



Welcome Western Carolina University new students and parents!

Thank you for registering for First Ascent! We are very excited to be welcoming you onto our campus and into our community this August. What better way to do that than by making new friends and exploring your new campus, Cullowhee and all the active, adventurous, cultural and unique opportunities here in the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains! This year, due to COVID-19 we have created a hybrid model of First Ascent which incorporates many of the adventurous components of past years programs. This program offers you a unique experience while introducing you to other new students, upper classmen, faculty and staff, as well as Cullowhee and its surrounding areas.

This letter is primarily to welcome you and to thank you for choosing our program. The first important step in preparing for First Ascent is to complete all important forms specific to the program for which you are registered **by July 26, 2021**. On top of this, please look over the gear list (located in the information packet you received alongside this email). **To ensure you do not miss any important information, you must check your WCU email account regularly.**

For now, please note the *tentative* schedule for the first day of First Ascent, which also serves as your move-in day! If you have specific questions, contact us at basecamp@wcu.edu or call 828.227.8813. Friend us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/basecamp.cullowhee> and follow us on Instagram http://instagram.com/basecamp_cullowhee to post questions and meet other new students!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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