

2011 FreshFest Schedule

Schedule is subject to change.

Monday August 22rd – Move-In Day

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Lender Auditorium on the Main Level

Participants and parents check in at the Winnick Hillel Center. ALL participants MUST check-in at Hillel in order to gain access to their residence halls. Pick up your T-Shirt and get helpful info. Bring a photo-ID and your 'Early Arrival' E-Mail. Check-in will take just about 15 minutes (unless your parents decide to schmooze). Can't make it during our window? Call us, ASAP to make alternate arrangements.

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Your 2010-2011 Residence Hall

Move into your dorm! After checking in, Hillel will provide facilitators to help with the move in process. You MUST check in at Hillel BEFORE you can move in (see above)! When you get to your dorm, you will get an SUID card (it might be a temp card).

Noon - 4:30 p.m.
Syracuse University Book Store
Schine Student Center

Get your books at the University Book Store. If you pre-registered for picking up your books early they will be reserved for you on the third floor. Remember to bring your SUID (so you have to check into your dorms first).

Evening

Students and parents are free to do last minute shopping and spend time together. This is the best time to get all the things you forgot, or couldn't fit in the car, and unpack. Students can stay in the residence halls that night, if they want, or stay with their parents at their hotel. It's your call!

Late-Night

Staying in the dorms? Want to hang out? We will have our facilitators tell you where they are staying in the dorms to make sure you can stop in and say hello. No one has to be alone on their first night.

Tuesday, August 23th – FreshFest Programming Day 1

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Dining Room on the Lower Level

Come for our "good-bye" bagel breakfast at the Winnick Hillel Center. The event is for families and the FreshFest participants. Mix and mingle with the other students and families. A light breakfast will be served. Remember to wear your FreshFest T-shirts today.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Atrium on the Main Level

Get Swabbed. Students and parents are invited to participate in the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Donor Registry drive. It takes just minutes and you can save a life between bagels. It's one of our favorite Tzedek initiatives.

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Dining Room on the Lower Level

Learn about Gift of Life. We will have someone who has donated, as a result of a previous drive here at Hillel, to give a short presentation about Gift of Life and the work the organization does.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Dining Room on the Lower Level

FreshFest opens with a welcome and introductions of Hillel staff and FreshFest facilitators. We will say a little prayer and FreshFesters will say good-bye to their families! Don't worry, parents, your kids are in good hands.

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Throughout the Building

Make connections! First Year students go with our facilitators for group activities, introductions, and games in various parts of the building.

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Dining Room on the Lower Level

Learn what Hillel is all about (for families). Michael Weiss, Hillel's Student Board President and Brian Small, Hillel's Acting Interim Director, will speak to families about Hillel's mission and programming. A brief Q&A will follow. At the conclusion, parents will be asked to depart campus and are free to enjoy Syracuse and surrounding area or return home for the remainder of the FreshFest program.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Various Campus Destinations

'Syracuse Life Scavenger Hunt' commences. Students will travel around important campus spots on a scavenger hunt designed to help them learn all about SU. Facilitators will guide you through the experience.

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Hendricks Chapel
Main Campus Quad

Take a break for lunch. Teams are required to check in at Hendricks Chapel for a lunch break at 12:15 p.m. We will also take our annual FreshFest picture on the stairs of Hendricks Chapel.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Various Campus Destinations

The 'Syracuse Life Scavenger Hunt' concludes. Meet back at the Winnick Hillel Center to submit your pictures. We'll have prizes for the winners (who will be announced later in the day). Be back at Hillel by no later than 2:15 p.m. or your team will be disqualified.

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Throughout the Building

Have a snack and relax. Before we move to the next part of our program, we want you to have a few minutes to grab something to eat and meet and mingle. Fill out our interest sheets to get involved!

2:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Throughout the Building

Tzedek options... How can I heal the world? Learn about a number of community service opportunities. After you hear from the community leaders you can sign up for more information. How do you want to make a difference?

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Lender Auditorium on the Main Level

Learn about Israel and Birthright from students that care. We will be offering an Israel program where students can ask questions about Birthright and learn a bit about some other options for travel and studying in Israel

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Your Residence Hall

Break time! Students are encouraged to return to their dorms to get ready for the evening. Make sure to wear or bring socks with you for bowling. You might also want to grab a jacket. Make sure to keep your FreshFest T-shirts on, though.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Outside Patio

BBQ dinner at Hillel. We will be grilling all of your favorite foods at Hillel on the patio. Come and get some kosher BBQ. Of course there will be other options for our friends with special dietary needs.

8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Meet the Bus In Front of Our Building

Bowling! We leave campus for a while to go bowling, as a group. Remember to bring socks.

11:30 p.m. - Late Evening
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Atrium on the Main Level

Hang out at the Winnick Hillel Center before getting some sleep. Grab a late-night snack at Hillel before you go back to your dorms to crash for the night. We will have facilitators to walk you back in groups.

Wednesday, August 24th – FreshFest Programming Day 2

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Café Winnick
Breakfast is served. For those of you who would like to grab a bite to eat in the morning, we will have breakfast and snacks available. We will be eating lunch later in Skaneateles, if you miss breakfast. Fill out our interest sheets to get involved!
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Lender Auditorium on the Main Level
Take part in the facilitator interest fair for new students. We have an amazing group of students that facilitate our program. They are a part of nearly every major organization on campus. They will be stationed all over the building and will be there to answer your questions. It's a great way to learn about all the amazing groups from current members.
- 10:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.**
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Meet the Bus In Front of Our Building
Lunch in the park and a cruise of Skaneateles Lake. What better way to spend an afternoon than in an amazing park and on the water? We'll travel to Skaneateles, one of Syracuse's suburbs, and escape the craziness of campus. There will be shopping and great food.
- 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Lender Auditorium on the Main Level
FreshFest wrap-up. Before dinner, we want to know what you are looking forward to this year. What did you enjoy about FreshFest? Take a moment to reflect on your experience and think about the great times this year that are right around the corner.
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Dining Room on the Lower Level
Stay and have dinner or take your dinner to go. Grab one last meal at Hillel before heading to the dorms for orientation. Take-out containers will be provided in case you need to get to the residence halls to meet your new roommate.

Orientation Week - Additional FreshFest Stuff

- Thursday, August 26th**
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Main Campus Quad Interest Tent
Visit Hillel at the interest tent. It's a great way to learn more about Life at SU. Of course you will already know more than most students because of FreshFest. But feel free to stop by and say hello.
- Friday, August 27th**
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life
Throughout the Building
Your first Shabbat on campus. Come to our Shabbat services at the Winnick Hillel Center for Jewish Life. Catch up with your FreshFest friends and make plans for the weekend. We start at 6:00 p.m. with our community candle lighting. We have both Reform and Conservative services and then have Shabbat dinner together. The meal is just a swipe off your meal plan. You will be done before Orientation activities begin for the evening.