

Bemidji State University Department of Residential Life

On FYRE



Welcome to FYRE!

Important FYRE Dates

- Move in to Residence Halls August 21 9:00 am
- Orientation begins August 21 3:00 pm
- Classes Start August 24
- **FYRE Family Weekend September 25-27**
SAVE THIS DATE
more details to follow
- Homecoming October 3, 2009



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The faculty, staff and students involved with FYRE welcome you to Bemidji State University, the FYRE Program, and Oak Hall. We have been busy preparing for your arrival to campus!

A number of activities and programs have been planned for the first couple of days of fall semester. These activities will help you get acquainted with your peers and the faculty and staff will play an

important part in your first year at BSU.

By choosing to be in FYRE, you have taken an excellent step toward ensuring your satisfaction with your BSU experience.

But don't stop there! Continue to become involved in campus, join hall government, or other campus clubs/organizations, music, or intramural athletics—each is an

important part of your education.

This newsletter contains a number of important items. Please familiarize yourself with its contents and, as appropriate, share it with your parents so they are aware of their opportunity to be involved in the FYRE Orientation Program. We await your arrival and look forward to getting to know you. See you on Friday morning AUGUST 21st in Oak Hall.

FYRE Move in Friday, AUGUST 21!

FYRE Orientation Schedule

FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 2009

9:00 am—2:30 pm CHECK IN!

Welcome to Oak Hall and BSU! Enjoy settling into your new home and meeting your neighbors. Don't worry if you don't finish unpacking and setting up, you'll have plenty of time during the week! Many Campus Organizations will be here to greet you!

12:00 —2:30 pm BOOKSTORE TOURS

Helpers will take students and families to the bookstore every half hour, meet outside Oak Hall

3:00 pm FYRE Welcome Program

John Glas Fieldhouse
"Passing the Torch", welcoming the 15th FYRE class.

Group Separates:

3:45 pm Parent/Family Panel FYRE section

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A panel of Faculty and Staff will discuss their experiences as parents of college students.

3:45 pm Students Breakout by FYE Course

5:30 pm Official University Welcome— John Glas Fieldhouse—

President Quistgaard will welcome the class of 2013

6:30 —8:00 pm Welcome Picnic

Walnut Green

8:00 pm—Floor Meetings/Socials

9:00 pm Room Décor or FYRE @ Fire Pit

Return to Oak Hall and finish moving in and setting up your room. Or join fellow students for a bonfire and swim.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2009

10:00—11:00 am Farwell Program and Brunch

Students and Families are invited to eat brunch and celebrate together prior to departure of families.

11:15 am PLAYFAIR

1 pm FYE Course Meetings

FYRE STUDENTS Separate : and rotations of the following 2 pm—8 pm

1. Team and Community Building Activities—Hobson Forest Ropes Course. FYRE students and staff will engage in fun activities and mixers designed to build community

2. Campus Tours Your PAA's or RA's will help you find where you need to go to class tomorrow, as well as important campus offices. At this time you will also schedule your appointments with your PAA's for academic goal setting and RA's for Roommate agreements.

3. Dinner

4. Floor Meetings

7:30 pm Orientation Social—Fun at the Rec—Inflatables, Bingo, food, etc.

SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2009

11 am FYRE @ Monster.com

HS 100 Preview of College

12 pm Lunch

1, 3 or 6:00 pm "Responsible Men, Responsible Women" RMRW Bangsberg Recital Hall

**** Attendance at RMRW is required of all new students. FYRE Students attend this session together by floor.**

1-5 pm OPC Activities, Rec, Tours of Bemidji

7 pm Assembly for Convocation

9:00 pm PARTY HARD IN COURTYARD

Union Courtyard

Campus wide welcome back celebration

MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2009

Classes Begin

9:00 pm Glow 'N Bowl and Mini Golf

Activities in ORANGE are only for FYRE Students and Families.

Oak's Mailing Address— give it out!

A-wing

Name of Student
Oak (Room #) A
314 23rd St NE
Bemidji, MN 56601

B-wing

Name of Student
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316 23rd St NE
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C-wing

Name of Student
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318 23rd St NE
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FYRE Families—Orientation is for you too!

Parent involvement in their student's education (other than "paying bills") is another factor in predicting success for students. Knowing this, and knowing that the transition to college can be stressful and difficult for you as well, we have included you in a portion of the first official day of the orientation schedule. It will be time to spend with your student and get to know other FYRE parents and university faculty and staff.

Obviously, participation is voluntary, but we hope that you will give this invitation serious consideration.

We would like to invite all FYRE parents and families to participate in the orientation program., activities that have been planned for Friday August 21st and the brunch Saturday morning. If you plan to attend, please complete the registration form from the Orientation office/Admissions

office. Meals for all FYRE students during orientation weekend are covered through a combination of their meal plan and the FYRE program funding. Information on lodging in the Bemidji area is included below:

AmericInn 1-800-634-3444
Best Western 1-800-528-1234
Comfort Inn 1-800-228-5150
Hampton Inn 1-800-426-7866
Holiday Inn 1-800-617-4379
Super 8 Motel 1-800-800-8000



Oak Hall View from 23rd Street. With the sand VB Court.



View from Oak Hall From Walnut Hall , where Dining Services are located.

FYRE Family Weekend—Save the Date!

September 25-27, 2009

The FYRE Program invites you to return to campus and see how your student's room has evolved, and meet all their new friends. The weekend will include a variety of free or low cost activities. Or just spend time with your student. More details will be available at check in.

My parents made me sign up for FYRE!

This is your chance to THANK THEM!

FYRE students have a higher chance of finishing college, and gaining the career that they want.

Also, FYRE students make many long term friends, and feel most connected to BSU.

At the end of the school year—every FYRE student gets to tell us their opinion of their experi-

ence. Almost every FYRE student said the same 2 things: FUN and FRIENDS. Most also recommended the program to others. They also encourage students to take part of the orientation programs at the beginning of the semester. Finally, when asked if there was anything else they would like to tell us, the following comments were found: Thank you! It's great!

Like anything, you are going to get out of this experience what you put into it. We encourage you to have fun. Take advantage of the special opportunities afforded to you, especially additional activities and tutoring!

YOU make your FYRE experience great!



FYRE Parent/Family Orientation Registration

Please fill out Registration from the Orientation Office—the
Advising Success Center (ASC) 218-755-4226

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LOFTING INFORMATION:

There are 3 ways to loft:

1. **Build your own** (not recommended, unless you have skills in that area, pre-building encouraged)
2. **Rent a loft from Collegiate Services.** It is approx \$90 but it is guaranteed. Black metal, Lightweight and durable.
3. **The University has loft kits available on a first come first serve basis after you have checked into your room August 21, at 9 am.** There are no pre-orders or benefits for arriving early. These are free. In the past we have been able to accommodate a majority of the people who wanted them. After all available kits are checked out, we will place people on wait list.

Roommates:

The FYRE program strongly believes in the skills building and benefits of living with others who may be different from you. For many students this may be the first time they are sharing a living space with another person. Our staff trains and is available for students to work with, to make this a great learning opportunity for the work world and life. We encourage students to build skills in communication, compromise, confrontation, conflict management, empathy, respect and caring. The old adage of "don't judge a book by it's cover", is especially true in the age of Facebook. We strongly encourage you to have actual conversations with your roommate and be open minded. If after you are here for a couple of weeks and it is just not working out, please seek out your RA's on the floor, they will be able to give you some information, and would be the first step in any roommate change or room change. The FYRE program is very full, so the chance that you would be able to have your own room will be very slim. We encourage you to give the roommate thing a try, you never know what you would learn, about yourself!



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