

## 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.

Orientation begins during the summer when new students gather on campus to engage in college success workshops, 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 Kick-Off 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 a non-threatening environment. 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 Requirement, Residential Life, and Food Services

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. Stu-

dents who have children or minors living with them should explore housing options at Trapper Village West.

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* and *Traditional 10* 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* dollars for use in the newly remodeled food court. There is also a standard *Coupon* plan available to eligible students for use in the food court only.

For complete information see the Housing Guide.

### HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Admitted applicants who indicate they intend to live on campus 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 Residential 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 surge protectors. Residence halls are furnished and provide laundry facilities. Each hall is managed by a full-time Residence Hall Director with help from student Resident Assistants. Programs through the Residential Life Office promote student development.

#### Residence Halls

Ashley Hall—140-bed coed hall  
 Bridger Hall—134-bed women's hall  
 Cody Hall—168-bed coed hall  
 Colter Hall—70-bed coed hall  
 Lewis and Clark Hall—138-bed men's hall

### APARTMENT FACILITIES

#### Trapper Village Main

Trapper Village 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 Residential Life/Housing Office for details.

#### Trapper Village West

Trapper Village West consists of 61 one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments. Academic interest "theme" houses are available to eligible students. Contact the Residential Life/Housing Office for details.

### HOUSING DEPOSIT/DEPOSIT REFUND

Northwest College requires a \$100 housing deposit to reserve a space in the residence halls. Apartment deposits range from \$150 to \$200. 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 West Sixth Street, Powell, WY 82435.
- If a student is denied admission by the college.
- When a student officially checks out of campus housing 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 refund.

Because meals are planned in advance, students are charged for meals on a prorated basis, up to and including the week of check out. There are no room and board refunds for students dismissed from the residence halls or Trapper Village Apartments.

## 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. It accepts children of students, faculty, and staff. Children must be ages 2-12 and toilet-trained. Child care is provided during daytime classes only. Bus service to and from the public schools and an after school program are offered. A child must be fully registered to attend the center. Students, faculty, and staff 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, a snack bar, a bookstore, a student lounge, and a nonalcoholic pub. Offices located in the center include Residential Life, Student Government, and Student Activities and Intramurals.

## Student Activities and Organizations

Students are encouraged to become involved with at least one campus activity or organization.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students enrolled in more than five 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 four officers and five general representatives elected in the spring semester and five 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. Art Club, Rod Burners, and Nursing Club), others with special interests (e.g. International Club, Young Democrats/Republicans, and Ski Club). The offices of the Dean of Students and the Director of Residential Life have more information.

### INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Northwest aspires to excellence in athletics as it does in all of its educational endeavors. Over the last half-dozen years, at least one of the college's men's or women's sports has been nationally ranked each year. Northwest offers a varsity athletic program of three sports for men and three sports for women—basketball, rodeo, and wrestling for men, and basketball, rodeo, and volleyball for women. Athletes are expected not only to excel athletically but also to be dedicated students of sound character. Scheduling is done in consideration of the academic commitments of athletes.

The sports program is supported by a cheerleading team and a performance group called Dance Electric.

### INTRAMURAL SPORTS AND RECREATION

The intramural program offers the men and women of the campus community a structured, competitive schedule in over 30 activities during the semester. Activities are organized on a 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, racquetball, floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, and golf.

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, badminton, 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 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. Only members of the Co-op may check out equipment for non-class use. 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 checkout station.