

Tuesday, July 28th

Packing Up Pre-Arrival Session
Life in Raleigh



Session Logistics



Please introduce yourself in the chat! This has helped past groups make connections with other new students.



You can submit your questions through the Q&A (Question and Answer) feature and we will answer as many as we can during the Q&A portion of today's session.



You can use the thumbs up feature to upvote questions your peers have asked. This will make it easier for panelists to see and more likely that you will hear a response.



A recording of this session will be posted on our Packing Up webpage.

Our Panelists

Student Panelists

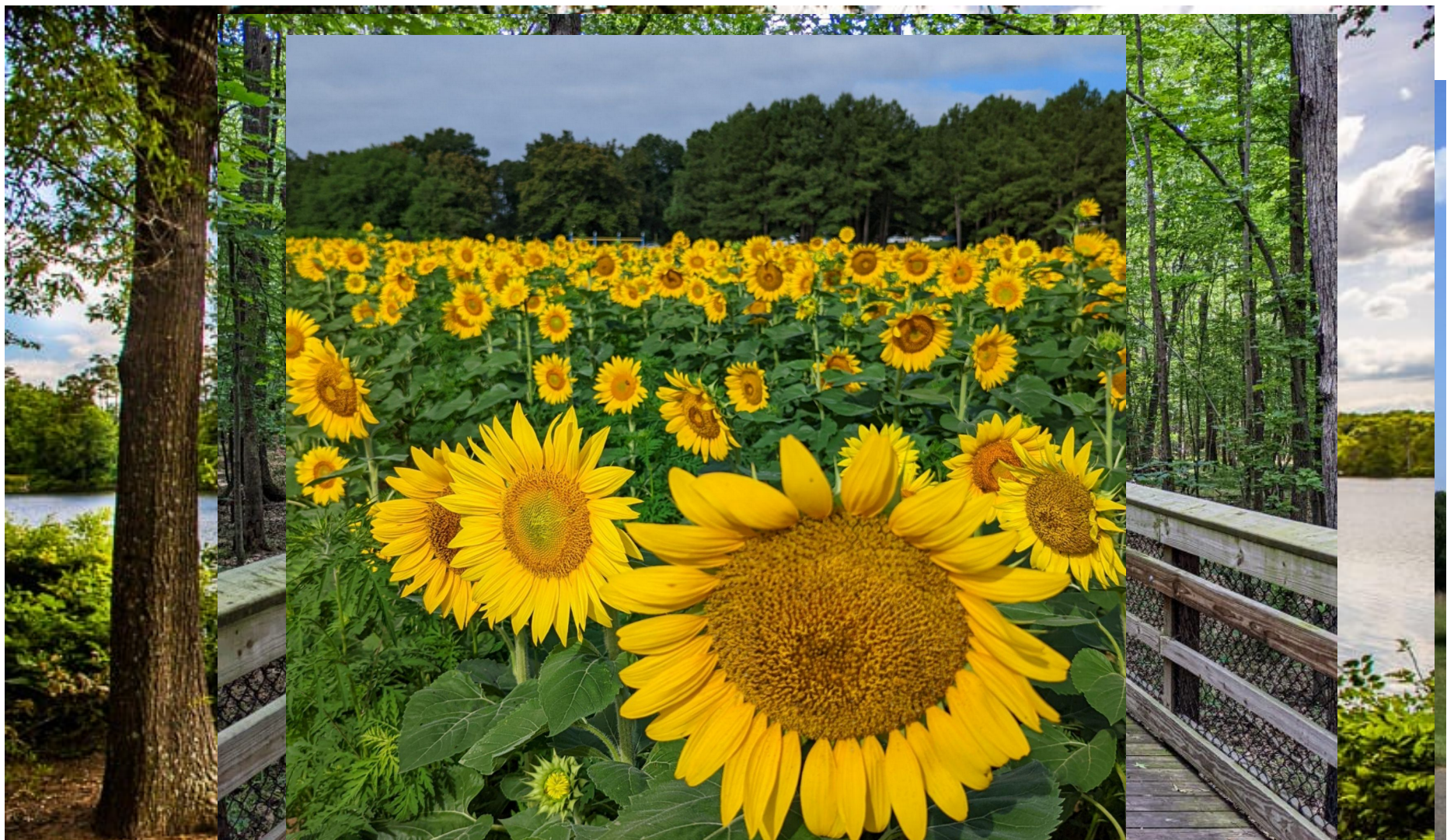
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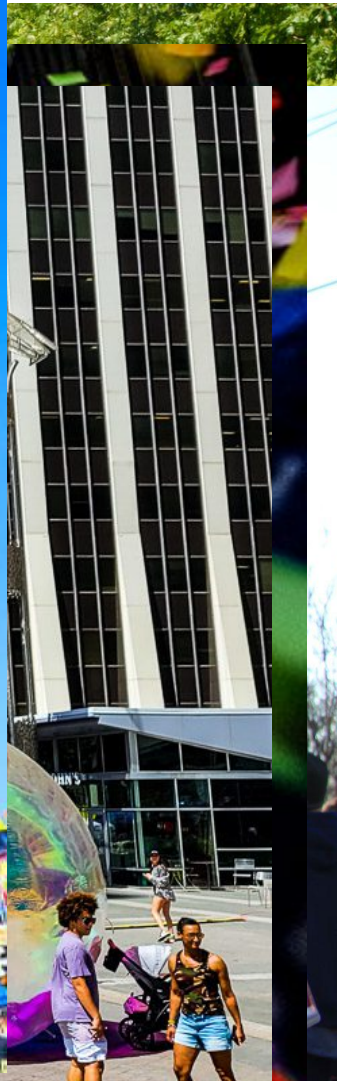
Lauren Ball, Associate Director

What's so special about Raleigh?



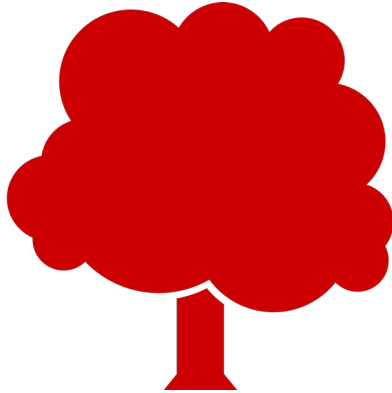








Raleigh Weather





Transportation



- Many people rely on cars to get around so being without a car can sometimes be a challenge.
- Public transportation options do exist though and are free once you have a NC State GoPass which you can request and use after you arrive to Raleigh.
- Raleigh is a fairly walkable city and it's common to see people walking in downtown Raleigh or walking on or next to campus.
- Bicycle lanes are becoming more common, especially around campus.
- Rentable scooters (and bikes).

Wolfline

- No ID required to ride
- Always free
- Connects Main Campus, Centennial Campus, Vet Campus, and surrounding apartments



GoRaleigh

- Free with a NC State GoPass
- Connects campus area, downtown Raleigh, local shopping

Getting a Cell Phone



Three primary options for a cell phone plan in the United States:

- Pre-paid Plan

- Allows you to have a phone line without a SSN or required deposit
- Pre-pay for service or reload as you need additional service or data

- Individual Contract Plan

- Requires a SSN or a deposit to start (depending upon the company)

- Family Plan

- Join an existing individual contract plan to bypass the SSN/deposit requirement of having your own plan

Major Phone Companies

- Verizon
- AT&T
- T-Mobile
- Mint Mobile
- Visible
- Boost Mobile

Phones

- Locked (linked to a particular mobile carrier)
- Unlocked (can be set up with most mobile carriers)

Important Stores to Know



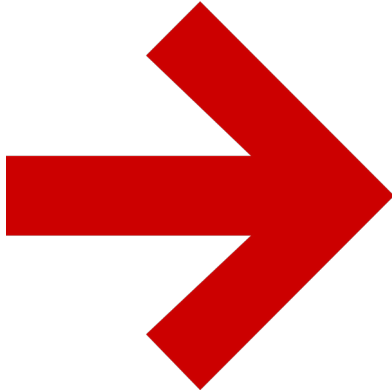
Grocery Stores

- Food Lion
 - Cheaper option
 - Two locations on the Wolfline
 - MVP/Shop and Earn program
- Harris Teeter
 - Slightly more expensive
 - Walking distance from Main Campus
 - VIC program
- Whole Foods
 - High end (expensive)
 - Organic
 - Amazon Prime discount
- Fresh Market
 - High end (expensive)
 - Walking distance from Main Campus
 - 10% discount with NC State ID
- Patel Brothers, Grand Asia, and more!
- Other stores like Lidl, Aldi, Publix, Lowe's, Wegmans

Others

- Target
 - Location on Hillsborough Street
 - Household items, hygiene products, food
- Family Dollar/Dollar Tree
 - Locations on Wolfline route
 - Cheap cleaning products, household items, etc.
- Pharmacies: CVS, Walgreens

Important Phone Apps



Transportation

- Passio GO! App (NC State Wolfline route tracking)
- Transloc App (NC State Wolfline route tracking)
- Transit App (GoRaleigh, GoTriangle route tracking)
- Umo App (GoRaleigh and GoTriangle bus access)
- Spin App (E-Scooter and E-Bike rental)

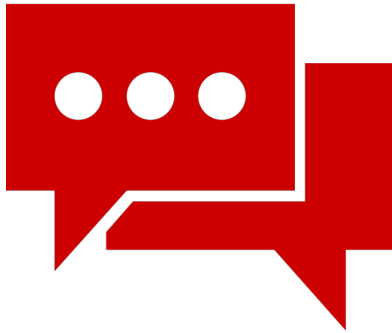
Food

- Food Lion App (grocery store app with coupons and a discount program)
- Grubhub App (food ordering app used at NC State coffee shops and restaurants)

Campus

- Duo Mobile App (app used for 2-step authentication at NC State)
- Wellness and Recreation App
- On Campus App
- NC State University Guides App

Question & Answer



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Important Sites

NC State Wolfline Information

transportation.ncsu.edu/wolfline/

NC State GoPass Website

transportation.ncsu.edu/local-regional-transit/

Passio Go Webpage for NC State

transportation.ncsu.edu/wolfline/#passiogo

Packing Up Webpage

go.ncsu.edu/packingup

Get Connected



Packing Up Pre-Arrival Series

Our next session will be Wednesday, July 29th from 8:30am to 9:30am Eastern Time. This new session will introduce you to US higher education and some of the aspects of our educational system that may be different for new students.

Registration will be live in 1 hour.
go.ncsu.edu/packing-up-registration

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