NSO is meant to be your gateway to SDSU, and it’s two days for more than one very good reason. College isn’t just textbooks and tests; college isn’t just socializing and social causes; and, college isn’t just living away from home and becoming independent. It’s an incredible passage of time between now and your future that blends it all together in one unforgettable experience. Orientation is where it all starts. We’re going to connect you now with the people, places and resources you’re going to need later. We truly understand the value of your time, and we understand how challenging it can be to take two days away from an already busy summer. We also hope you’ll understand the value of the Orientation experience and the impact it’s going to have on your time at State.

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- **NEW JACKS**
  - **COME PREPARED.** Check the packing list and driving directions prior to your session.
  - **ASK QUESTIONS.** Don’t assume someone else will ask them for you.
  - **ATTEND AS MANY INFORMATION SESSIONS AS YOU CAN.**
  - **GIVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION TO THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF THAT ARE HERE TO HELP YOU (PHONES DOWN, PLEASE).**
  - **MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH FELLOW JACKRABBITS.**
  - **GET A GLIMPSE INTO LIFE AT STATE.** Stay overnight and eat with us.
  - **KNOW AND EMBRACE THAT YOU WILL GO THROUGH SOME OF THESE PROCESSES ON YOUR OWN.**
  - **SHARE WHAT YOU’VE LEARNED WITH THOSE WHO NEED TO KNOW.**
  - **KEEP, READ AND REFER BACK TO YOUR NSO MATERIALS OFTEN.**

It’s not always possible for parents or other supporters to attend NSO with their student. That’s why we want to make the playing field as level as possible for all of our incoming freshmen. Here are three simple considerations for all college parents (novice or pro) to keep in mind.

### NO. 1
**It might not be yours, but this is your student’s first time going through Orientation at SDSU.**

### NO. 2
**Rooms are student-only zones. (This is a great time for them to learn self-advocacy in college).**

### NO. 3
**Students should plan to stay for the full two-day experience (even if their guests can’t).**

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