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2017 FRESHMAN ORIENTATION
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SOAR stands for Student Orientation, Advising and Registration. SOAR is your way to get the inside scoop on all things 49ers and your introduction to UNC Charlotte. We will hook you up with all the info and tips you need to kick off a successful freshman year. You’ll be able to:

» Find your way around campus and the locations of important buildings and facilities.
» Meet some of your new best friends before classes start.
» Learn the ropes about residence hall life and how to be active on campus.
» Register for fall classes before the crowds.
» Get to know your college advisors and faculty. It’ll help you later. We promise.
» Hang out with Orientation Counselors (OCs), upper-class students who will help you learn the ropes and the University policies and procedures.
MAKE SURE YOU’RE SET BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Go through the checklist below and complete each of these items before you arrive at SOAR:

» Send final high school transcripts, AP scores, IB grades, or college transcripts to the Undergraduate Admissions Office.
» Activate your NinerNET account at pwmanager.uncc.edu
» Register online for SOAR at soar.uncc.edu
» Bring your immunization records, picture ID, and UNC Charlotte ID number (Your ID is printed on your admission letter).
» Print your SOAR confirmation information and directions.
» Make sure you note your confirmed SOAR session.
» Arrive on time for check-in.
» Call the SOAR Team at 704.687.5509 with any questions.
GET OUT YOUR CALENDAR
AND CHOOSE A DATE

IMPORTANT INFO
» Please don’t make non-refundable travel arrangements until you complete the SOAR registration process and receive confirmation of your assigned SOAR session!
» You may only register for the SOAR sessions offering academic advising for your major.
» If you need to change your major before registering for SOAR, contact the Office of Admissions at 704.687.5507 or at admissions@uncc.edu: the process may take several business days to complete.
» When you register for fall semester classes at Freshman SOAR, you’ll get the best selection of courses!
» If you’re just dying to get here and plan to arrive the night before your SOAR session, you may purchase an extra night’s lodging during the online registration process.

2017 FRESHMAN SOAR SESSION FEES
» Freshman student = $135, Includes: overnight accommodations, breakfasts and snacks, a lunch, a dinner, all program materials, and all other expenses associated with the program
» Parent/family member** = $65, Includes: two continental breakfasts, a buffet lunch, all program materials, and all other expenses associated with the program.
» Parent/family member overnight* = $55 Includes: overnight accommodations, dinner, and a hot breakfast option.
» Additional Overnight = $25
** ALL parents/family members attending the SOAR program, regardless of age, must pay the $65 fee.
* ALL parent/family members staying overnight on-campus, regardless of age, must pay the $55 overnight fee. This fee is in addition to the $65 program fee.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Advisors and faculty members will be available to present specific information related to your college and major (not all academic majors/departments advise every session). Please reference the SOAR Advisor Availability chart online at soar.uncc.edu for more information. You may only register for the SOAR sessions offering academic advising for your major.
BUT REALLY...
WHAT’S THE DEAL?

Aside from meeting new friends and learning the ins and outs of campus, SOAR was created to promote personal, academic, and individual success. SOAR is all about giving you the tools and resources you need to thrive as a UNC Charlotte student through group discussions, academic advising, and peer counseling.

TRAVEL INFO
When you arrive, follow the signs to the parking and check-in areas near the Miltimore Residence Hall. Orientation Counselors will direct you to check-in, which begins at 7:30am.

FAST FACTS
Give your parents a hug. They won’t be joining you for lunch on the first day of SOAR. Dinner is served in Crown Commons. Parents and family members not staying on campus may still eat in the dining hall by paying at the door. Students don’t need to worry about bringing cash. All SOAR activities are covered by UNC Charlotte.

1.5 DAY SOAR SESSION
Check-in is from 7:30-8:00am the first day of your session. Programs conclude at 1:00pm on the second day. All students must stay overnight in the residence hall.

PARENTS AND FAMILIES
The SOAR Family program will help parents and families gain additional information through special presentations. It will share insights into the adjustments college students and their families will make over the next four years. Siblings are welcome to attend the parent/family member program, but please no personal guests.

CRITICAL NOTES
In order to register for fall semester classes, it is mandatory that all students attend both days of their session. If you fail to attend both days, we’ll have to dismiss you from the program and reschedule you into another SOAR date at your own expense. Refunds for SOAR fees can be made only if the SOAR Office is notified in writing at least five business days prior to the confirmed program date. No exceptions can be made.
All new freshmen are required to stay on campus overnight during your SOAR session. You’ll be hanging out with other new students while your parents and family members stay in a separate building. You will even get paired up with a new roommate. The rooms come furnished, so all you need is an extra blanket and an alarm clock, and you’re set. You will be staying in a residence hall, so you’ll be without a TV for a night; this is a great opportunity to get to know other students here for SOAR!

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION
If your major falls within the College of Arts and Architecture, Liberal Arts and Sciences, or International Business, you must demonstrate a competency in either foreign language or American Sign Language. For more information about foreign language requirements, exemptions for CLEP, AP, or prior coursework, visit languages.uncc.edu/undergraduate-programs/requirements-and-policies.

PRIVACY OF STUDENT RECORDS
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), enacted in 1974, has the primary purpose of protecting the privacy of student information by controlling access to, and disclosure of, students’ education records. This federal law broadly prohibits the disclosure of any confidential information from student records, even to parents and family members – regardless of student’s tax status or the funding of the student’s education. If family members choose to attend SOAR, please be aware that some portions of the program are only open to students. Additional information about FERPA can be found at legal.uncc.edu/FERPA.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS
New Student and Family Services and the Office of Disability Services work to ensure that SOAR is accessible to all attendees. Students with disability or medical needs who require accommodations to participate in SOAR should contact the Office of Disability Services at least two weeks prior to their scheduled SOAR date by calling 704-687-0040. For more information, visit ds.uncc.edu/prospective-students/exploresoar.
WE’D HATE FOR YOU TO MISS THIS!

Freshman Summer SOAR sessions are a big deal and a critical piece to developing your #NinerPride. We understand emergencies happen. If you are unable to make a summer session, we do offer a limited Fall Freshman SOAR program.

If you do not attend Summer Freshman SOAR, you’ll automatically receive information in August about attending Fall Freshman SOAR. But the cliff notes version is just not the same as the full summer experience.

CAN’T WAIT TO TALK TO US?
We’re here for you all year long if you have any questions. Feel free to give us a call or shoot us an email anytime.

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