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Welcome Weekend awaits students' arrival

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – In just one week, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville will hold its annual Welcome Weekend to celebrate the arrival of students, both new and old. This year, UW-Platteville's Welcome Weekend will be held Saturday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 4, as classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

"Welcome Weekend 2017 is an all-campus group effort to welcome students, new and returning, and to get them connected to UW-Platteville and the Platteville community," David Nevins, director of campus activities, said. "This year's three-day event includes social, educational and life at UW-Platteville presentations."

The weekend kicks off on Saturday with new student move-in from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. At 11 a.m., the Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium will be open for a Pioneer football game and lunch. UW-Platteville students receive free admission with their Pioneer Passports, and each additional family member is \$5. An optional buffet lunch is available for an additional \$5 per person. Kick-off is at 1 p.m.

Later that evening, students can participate in Playfair, the most popular Welcome Weekend attraction. Free movies and bowling will also be offered at Millennium Cinema and Pioneer Lanes. Non-stop shuttle transportation will be provided for students with their Pioneer Passports.

A campus welcome event for students, featuring Hoan Do, an award-winning motivational speaker and competitor on NBC's "American Ninja Warrior," will take place on Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Ullsvik Hall. Additional events will

be held throughout the day.

“Every year we start with a big bang, Welcome Weekend, and we keep that momentum going throughout the year,” Lisa Kratz, director of the Markee Pioneer Student Center, said. “We put a lot of thought into all activities, and our student employees spent all summer planning and working on finishing touches.”

Sunday night, a Super Ball drop is planned for the parking lot near the MPSC at 9:40 p.m. More than 1,500 Super Balls equipped with flashing lights will be dropped from six stories high. During this time, students are invited to participate in Glow Campus, a high-value concert production that provides DJs with cirque-style stage performers. Attendees dance under light shows and special effects, all while performers like aerialists, LED robots, contortionists and more take the stage.

As many as 100 students will be participating in a community service project on Monday, Sept. 4. These projects include painting, cleaning up local parks, trail restoration and more.

Monday evening features UW-Platteville’s Great Mascot Race on the west lawn of the MPSC. Local mascots, including Pioneer Pete, will go head-to-head to declare a champion. The night will end with the Taste of Platteville and outdoor movie from 8:30-11 p.m.

“All of these events packed into three days is designed to help new students get connected, understand the resources available to them and be successful at UW-Platteville,” Nevins said.

For a full list of Welcome Weekend events, visit www.uwplatt.edu/welcome-weekend/welcome-weekend-schedule.

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