

New Student Orientation

Commonly, the first six weeks of college life for new students is the most critical in helping students to find a comfortable place in the college environment.

Northwest College's orientation program provides an opportunity for students to make new friends and become acquainted with faculty and staff in a casual, comfortable, and fun environment.

Registration begins during the summer when new students gather on campus to meet with advisors, schedule their semester classes, and tour the College campus and facilities. It then continues at the beginning of the fall semester with an extended Kick-Off Weekend orientation. During this four-day weekend, students engage in a variety of social activities that include rafting, hiking, field trips, barbecues, and many more fun activities.

NWC's orientation program has a high level of success due to the combination of adventure activities and academic workshops, as well as opportunities for students to meet each other and the College's faculty and staff in an informal environment. Students can earn up to 1.5 college (1.0 academic or 0.5 wellness) credits for their participation in this event. This program is specifically designed to help students adjust to college life by developing social and academic contacts both before classes start in the fall and during those first critical weeks of the semester.

On-Campus Living Requirements

Students enrolled in 9 or more credit hours are required to live in college residence halls their first two semesters. Exceptions are freshmen age 21 or over; freshmen who are married or are single parents with custody of child(ren); students who have completed two semesters of full-time credit at Northwest College, or another college/university; Freshmen who are living at home with parents or legal guardians full time. Any exemptions must be applied for and approved by the Housing Office. Students enrolled in less than 9 credit hours are eligible to live in campus housing if space is available. Students who have children or minors living with them should explore housing options at Trapper Village Main or Trapper Village West.

MEAL PLANS

Students residing in residence halls are required to participate in one of five flexible meal plan choices. Apartment residents can

also participate in any of the meal plan options available. The *Traditional 19*, *Traditional 10* and *Traditional 5* plans offer unlimited seconds in the DeWitt Student Center Dining Hall. The *Flex 15* and *Flex 6* plans feature meals in the Dining Hall and *Flex Bucks* for use in both the 7th Street Grille and the Dining Hall.

For complete information see the Housing or Apartment License Agreement/Contract.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

For safety and protection, students residing on campus must provide proof of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunization if born after 1956.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Admitted applicants are sent housing information and an application. Policies regarding visitations, noise, alcohol, and other controlled substances are enforced. Any other student wanting housing information may contact the Residence Life/Housing Office.

RESIDENCE HALL FACILITIES

Residents of all housing facilities must provide their own pillows, pillow cases, sheets, blankets, and towels. NWC will not be responsible for damages due to power surges caused by individual room overloads. Students must provide their own U.L. approved fuse-type multi-plug surge protectors. Students are advised to purchase a separate policy of "renter's insurance" or other property insurance covering personal property. Residence halls are furnished and provide laundry facilities, voice mail, computer labs, etc. Each hall is managed by a Resident Director with help from student Resident Assistants. Programs through the Residence Life Office promote student development.

Residence Halls

Ashley Hall—148-bed coed hall
Cody Hall—180-bed coed hall
Colter Hall—88-bed women's hall
Lewis and Clark Hall—146-bed coed hall
Simpson Hall—80-bed coed suites

APARTMENT FACILITIES

Trapper Village Main

Trapper Village Main consists of five apartment buildings containing one- and two-bedroom apartments. Single students who

have spent two or more semesters in residence halls, married students, and single parents are eligible for the apartments. Contact the Residence Life/Housing Office for details.

Trapper Village West

Trapper Village West consists of 61 one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments. Contact the Residence Life/Housing Office for details.

HOUSING DEPOSIT / DEPOSIT REFUND

Northwest College requires a \$100 (\$200 for Simpson Hall) housing deposit and a \$25 non-refundable processing fee to reserve a space in the residence halls. Apartment deposits range from \$200 to \$300. Upon check-in, the deposit serves as a damage/contract breakage deposit.

The housing damage deposit will be refunded under the following conditions.

- Cancellation of housing contract or application prior to August 1 for fall semester, and December 1–apartments, December 15–residence halls, for spring semester. All cancellations must be in writing and addressed to Northwest College, Housing Coordinator, 231 W Sixth Street, Powell, WY 82435-1890.
- If a student is denied admission by the College.
- When a student officially checks out of campus housing and completes the check-out paperwork with residence life staff and is withdrawing from Northwest College because of academic suspension. The deposit, less any charges assessed for loss, damage, or outstanding debts owed to the College, will be refunded to the student.

The deposit will be refunded by mail within 60 days after fulfillment of the above conditions.

ROOM AND BOARD REFUND

Students who check out of the residence halls before the end of the contract period will forfeit the \$100 deposit and will not receive a room and board refund. Students completely withdrawing from the College

will be refunded subject to the institutional Refund Policy. See page 12.

There are no room and board refunds for students dismissed from the residence halls or Trapper Village Apartments. See the Housing or Apartment License Agreement/Contract for more details.

Child Care Services

Northwest's Child Care Center provides a warm and loving environment where children are offered diverse opportunities for growth and development. The individuality, uniqueness, and creativity of each child are respected and encouraged. Parent participation in the Center is welcome.

This well-equipped and staffed facility is located on campus. The center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). It accepts children of students, faculty, staff, and select college partners. Children must be ages 2-12 and toilet-trained. Child care is provided during daytime classes only. Bus service from the public schools, an after school program, and a preschool for 4-year-old children are offered. The preschool is taught by the Center manager. A child must be fully registered to attend the center. Parents may register their children at any time at the Child Care Center.

DeWitt Student Center

Northwest's DeWitt Student Center houses a 500-seat dining hall, the 7th Street Grille, a bookstore, a student lounge, a formal meeting room, and "The Oasis," a multipurpose activities facility. Offices located in the center include Residence Life, Food Services, Bookstore, Student Senate, Student Activities and Intramurals, and Campus Security.

Student Activities and Organizations

Students have many opportunities to

become involved with a number of campus activities or organizations.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students have the opportunity to participate in annual activities such as hypnotist shows, dances, Karaoke contests, talent shows, and comedy presentations as well as a variety of travel programs. Through the NWC Student Activities Office, students may attend baseball, hockey and theater programs in Wyoming and southern Montana. All of these programs are offered at economical prices.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students enrolled in six or more credit hours are automatically members of the Associated Students of Northwest College. The governing body of ASNWC is the Student Senate, which is composed of five officers and five general representatives elected in the spring semester and seven additional general representatives elected in the fall. Through appointment or election by the Senate, students are represented on many college committees that assist in governance of the institution.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

More than 30 clubs and organizations are available to students. Some are associated with academic disciplines (e.g. Literacy Club, Block & Bridle, Rod Burners, and Nursing Club), others with special interests (e.g. International Club, Trapper ACES, and Ski Club). Stop by the Student Activities and Intramurals Office or the Residence Life Office in the DeWitt Student Center for a list of clubs/organizations and their advisors.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The Northwest College athletics program dedicates itself to the pursuit of athletic excellence within the framework of an academic community committed to the institution's educational objectives.

Our programs are committed to helping students achieve intellectual, physical, and interpersonal growth while competing at the highest level of the National Junior

College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I and the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA).

By providing our programs with superior financial and physical resources, highly qualified professionals will foster in its participants a desire for excellence, respect for colleagues, fair play, teamwork, leadership, perseverance, and integrity.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS AND RECREATION

The intramural program offers the men and women of the campus community a structured, recreational schedule in fifteen activities during the year. Activities are organized on both team and individual basis. The entire program is voluntary and free. Intramurals include such activities as men's, women's, and co-recreational softball, flag football, floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, and golf. An exciting new sport added by popular demand is dodgeball.

Informal recreation offers an outlet to individuals who desire a less structured, non-tournament form of sport recreation. Facility schedules are set in conjunction with established program priorities in physical education and athletics. Attempts are made to maintain some facilities for informal recreation. The list of activities includes basketball, volleyball, racquetball, handball, and weight training.

THE JOHNSON FITNESS CENTER

The Johnson Fitness Center is a facility dedicated to promoting lifelong physical fitness, health, and wellness. The center provides equipment and programs that assist the individual in attaining goals in the areas of health, fitness, physical conditioning, athletic training, weight control, stress management, and personal enrichment.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

In addition to traditional sports activities, Northwest offers a broad variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. Organized courses in rock and ice climbing, backpacking, spelunking, nordic and alpine skiing, kayaking, bicycling, and winter outdoor survival are offered throughout

the school year. Trips and outings are also sponsored through various student organizations on campus.

RECREATION EQUIPMENT CO-OP

The Co-Op is designed to make available to the students, faculty, and staff most of the equipment necessary to take advantage of both on-campus and off-campus recreational activities. All current students/faculty/staff may check out equipment at no cost. This includes intramural teams as well as individuals.

Available equipment includes rackets, racquetballs, eye guards, basketballs, camping gear, climbing equipment, kayaks, etc. A complete list of equipment is posted in the Cabre Gym at the check-out station.

Technology and Student Life

- **Drop by the 7th Street Grille to have a snack and check your e-mail at this cyber café,**
- **Have a laptop? Stop by Computing Services to set it up for wireless access from many campus locations including residence hall common areas,**
- **NWC professors frequently utilize computer-based delivery for some course components like online tests, checking your grades, and some assignments (check MyNWC for access),**
- **Northwest is steadily on a mission to upgrade classrooms to fully-equipped "smart" classrooms; a majority already have SMART Boards (electronic whiteboards) and digital projection systems,**
- **Internet connections available in all residence hall rooms, and**
- **NWC students use *MyNWC.northwestcollege.edu* to register for classes, pay their college account, read their campus e-mail, connect with online tutoring, and more!**