Now that you’ve registered for New Student Orientation (NSO) at SDSU, you might be curious about what you can expect when you’re here with us this summer.

We want to make your NSO experience as fun, informational and successful as possible. One way we plan to do just that is to provide you with useful information and helpful tips before you even get here.

This is the first in a series of GET TO KNOW NSO e-newsletters. Each edition is designed with you in mind and will touch on a variety of NSO-related topics that you’ll want to be familiar with prior to your session.

We encourage you to read this information carefully and share it with those who need to know, too. It’s just one way you can help us help you get JACKRABBIT READY.

TWO DAYS TO GET JACKRABBIT READY

Most new Jackrabbits will spend at least 612 days attending classes at SDSU. That doesn’t count the additional days they’ll spend here as Jackrabbit things. AND that doesn’t compare to the number of days, years and decades that they’ll spend as proud Jackrabbit alumni.

To best prepare you for your life at State, New Student Orientation is asking you to spend just two days with us this summer.

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 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.

AND Orientation is where it all starts. We’re going to connect you now to the people, places, resources and services you’re going to need later. Check out our NSO schedule online and see for yourself just how much you can get done when you spend just two days with us.

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. But we also hope you’ll understand the value of the Orientation experience and the positive impact it’s going to have on your overall transition to SDSU.

Get as much out of NSO as you can. It’s just a two-day stop on your journey to the next four years.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: A FAMILY AFFAIR

The decision to attend college and the subsequent transition to college is often one that involves the whole family. That’s why parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend NSO at SDSU. Our programs offer something for everyone, as we want everyone to leave feeling prepared, comfortable with and excited about joining the Jackrabbit Family.

That said, we also want to emphasize that there are certain parts of this process where our students and their guests will spend time apart.

This is done intentionally to allow our newest Jacks to take ownership of their college experience — something about which families should feel very proud.

A STUDENT’S ROLE AT NSO

YOU will be the one taking classes, living in the residence halls, joining student organizations and making your SDSU experience what it is. There is a lot to know before you get here this fall, which means how you spend your time at Orientation is crucial. Here’s what we recommend:

- Come prepared
- Ask questions
- Attend as many information sessions as you can
- Give your full attention to the students, faculty and staff that are here to help you
- Make connections with your fellow Jackrabbits
- Get a glimpse into life at State by staying overnight and eating with us
- Be okay with going through some of these processes on your own
- Share what you’ve learned with your family
- Keep, read and refer to your NSO materials often

A PARENT’S/GUARDIAN’S ROLE AT NSO

It’s not always possible for parents or other family members to attend NSO with their students. Despite that, we want to make the playing field as level as possible for all of our incoming freshmen — especially when it comes to learning how to navigate course registration, academic requirements and university policy. In many ways, your role is the same as your student’s; however, there are some key differences.

- Come prepared
- Ask questions and encourage your student to do the same
- Attend as many information sessions as you can — especially those that are designed specifically for you
- Know that our students, faculty and staff are here to help your student be successful
- Make connections with other Jackrabbit parents and families
- Get familiar with campus, aka your student’s home away from home for the next few years
- Empower your student to navigate the advising and registration processes independently
- Visit with your student about her/his course selections, credit load and plans for getting involved — there will be time to do just that in between advising and registration
- Keep, read and refer to your NSO materials often

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We’ll see you this summer!