday, August 22, and ends Saturday, August 27.

Bobcat Preview is required for all new freshmen and those who have transferred fewer than 30 credits from another college campus. Throughout this week, there are a number of required programs to attend as well as entertainment events and free time for you to explore your new home. This is important in preparing you for success at Texas State!

Mark your calendars now and plan to be here, ready for Bobcat Preview on August 22!

For more information: bobcatpreview.txstate.edu, 512.245.8295 and bobcatpreview@txstate.edu.

CAT CAMP
August 10 – 13, 2016
Have fun, make new friends and learn about Texas State pride, traditions and spirit. Visit catcamp.txstate.edu or call 512.245.3219.

CAT CAMP
Summer camp to introduce incoming students to Bobcat traditions
HELPFUL NUMBERS
9 COLLEGES
97 MAJORS
88 MASTER’S
12 DOCTORAL

University Information
512.245.2111
txstate.edu

New Student Orientation
512.245.3655
admissions.txstate.edu/nso

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
512.245.2364
admissions.txstate.edu

Financial Aid and Scholarships
512.245.2315
finaid.txstate.edu

Housing and Residential Life
512.245.HOME (4663)
reslife.txstate.edu
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This information is available in alternate format upon request from the Office of Disability Services. Texas State is a tobacco-free campus.
JOIN US
Meet your orientation leaders and connect with other new Bobcats.

To meet your Orientation Leaders before New Student Orientation, go to this Web page:
admissions.txstate.edu/yourols