



Summer is quickly wrapping up and soon Texas Christian University's campus will flourish with the shining faces of its students moving into their residence halls even as they cope with the extreme Texas heat. Move-in day can be a long, challenging process but TCU is here to help make the best of it by offering assistance in many ways.

Incoming freshman, Meghan Riegel from St. Louis, MO, is anxious to move into her residence hall. Riegel is excited to be rooming with a new friend from Texas and as most students, is looking forward to meeting many new people and making new friends. She can't wait to be able to live on her own and establish her independence, but has concerns of being homesick because this will be the first time she is so far away, especially

being out of state. Moving away from home is an exciting time but comes with great responsibility. Keeping on track with the right balance of schoolwork and social activity is key to success in college.

Zach Harrell, a TCU grad student and recent Horned Frog graduate has offered some advice to students such as Riegel who have some concerns about moving away from home for the first time. "It is amazing how much you can fit into these rooms, but only bring the essentials, because don't forget two people have to share that one small room!" Harrell advised students to coordinate with their roommate before moving in to make sure you do not bring two of anything. Making a to-do list will also help, so once you get here you can quickly make a Target or Bed Bath & Beyond run if anything was left behind. When he first came to TCU he lived in North Carolina and had to pack everything into one car. "I packed up all that could fit in one trip, which was mainly the things I couldn't replace, and bought the rest after I moved in." Preparation is essential to make the move as easy as possible.

Upon arrival, student volunteers will be waiting to assist with boxes and belongings to ease the moving process. Large bins on wheels are available for use to allow for easy transportation of belongings and to shorten the amount of trips to and from the car. Once all your items are in your room, the adventure begins! August is one of the hottest Texas months. It is important to stay hydrated especially while engaging in physical activity such as moving. TCU is excited for the school year to begin and has planned many activities for students to get to know one another. See you in August!

## Moving Into Your Residence Hall

### *Parking Instructions*

- When you arrive on campus proceed to Lot 5 – Accessed off West Cantey Street. Cars will be sent to the unloading areas from this lot only on the move in days. Do not return your car to this area, as it is a temporary staging area.
- Once parked, you will be issued a dashboard-parking tag. This parking tag will allow you to enter the unloading area for each hall. Without it, your car will not be allowed to enter the unloading area.
- TCU staff and volunteers will notify you when to leave the holding lot to go to your hall to unload. We anticipate short wait times, but we ask you to please be patient as you wait for your opportunity to unload.
- You will proceed to the unloading area once space is available and unload your belongings onto the sidewalk or lawn area outside your hall. We ask that you please make an effort to use only ONE vehicle during move-in.
- Unload EVERYTHING from your vehicle and place it on the curb by your residence hall.
- Pack your belongings in a way that is easy to transport through doorways and up stairs.
- Once all the items are unloaded, please move the car back to a parking lot (NOT the Kelly Center parking lot) as directed by TCU Police/or the TCU housing staff.
- It is advisable to pack your belongings as if you will have to carry them to your room.
- Vehicles will not be allowed at the unloading zone for more than 15 minutes. Unaccompanied vehicles violate the FIRE CODE and will be subject to ticketing and towing. Someone from your party must stay with your vehicle in the unloading zone the entire time it is there.
- TCU volunteers will help unload belongings. If you are traveling alone, we will assist you.

### *Check-in Instructions*

- All students will check in at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, located on Stadium Drive, next to the Daniel Meyer Coliseum. PLEASE NOTE THAT GRANDMARC RESIDENTS WILL CHECK IN DIRECTLY AT THE GRANDMARC.
- Students should proceed to the Cox Ballroom where they will be greeted by their new residence hall staff. To allow for a quick check in, we ask that parents/guardians relax and enjoy refreshments in the parent reception room while students check in.
- Parents/guardians – please feel free to get a drink, or sit and relax in the reception room while your student gets his/her key and other check-in materials.
- After checking in, families will be directed to the move-in coordinator who will notify you when the unloading zone close to the building becomes available.
- If immediate unloading is available you will be directed to your hall to unload.

**If you have questions about this or any other aspect regarding move-in, please contact HRL at [housing@tcu.edu](mailto:housing@tcu.edu) or 817-257-7865. We look forward to seeing you. Have a safe trip! WELCOME TO TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY!**

# Frogs First

Wherever you find your place at TCU, just remember, you were a Horned Frog First! Frogs First is an incoming new student welcome program that will be held your first weekend at TCU. The goal is to challenge you, inspire you, connect you to your fellow Horned Frogs and help you fall in love with TCU. During this four-day program, you will be placed in a community group made up of students from your residence hall led by upper-division student leaders. Students get to know not only their roommate, but also the people they will be living with all year. There are countless activities being held so you are sure to find something that catches your eye- from movie nights to zoo trips, to having Target just for the frogs to run around in, and much, much more. Abbey Baxter a current senior at TCU was a Frogs First leader last year and will also be a leader this year. She said her favorite part about the program is seeing every student on campus together, making connections at every event especially within their small groups. Abbey's favorite event is the Common Reading. She got to see students from all different backgrounds interact together and share their own input of the summer reading. The Common Reading session is also their first introduction into a college class setting with a professor. "There are a lot of changes from last year that are going to be awesome, I am really looking forward to meeting all the



new students and watch them have a great time together as the class of 2016," Abbey said. Frogs First does not conflict with recruitment and it is not a program you need to sign up for, every student is automatically put into a group and they will find out which one when they move in. There is no cost to you for any of the events during Frogs First – it's all a part of becoming a Horned Frog! See you in August! For more information and a full schedule of events visit: <http://www.frogsfirst.tcu.edu>.

## Package and Mail Service

There have been some changes in how TCU will be accepting packages on behalf of students. Packages should no longer be delivered to the students' Residence Hall, but

delivered to their PO Box at the TCU Post Office. All US Postal, FedEx, UPS, etc. will be accepted at the Post Office. Flower arrangements may still be sent to the students' Residence Hall. For

more information you can visit <http://www.tcupostoffice.com/default.asp>. Packages sent prior to student move in should be sent to their TCU PO Box.

## Fall Move-In Dates

Students attending the following August programs can move in to their assigned hall on the following dates. The check in process begins at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center.

### Wednesday, August 8 – 9:00AM to 1:00PM

International Student Orientation, Transfer B Orientation

#### Move-In Times:

LAST names beginning with J – Q 9:00 am – 10:15 am  
 LAST names beginning with A – I 10:15 am – 11:30 am  
 LAST names beginning with R – Z 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

### Saturday, August 11 – 9:00AM to 7:00PM

Orientation 9, Challenge B, Casa Nueva C, Summit, Sorority Recruitment, TCU GrandMarc leases

#### Move-In Times:

LAST names beginning with J – Q 9:00 am – 11:30 am  
 LAST names beginning with A – I 11:30 am – 2:00 pm  
 LAST names beginning with R – Z 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

*Frog Camp Participants will be checking in when they return to campus*

### Tuesday, August 14 – 8:00AM – 2:00PM

Orientation 10

All first year students and returning students to main campus (Not Fraternity Chapter House Residents)

#### Move-In Times:

LAST names beginning with J – Q 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
 LAST names beginning with A – I 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
 LAST names beginning with R – Z 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

## What To Bring

### The Essentials:

- Clothing
- Personal grooming products
- Bedding and room décor \*
- Towels
- Hangers
- Clock/alarm clock
- Wastebasket
- 3/4" nails, push pins and blue painters tape\*
- Shower caddy

### Suggested Items:

- Entertainment equipment such as stereo, TV (must have a QAM tuner\*), gaming stations
- Bicycle and lock (bike racks are outside each residence hall)
- Computer, printer\*
- Power strips with surge protector (up to 12 feet)
- Small bulletin board
- Dishes, utensils
- Study light for bed or desk
- Single cup brewers such as a Keurig
- Landline telephone
- Fish in a ten gallon tank or less
- Shower shoes (for community bath halls)