

SOAR Peer Mentoring Program

Welcome Week Schedule 2026

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Residential Student Check-In and Move-In

Check-In at K.S. Phipps Admissions Welcome Center

Move In at Various First-Year Residence Halls (Naugle, Witmer, and Bittner)

For SOAR students, families, and friends:

All residential students participating in the SOAR Program early arrival should plan to check-in at the K. S. Phipps Welcome Center. You will receive your program folder and materials, Falcon ID, and early arrival meal card. Once checked-in, you will be given further instructions to move in.

Complimentary breakfast food and beverages will be available.

3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

Commuter Student Check-In

Check-In at K.S. Phipps Admissions Welcome Center

For SOAR students, families, and friends:

This is the designated time for Commuters to arrive to campus and check in. All students participating in the SOAR Program early arrival should plan to check-in at the K. S. Phipps Welcome Center. You will receive your program folder and materials, Falcon ID, and early arrival meal card. Once checked-in, you will be given further instructions.

Complimentary breakfast food and beverages will be available.

4:00 PM TO 5:30 PM

Mix & Mingle with Mentees, Families, and Friends

Legacy Park Amphitheater (rain location, Jordan Atrium)

For SOAR students, families, and friends:

Come meet the program's student mentors, ambassadors, Office of Student Success staff, and current SOAR Program mentees, their family, and friends!

Food and beverages will be available at this event.

5:45 PM TO 7:45 PM

SOAR Program First Night Social – Escape Room

Messiah University Oakes Museum and Jordan/Kline Science Hall Atrium

For SOAR students only:

Spend your first night on campus with your peers competing in the Oakes Museum Escape Room!

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7:45 PM TO TBD

Snacks and Hang Out

Jordan/Kline Science Hall Atrium

For SOAR students only:

Hang out with your peers by getting to know each other through conversation and activities.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th

8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM

Breakfast

Lottie Nelson Dining Hall, Eisenhower Campus Center

For SOAR students only:

Start your day with your mentor by having breakfast.

9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

SOAR Program Expectations

Parmer Cinema in Boyer Hall

For SOAR students only:

This meeting will go over the expectations and important information for the SOAR program. You'll learn more about the program, how the year will look, and have an opportunity to spend more time with the other mentees.

10:35 AM TO 12:30 PM

Campus Scavenger Hunt

Various Locations

For SOAR students only:

Learn about campus and the many services and offices it has available through this fun team activity!

12:30 PM TO 1:00 PM

Lunch with Mentor

Lottie Nelson Dining Hall, Eisenhower Campus Center

For SOAR students only:

Have lunch with your mentor and the other mentees.

1:30 PM TO 5:00 PM

Free Time/ Choose Your Own Adventure

Multiple Locations

For SOAR students, families, and friends:

Take some time to rest, play, recharge, socialize, or take care of any "to-do's" you have. There will be planned activities facilitated by program mentors for you to choose your own adventure from.

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5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Dinner with Mentor

Lottie Nelson Dining Hall, Eisenhower Campus Center

For SOAR students only:

Have dinner with your mentor and other mentees.

6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Life Talk/Dessert Social

The Loft

For SOAR students only:

End the day with a cold sweet treat, conversation, and activities! This is the first “Life Talk” event of the year.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st

8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Welcome Week/ Orientation Check-In

Brubaker Gym, Eisenhower Campus Center

For SOAR students only:

Get your Welcome Week T-Shirt, orientation group information, and other essential materials in Brubaker Gym located in Eisenhower Campus Center.

8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM

Breakfast

Lottie Nelson Dining Hall, Eisenhower Campus Center

For SOAR students only:

Grab breakfast before your roommate(s) and other new-first time students start arriving to campus.

12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

Lunch

Lottie Nelson Dining Hall, Eisenhower Campus Center

For SOAR students only:

Go to Lottie with your new roommate(s) and other mentees.

5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Dinner with Mentor

Lottie Nelson Dining Hall, Eisenhower Campus Center

For SOAR students only:

Go to Lottie with your new roommate(s), other mentees, or mentor!

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7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

Candlelight Service of Worship & Welcome

Hitchcock Arena, Sollenberger Sports Center

For SOAR students, families, and friends:

Attend the Candlelight Service of Worship and Welcome with the program, your new roommate(s), or family and friends who have stayed/live in the area. You won't want to miss this special occasion!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd

No scheduled SOAR programming.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd

No scheduled SOAR programming.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24th

No scheduled SOAR programming.

IMPORTANT: Please refer to the [full orientation schedule](#) for additional details and activities for Welcome Week through the website or Guidebook App (visit your app store and search "Messiah University Guides" to download the event app).