

2026 First-Year Orientation Schedule



STUDENT
AFFAIRS

New Student
& Family Programs

Time	Student	Family/Guest
8:15 – 9:15 am	John V Roach Honors & NCAA Student Athletic Pre-Orientation Session <i>(Invite-only)</i>	
9:00 – 10:05 am	Orientation Housing key pick-up <i>BLUU Auditorium</i> & Orientation check-in 🎧 <i>BLUU Ballroom</i>	
10:10 – 10:50 am	Horned Frog Welcome 🎧 <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> Kick off Orientation by meeting the Orientation Team, learning the Riff Ram chant, and hearing from university leadership about what it means to be a Horned Frog.	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Small Group Welcome <i>Various Locations</i> Meet your orientation leaders and small group, participate in fun activities, and connect with other new students as you begin your orientation experience.	Supporting Your Horned Frog Student 🎧 <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> Families will learn about the college transition and how to support their student during their time at TCU.
12:20 – 1:30 pm	Lunch & Interest Sessions <i>Gutierrez Hall</i> Students & Families will be together and follow their group listed on their name tag.	
	Riff Group Lunch - 12:20 – 12:55 pm Interest Session - 1:00 – 1:30 pm	Ram Group Interest Session - 12:20 – 12:50 pm Lunch - 12:55 – 1:30 pm
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Resource Fair & Afternoon Recharge <i>BLUU 3rd Floor</i>	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Your TCU Community <i>BLUU Auditorium</i> Explore what it means to call TCU home. Learn about housing options, dining, and ways to build connections and community on campus.	3:00 – 3:35 pm Academics @ TCU: Behind the scenes 🎧 <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> Learn about Academic Advising and the TCU Core Curriculum, and how to support your students throughout their academic journey.
3:35 – 4:20 pm	Academics @ TCU <i>BLUU Auditorium</i> Students receive an overview of the TCU degree, including the Core Curriculum and information about exploring or changing majors.	3:40 – 4:45 pm Housing & Dining 🎧 <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> You will learn about residence halls, meal plans, and the campus living experience at TCU.
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Small Group <i>Various Locations</i> Connect with your small group & OLs while learning about important campus resources and life at TCU.	5:00 – 6:15 pm Evening Reception 🎧 <i>Legends Club</i> Enjoy light appetizers and connect with other TCU parents and family members.
6:15 – 7:00 pm	Dinner <i>Gutierrez Hall</i> Enjoy a meal with your fellow Horned Frogs!	*Family & Guest Programs ends after 6:15 pm
7:15 – 8:15 pm	Frog Talk <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> Hear from Orientation Leaders as they share their experiences, helpful resources, and tips for navigating the transition to life at TCU.	
8:25 – 8:40 pm	Spirit Rally <i>Amon G Carter</i> Show your Horned Frog spirit! Join the Orientation Team for a high-energy rally featuring TCU traditions, music, and plenty of purple pride.	
8:45 – 11:00 pm	Evening Programs <i>Campus Commons</i> Keep the fun going with games, music, and activities as you celebrate your first night as a Horned Frog.	

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Day 2

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8:00 – 9:15 am	Breakfast in Colby Lobby		
8:00 – 8:50 am	Pre-Health Students Group meeting <i>BLUU Auditorium</i>		
8:15 – 8:45 am	FSL Presentation (optional) <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> If you are interested in fraternity and sorority life, attend this general presentation to learn about the thriving community. You will learn about all of our councils and their respective organizations, membership requirements, and community standards and expectations.		
8:50 – 9:20 am	Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment (optional) <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> Please plan to attend this presentation if you intend to participate in Panhellenic Recruitment. During our time together, we will discuss the Panhellenic recruitment process and expectations and highlight our Panhellenic community.		
9:30 – 9:45 am	Day 2 Welcome 🎧 <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> Start your second day with a quick check-in to ensure you're all set for the day ahead. Plus, be ready for a surprise from our Orientation Team to keep the energy high and make your day even more memorable!		
10:00 – 11:15 am	College Presentations <i>Various Locations</i> Attend presentations led by your academic college to learn about degree programs, course offerings, career pathways, and the resources available to support your success.		
11:30 – 12:25 pm	Small Group Meeting <i>Various Locations</i> Reunite with your small group, reflect on your first day, and get ready for the afternoon with your academic programs.	11:30 – 12:15 pm	Lunch <i>Gutierrez Hall</i>
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>Gutierrez Hall</i>	12:45 – 2:00 pm	Wellbeing & Safety 🎧 <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> Learn about the campus resources and departments that support student health, safety, and overall well-being at TCU.
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Schedule Building Workshop <i>Various Locations</i> Students work with academic advisors to learn about the courses they need to take, explore class options, and begin building their first-semester schedule.	2:05 – 3:00 pm	Current Student Panel 🎧 <i>BLUU Ballroom</i> Hear from Current TCU students who are ready to answer any of your remaining questions!
2:45 – 3:20 pm	Advising & Enrollment <i>Various Locations</i> During this session, register for your first semester of classes. It's a key step in launching your academic journey with confidence!	3:00 – 3:45 pm	Letters from Home & Family Lounge
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Frog Farewell <i>Campus Commons</i> And just like that, orientation is a wrap! But don't worry—your Horned Frog journey is just beginning. Before you head out, be sure to drop off your room key and officially check out. Swing by the BLUU for a sweet treat, snap a photo at our photo booth, and soak up one last moment of fun. We can't wait to welcome you back in the fall for move-in and Frogs First.		

🎧 = Live Spanish translation available for guests and families / Traducción en vivo al español disponible para invitados y familias