

What to expect for first-year student move in at Capital University

Introduction

Move-in day is when I will move into my residence hall at Capital University. Over the course of the day I will get my room keys, move in my belongings, attend convocation, and start my welcome weekend. I will meet many new people including my roommate, residence assistant (RA) and Orientation Leader (OL).

While move in day should be an exciting occasion, it can also be a little overwhelming and overstimulating. Knowing what to expect and prepare can help me feel more confident and comfortable during my move-in day.

I will see move-in day staff and volunteers all around campus wearing matching t-shirts. I will go to them with any questions I have because they are there to help me.

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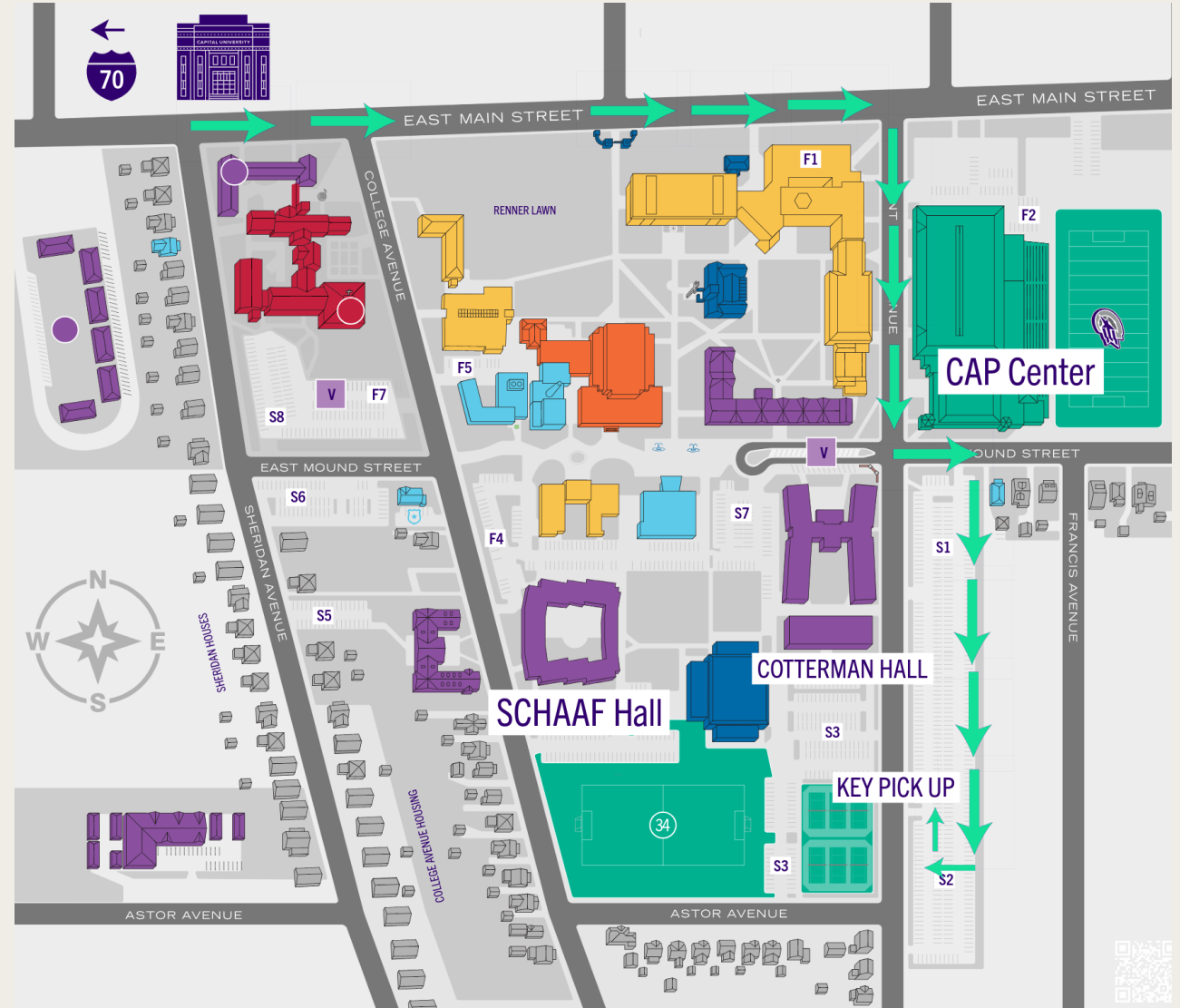
- Before move-in day I will pack my belongings into containers labeled with my name, my building name, and my room number. This will help ensure all my stuff makes it to my room.
- The morning of move-in I should eat breakfast before arriving to campus since I will not eat again until lunch. I will wear comfortable clothes and shoes for moving and will keep things like medications, sunglasses, sunscreen, or water easily accessible
- I will aim to arrive on campus at my assigned move-in time, which I will find in my Capital email address one month in advance.

My move-in day information

My move-in time	
My building name	
My room number	

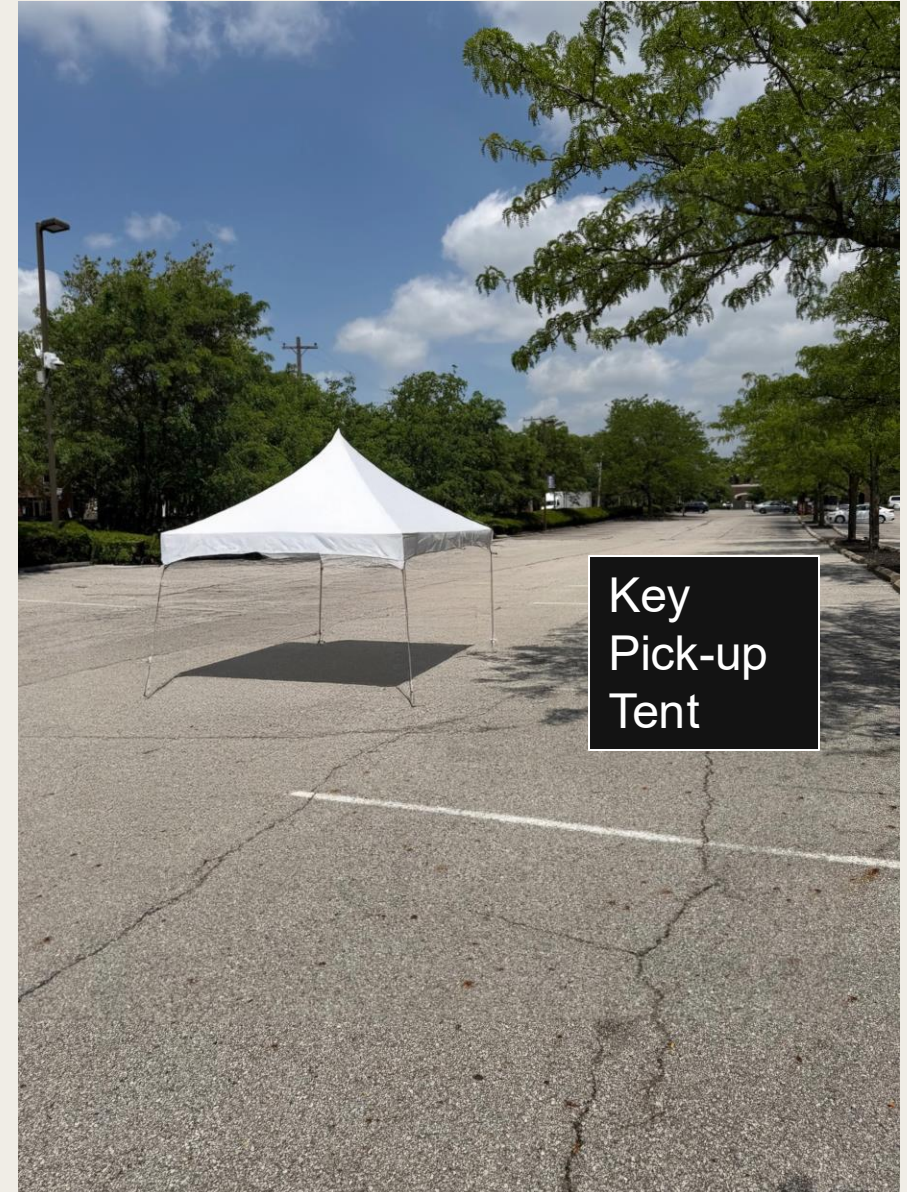
Arriving to campus

- The address for Capital University is 1 College and Main. Columbus, OH 43209.
- Some roads around campus will be closed for move-in day. I will refer to the map on the [move-in website](#) for driving instructions.
- When I arrive, I will follow the signs and directions to the key pick up area. I cannot move into my building without getting my keys first.
- There may be a lot of traffic and waiting, but I will not stress as I can still pick up my key after my assigned move-in time.



Picking up keys

- I will pick up my room key from the white tent in the S1/S2 parking lot.
- Staff wearing black shirts from the Office of Residential Life will greet me, ask for some form of ID (student ID, driver's license or State ID) and then give me my keys.
- I will listen to instructions on where to head next. I can write down the instructions If I am worried about remembering them.
- It is okay to ask questions if I am confused or concerned about where I am heading or how to get into my building. I know there will be many volunteers across campus to help If I get lost.



Arriving to my residence hall

- After getting my keys I will follow the posted signs and volunteer instruction to my assigned residence hall.
- After I pull into the parking lot of my residence hall, I will wait in my car until I pull into a designated unloading zone. Volunteers in matching shirts will be walking around to answer any questions and direct traffic.
- I might be waiting while other students unload their belongings. I will remain in my car and wait for my turn to unload.



Unloading personal belongings

- Once I am directed into the unloading zone I will be prepared for the volunteers to help unload my items, and I will let them know if there are any items I prefer to move by myself.
- I and/or my family will carry my items to my room with the volunteers.
 - **One person in my group has to wait with the car**
 - My group may need to anticipate walking up flights of stairs if my room is not on the ground floor
- It may be crowded and noisy as we move in and out of the residence hall, and it may be very hot outside and very bright. I will be able to take breaks and will have plenty of help from the Capital Community.



Parking

- Once we are finished unloading, the volunteers will instruct my group on where to park. It is important I move my car as soon as I am done unloading so other students can move in.
- After parking, I will walk back to my room.
- It may be hot and bright outside, and I might be walking a long distance back to my building. There is no need to rush, and I can always take breaks in the buildings around campus.
- Many other cars will be driving around as other students move-in or park.

Settling in

- Once I get back to my room, I may start unpacking important items, but I will have plenty of time after today's activities to finish setting up my room.
- The room might look or smell unfamiliar. The halls will be busy with people moving in. Things will settle down after move-in is over and I can start to build a routine.
- I may meet my roommate and/or my RA. I will be prepared to introduce myself and maybe discuss room arrangement.
- I will be able to use the restrooms located in my dorm. There will be one on every floor.
- Emotions may be high and I might be a little overwhelmed. My family and I may take some time to decompress before the rest of today's events. The Library or Student Union would be good places to find a quiet spot to relax. I can also use the Zen Den in the Center for Health and Wellness, or the Sensory Room in the Ruff Learning Center.



Cap Center BBQ

- At 11:30 there will be a welcome BBQ at the Cap Center. Me and my family are expected to attend this free lunch. The lunch will be available for two hours so there is no need to rush over at 11:30 If I am not ready.
- I will enter through the main doors and check in at a table and get information about the Welcome Weekend events and activities .
- Staff will direct me to the buffet and I can sit at any open table I find. I might be sitting with other people.
- I may smell barbeque, hear loud noises from the crowd, and may need to wait in line for food.



Convocation

- After lunch, I will attend convocation at 3:00pm in the basketball arena which is also in the Cap Center.
- I will sit in a chair or in the bleachers and listen while Capital staff and faculty give speeches welcoming me to campus and to the CapFam.
- Once the ceremony is over, I will be dismissed to join my fellow students outside to prepare for the gate ceremony.



Gate ceremony

- I will walk from the Cap Center with my fellow students to Main Street to prepare for the gate ceremony.
- The Gate Ceremony involves walking through the front gate of Capital University to the cheering of my friends, family, staff, and faculty.
- I should expect to stand outside waiting for the ceremony to start and for people to be clapping and cheering as I walk through.
- After, I will take a CapFam picture with other incoming students.



Start of welcome weekend

- After the gate ceremony, welcome weekend officially begins and I will join my orientation group to continue onto the next activity.
- This will be the time to say "see you soon" to anyone who came with me for the day.
- Welcome weekend involves a lot of activities, meeting new people, and settling into campus life. I will do my best to meet my classmates but can always take small breaks when needed.

Personal Notes

I will use this page to take note of any additional information I want to remember for move in day.
