

DESTINATION ARIZONA





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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Destination Arizona (DAZ) is an extension of a new student's orientation process and reinforces concepts presented to incoming students over virtual orientation. Programming is hosted the weekend before classes begin, **Friday, August 18 - Saturday, August 19, 2023** and is focused on transitioning students into their new life as an Arizona Wildcat.

During Destination Arizona, we anticipate welcoming over 10,000 incoming first-year, transfer, domestic and international students and their parent & family members.

Destination Arizona is a mix of mandatory & optional programming. Students will have four (4) programs they are required to attend over the span of the weekend. In addition to mandatory programs, Destination Arizona will offer various optional programming for students to build an entire weekend of learning, fun and connection!



LEARNING OUTCOMES

As part of Destination Arizona a student should...

1. **Comprehend the diverse perspectives** while creating strategies to strengthen and **foster an inclusive culture**.
2. **Feel connected to the Wildcat community** and **excited about their decision** to attend the University of Arizona.
3. Be able to **identify campus resources** and **gain confidence** in their ability to access and utilize them.
4. **Understand academic expectations** and how to **communicate effectively** with faculty and staff within the academic unit.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Mandatory Programming

Next Stop – Welcome hosted by academic units. Next Stop's goal is not only to refresh students on their academic expectations but also prepare them for their first day of classes and build a sense of belonging within their academic unit.

Optional Programming

- One College Nation
- Resource Fair
- Academic Open Houses
- Destination Dining
- Pride of Arizona's evening performance



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Mandatory Programming

Wildcat Way – This presentation asks students to take responsibility for themselves, and work toward creating a respectful, caring Wildcat community. Throughout this presentation, we will highlight the mission and values of our institution, and ask our community to hold one another to the highest standards of respect and civility.

Wildcat Way: Debrief Group – Engage in a discussion with Destination Arizona Leaders and other new students after the Wildcat Way presentation. Wildcat Way Debrief Groups will review presentation themes, campus resources and provide an opportunity for new students to make connections with one another.

Convocation – The perfect wrap-up to the Destination Arizona weekend and an introduction to a student's first day of classes. Convocation will balance both academic excitement and expectations as well as allow for some spirit and Arizona pride!

Optional Programming

- Campus Mixers
- Evening Oasis



HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL DESTINATION ARIZONA

PRE-ARRIVAL

- Attend Orientation!
- Check your CatMail for updates.
- July 3: Log-in to your Destination Arizona portal and make your schedule selections for optional programming.
- Wednesday, August 16 - Friday, August 18: Check-in and pick-up your Destination Arizona welcome box.



DESTINATION ARIZONA WEEKEND

- Download the Guidebook and GooseChase app. *(You'll learn more about this in your portal)*
- Tucson, AZ is located in the Sonoran Desert. What does this mean? It's HOT! Especially this time of year. Be sure that you dress accordingly and don't leave the water bottle behind.
- Come prepared to make connections and have fun!



PARENTS, FAMILY, & SUPPORTERS

While students are attending their mandatory Destination Arizona sessions, family and supporters of new students will be invited to attend various sessions hosted by Parent & Family Programs.

- **Family Resource Fair:** Tuesday, August 15th – Thursday, August 17th
- **Wildcat Family Conference:** Friday, August 18th
- **Letters from Home:** Friday, August 18th
- **Proud Parent Social:** Friday, August 18th
- **Bon Voyage BBQ:** Saturday, August 19th

For updates to times and locations, be sure to keep checking the Parent & Family Programs (uafamily.arizona.edu) website and sign-up for updates!



THANK YOU

Questions? Contact us at destination@arizona.edu or visit destination.arizona.edu

