

MOVE IN GUIDE

FALL 2026



**Missouri
State**

RESIDENCE LIFE,
HOUSING AND
DINING SERVICES



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

PACKING LIST

We've put together a list of items that we recommend bringing with you and items that are better left at home. When choosing decorations for your room, keep in mind that they must be removable without damaging your walls and not pose a fire hazard.

CONTACT YOUR ROOMMATE(S)

We encourage you to contact your roommate(s) and suitemate(s) before moving in. You can find contact information through My.MissouriState.edu. Get to know each other and communicate about what you'll be bringing (to avoid having duplicate items) and what you are willing to share.

CONNECT WITH YOUR ROOMMATE:

 My.MissouriState.edu

▷ [Discover the Housing card](#)

▷ [Click "Room/Roommate Summary"](#)

BRINGING A BICYCLE?

There are bicycle racks located throughout campus, including outside all of our residence halls and dining centers. Bicycles are not allowed in university classrooms or academic buildings, however they can be stored in your residence hall room, but not hung from the walls or ceiling.

Register your bicycle with University Safety, and make sure to use a required U-lock. This will assist the university and law enforcement agencies in recovering your bicycle in the event that it is stolen.

PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE

Missouri State University is not responsible for loss or damage to your personal items. We highly recommend renter's insurance if personal items are not covered under your family's insurance plan. MSU has partnered with GradGuard renters insurance.

LEARN MORE AT:

 GradGuard.com/Renters/MissouriState

KNOW THE POLICIES

On-campus residents must comply with the expectations and policies associated with living on the Missouri State University campus. Visit the policies page on our website to review these documents before you arrive.

LEARN MORE AT:

 ResLife.MissouriState.edu/Policies.htm

TOBACCO AND SMOKING POLICY

MSU strives to ensure a healthy environment by promoting a culture of health and wellness. It is expected that all students, faculty, staff and visitors comply with the Tobacco Use Policy. Smoking and the use of tobacco products is allowed only inside private vehicles located in university parking lots and in designated smoking areas during specific or special events. "Smoking and the use of tobacco products" is defined as the smoking of tobacco via cigarettes, cigars, or pipes or the use of devices or products that may be used to smoke or mimic smoking (including bongos, hookahs, vapes, e-cigarettes, etc.).



BRING IT or LEAVE IT?

CONSIDER BRINGING ... IDENTIFICATION

- Photo ID, driver's license
- Social Security card
- Insurance cards
- Passport/visa

ROOM SUPPLIES

- Personal lock box
- Pillows, sheets, and bedding (twin XL)
- <3" fire resistant foam mattress pad (twin XL)
- Area/throw rugs
- "Slider" furniture movers
- Non-halogen lamp
- Flashlight
- Full-length mirror
- Clothing hangers
- Trash can(s)
- Posters, photos
- Dry-erase board
- Calendar or planner
- Scissors, stapler, tape
- Class supplies (pencils, pens, binders, etc.)
- Backpack
- Personal fan
- UL approved heated blanket
- Umbrella, rain boots/jacket
- String/rope lights
- Food storage containers
- Microwaveable dishes
- Silverware, can opener
- Coffee pot or kettle (auto-off)
- Blender, toaster
- Crockpot, rice steamer (auto-off)

BATHROOM SUPPLIES

- Towels, wash cloths
- Toilet paper (suite-style)
- Bath mat (suite-style)
- Cleaning supplies (suite-style)
- Shower caddy (community-style)
- Shower shoes (community-style)

LAUNDRY & HYGIENE

- Detergent (HE certified)
- Fabric softener/dryer sheets
- Laundry bag/basket
- Clothing iron (auto-off)
- Soap, shampoo, toiletries
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Medications
- Thermometer, first aid kit
- Disinfectant spray/wipes

ELECTRONICS

- Computer, charger
- Ethernet cable
- Calculator
- Power strip/surge protector
- Gaming system
- Music player/speaker
- Television
- Roku/Amazon Fire TV stick
- Personal printer (wired)
- Smart Home device
- Cosmetic Fridge (1.5 cubic ft. or smaller)

DO NOT BRING...

- Cooking appliances
- Toaster ovens, pizza ovens
- Air fryer, hot plate
- Microwave, refrigerator, freezer, ice maker
- Lava lamps, halogen lamps
- Candles
- Incense, fireworks
- Heaters/heating units
- Water beds or bed lofts
- Ozone machines
- Wireless printer
- Flushable wipes
- Pets (fish are allowed in a 20-gallon tank or less)
- Wall hangings larger than 3 ft. by 5 ft.
- Weapons (or anything that could be construed as a weapon)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Alcohol containers or paraphernalia
- Tobacco products
- Illegal drugs
- Marijuana (including Medical Marijuana)
- Drug paraphernalia
- Washer scent beads

Remember: Talk to your roommate before move-in about what items you would like to share to avoid bringing duplicates!



MOVE-IN WEEK

WHEN CAN I MOVE IN?

The check-in process will occur August 13-16, in which move-in times will be selected or assigned. If you are part of a group who moves in early such as Ursa, Band, Football, etc. your program coordinator will contact you with additional details.

Move-in day/time scheduling is available now, through July 25 if you have a housing assignment.

Schedule a time by going to:

-  [My.MissouriState.edu](https://my.missouri-state.edu)
- ▷ [Discover the Housing card](#)
- ▷ [Move-in Time Selection](#)

HOW TO MOVE IN

Be sure to bring a photo ID with you (preferably your BearPass Student ID). If you are arriving between August 13-15 you will begin the process of checking in at **Kentwood Hall**. To navigate to the check-in area through a GPS system or app, search **701 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, MO 65806**. This will direct you to the North side of the building. Follow the signs to enter the lane according to your building. You will receive the keys to your room, mailbox, and an access card for your building, without having to leave your car! **Kentwood residents will receive separate instructions via email, closer to move-in.**

After you have received your check-in items, follow the move-in map and roadside signage to your building where you can unload. **Immediately after** unloading, please be sure to move your car to a designated parking lot to allow other families the ability to unload near their building.

MOVE-IN ASSISTANCE

Each August our Bear Crew, comprised of students, faculty, and staff, joins together to welcome our Bears to campus and assist them moving their belongings into their residence hall. Bear Crew will be stationed at buildings during peak move-in times, to assist in the move-in process. We have a limited number of luggage carts and rolling bins available for use, but you are also welcome to bring your own dolly or cart.

DINING INFO

Dining options will begin August 13 for those moving in. Instructions will be provided at check-in to use August 13. University meal plans will begin August 14, when students will present their BearPass student ID to utilize their meal plans.

Meal times will be posted in each lobby and online.

DINING SERVICES:



 DineOnCampus.com/MissouriState





MOVE-IN DAY PARKING

We will provide an unloading pass for your residence hall to place in each vehicle. This pass is valid only while unloading in front of your building during your scheduled move-in time.

After unloading, you may park in any of the residence hall lots, Bear Park North or Bear Park South parking garage.

PARKING PERMITS

You must have a residence hall room assignment and be registered for fall classes before requesting a parking permit. On-campus parking permits may be purchased online or in-person at the Transportation Services office.


Students are issued permits for the parking lots based on their residence hall assignment. Students with a red or green parking pass may park only in a lot with a sign matching their permit's color.

If you are in need of accessible parking, you must have a university parking permit as well as a state-issued disabled placard or license plate.


LEARN MORE AT:

 MissouriState.edu/Transportation

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

 Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

 700 E. Elm Street

 417-836-4825

GET READY TO STOP, DROP AND ROLL

Make sure you're ready to roll once you arrive on campus. We ask that you STOP your car, DROP off your belongings, and ROLL your car to a parking lot, to allow other students and families the opportunity to unload close to the building. Please do not leave your car unattended during unloading.

BE PREPARED

Parking regulations are enforced on campus 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Find the university parking map online, know the policies, procedures, and guidelines and realize that spaces are limited. Campus is busiest between 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. on weekdays.

If you can't find an empty spot in your preferred lot, try north parking lots (Bear Park North, 44 and 31) then take a BearLine shuttle to your destination. The university reserves the right to close specific lots to permit holders for use during special events or maintenance.

**Don't forget to
STOP, DROP
AND ROLL!**

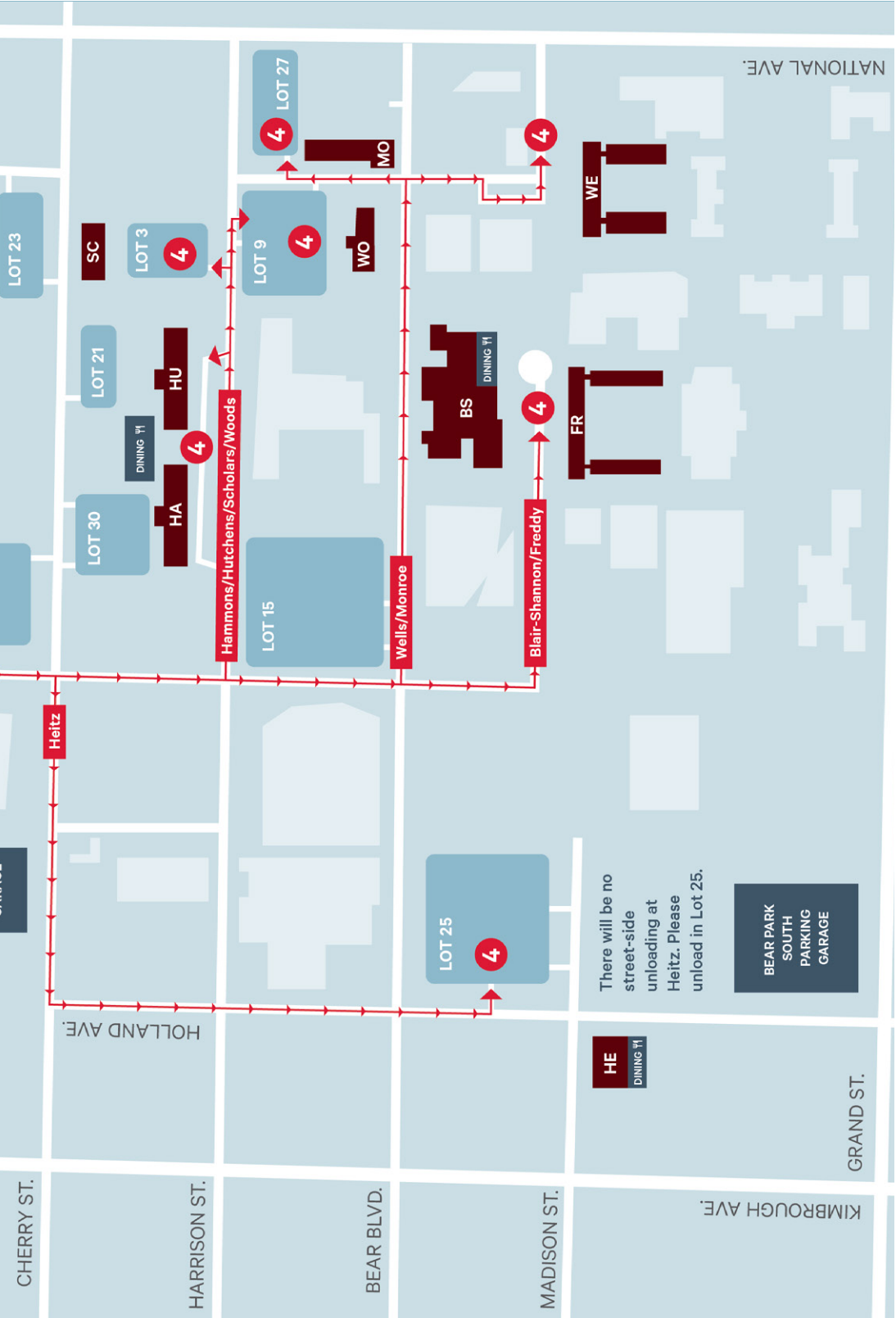


MOVE-IN MAP

Please follow these steps on August 13-15 to help us welcome you to campus as efficiently as possible. We are so glad you're here!

- 1 Enter on St. Louis Street
- 2 Check-in lines
- 3 Exit on Walnut Street
- 4 Unloading zone at your building





Heitz

Hammons/Hutchens/Scholars/Woods

Wells/Montroe

Blair-Shannon/Freddy

HOLLAND AVE.

There will be no street-side unloading at Heitz. Please unload in Lot 25.

BEAR PARK SOUTH PARKING GARAGE

HE
DINING Y1

GRAND ST.

NATIONAL AVE.

KIMBROUGH AVE.

CHERRY ST.

HARRISON ST.

BEAR BLVD.

MADISON ST.

LOT 23

LOT 21

LOT 30

LOT 15

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SERVICES and AMENITIES

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Our facilities team uses an electronic request system for maintenance and custodial requests. All routine, non-emergency work can be requested through an online form.

You can also notify the front desk of your residence hall, and they will be happy to assist you in submitting a request for your room. If you have an emergency request, please notify the front desk immediately.

SUBMIT A MAINTENANCE REQUEST:

 MissouriState.edu/Facilities/WorkRequest.htm

MAIL AND PACKAGES

Your mail will be sorted by our front desk staff and delivered to your mailbox, which you will share with your roommate. If you receive a package, it will be kept behind the front desk and you will receive a package slip in your mailbox. You will need to bring your BearPass student ID and package slip to the front desk to retrieve your package.



Did you know? Every Residence Hall has a 24-hour access computer lab!

FURNITURE

Each residence hall student has an 80" extra-long twin-size bed, drawer space, an area for hanging clothes, a desk and chair and drapes. Furnishings and floor styles vary by building. Apartment furniture and floor styles vary; find exact specifications on our website. Find specific information about room dimensions and amenities for your building online.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING:

 ResLife.MissouriState.edu/Residence-Hall-Living.htm

LAUNDRY

Laundry rooms are available for free in all residence halls. Most washers and dryers are high efficiency (HE) machines, so we recommend bringing HE certified detergent.

ITEM CHECK-OUT

Your building's front desk will have various cleaning, kitchen and recreation equipment available for use. This equipment is purchased by the building Hall Council. Find a catalog of items that are available at your building online.

ITEM CATALOG:

 ResLife.MissouriState.edu/Hall-Council.htm



RESNET *and* TECHNOLOGY



ResNet.MissouriState.edu



Hutchens Basement



417-836-6100



ResNet@MissouriState.edu

WHAT IS RESNET?

ResNet is here to help with your technology needs, free of charge to on-campus residents. ResNet can assist with computer hardware and software, virus removal, Wi-Fi issues, game console connectivity, smart TV support and streaming devices. They are available to address any of your technology-related questions and concerns with your personal devices while you live on campus.

COMPUTER LABS

A fully equipped 24-hour computer lab is provided in all residence halls. Computers in these labs offer the latest in hardware and software technology, including Microsoft Office 365.

TV STREAMING

On-campus residents can stream TV on their phone, tablet, computer, or TV by way of Roku or Amazon Fire TV stick. Students log into the Streeme TV app and have access to watch 80 different live TV channels. Residents will also be provided with a HBO Max account for free.



Scan here for step-by-step instructions:

INTERNET CONNECTION

On-campus residents can connect to the network titled "MSU" and log in using their Missouri State Account ID and password. You can connect most laptops, desktops, tablets and smart phones to our Wi-Fi networks.

Each resident has an Ethernet jack in their room. We recommend a wired connection for your best streaming/gaming experience.



Scan here for step-by-step instructions:

PRINTING

Each residence hall has a front desk printer that residents can use for free. Every resident is given 350 pages to print per semester (double-sided pages only count as one page). Pages do not roll over to the next semester. If you need more pages added to your account, contact the ResNet office; the cost is 100 pages/\$5.00.

Students are also able to print at the Meyer Library and other campus computer labs using your BearPrint allotment. Residents can bring their own personal printers but wireless printers are not allowed.



Scan here for step-by-step instructions:



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



ResLife.MissouriState.edu



Hammons House, 104



417-836-5536



ResidenceLife@MissouriState.edu

FEES AND PAYMENTS

Housing and meal plan fees will be placed on students' university accounts in August for the fall and in January for the spring. Students who are eligible to use My Payment Plan will find the terms and conditions on the Financial Services website. All payments should be made online or payable to Missouri State University and sent directly to the Bursar's Office.

SAFETY

Our campus and residence halls offer an on-campus Springfield police substation, electronic card access entry system, evening Safe Walk service, 24-hour reception desk staffing, BearShield app, and deadbolts and peepholes on all residence hall doors. We expect students to understand that the safety and security of each residence hall depends in part upon the students' own actions.

Residents are asked to watch out for and protect their "home away from home" and the members of their community. All residence hall exterior doors are only accessible by residents of that building, using their access card. Allowing someone to enter behind you without a resident escorting them or without using an access card, should be actively discouraged by all residents. Students should lock their door(s) behind them when they go out (even if they just go down the hall) and when they are sleeping. Never loan out your key or access card to someone else.

WHO'S WHO?

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RAs)

RAs are returning students who live on the same floors as the residents and will often be your first point of contact in case of an issue. They want to get to know you, help get you connected to the university, and provide you with support to make your on-campus experience the best it can be!

FRONT DESK STAFF

The front desk staff are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Receptionists, Night Hosts and desk assistants answer questions, check out equipment, organize and distribute mail and packages, and can contact additional staff in case of an emergency.

HALL STAFF

Our Hall Staff is comprised of Hall Directors and Assistant Hall Directors. Their role is to support student success, health and safety. This includes managing their residence hall, addressing student concerns, upholding conduct policies and facilitating community development and connection.






CONNECT with your COMMUNITY

YOUR FIRST FLOOR MEETING

Your first formal opportunity to meet your RA and the people on your floor will be at your mandatory first floor meeting. This meeting will introduce you to your new community, opportunities to get involved, its policies and other important information about living in a Missouri State University residence hall.

 Sunday, August 16; times vary by floor

GET INVOLVED

Joining on-campus organizations that interest you can be one of the best ways to meet new people and make a difference in the Missouri State community. There are hundreds of student organizations to choose from, including leadership opportunities in the area of Residence Life!

If you're interested in helping build community, plan events and create change in your residence hall, consider these student organizations:

- Residence Hall Association (RHA)
- Hall Council
- National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)



ROOMMATE SUCCESS TIPS

COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY

Living with roommate(s) can be a fun and enriching experience. The key to a successful roommate experience is communication. It can be helpful to discuss how you plan to handle conflict and develop a plan to split the responsibilities of living together in a room or suite (cleaning, buying supplies such as toilet paper, etc.).

DISCUSS COMMON ISSUES

Communication is essential for a positive relationship with your roommate and/or suitemates. Future problems can be avoided if potential conflicts are discussed and agreements are reached early in the semester. Some common issues between roommates involve:

- Cleaning habits
- Overnight guests
- Noise level preferences
- Policy violations
- Study and sleep habits
- Differences in communication styles

Utilize a Roommate Agreement as a proactive tool to discuss how you and your roommate and/or suitemates will share your space. If you would like a Roommate Agreement, your RA can provide one and help mediate the conversation.

COMPROMISE

Remember that each roommate has their own ways of living in a shared space. When differences arise, coming to an agreement may involve compromise, so it is important to be open and flexible, yet assertive about your own preferences. Being willing to compromise will make living together more enjoyable for everyone in your shared space.




IMPORTANT DATES

EXTENDED BREAKS

Residents will not be able to return to their rooms during breaks when their residence hall (Blair-Shannon, Freddy, Wells or Woods) is closed. Students should take with them any personal belongings they might want during these periods. Dining centers are not open during break periods unless otherwise stated.


THANKSGIVING BREAK:

 Close: 10 a.m., Saturday, November 21


 Re-open: 8 a.m., Sunday, November 29

WINTER BREAK:

 Close: 10 a.m., Saturday, December 12


 Re-open: 8 a.m., Saturday, January 16

SPRING BREAK:

 Close: 10 a.m., Saturday, March 13

 Re-open: 8 a.m., Sunday, March 21

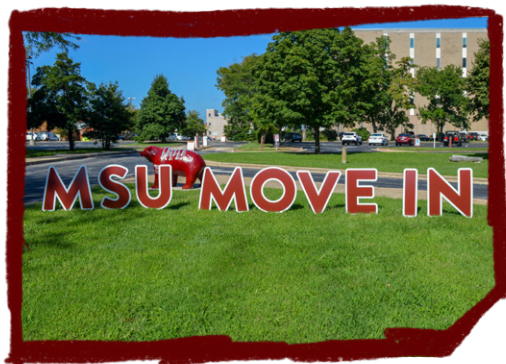
END OF SPRING SEMESTER:

 Close: 10 a.m., Saturday, May 15

* Dining centers close after dinner on Friday, May 14

BREAK HOUSING INFORMATION:

 ResLife.MissouriState.edu/Break-Housing-Resources.htm






WELCOME EVENTS

Move in, meet new friends and enjoy weeks full of events. Welcome events are designed with you – our Missouri State Bears – in mind.

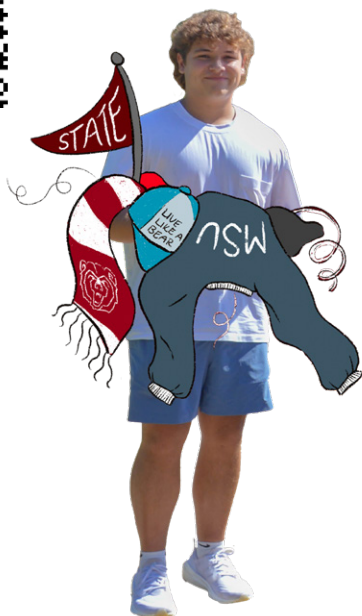
Settle into your new home and make new memories as you prepare for the 2026-27 academic year.

Events are free and open to all students. No registration is required unless otherwise stated.

 Starting Thursday, August 13

FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS VISIT:

 MissouriState.edu/Welcome/Full-Schedule.htm



THURSDAY

ROOM DECOR BINGO:

Looking for that finishing touch to decorate your room? Come play bingo with RHA and win some cool new decor for your room!

SATURDAY

BEAR BASH:

This is the biggest back to school party on campus each year. You'll find games, music, prizes, free food and crafts!

SUNDAY

CONVOCATION:

Join us as we officially start the academic year and welcome new students to campus. Remember to wear your move-in t-shirt!

BELONG-B-QUE:

Enjoy a barbecue and an engaging opportunity to learn about the Student Resource Center.

MONDAY

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FESTIVAL:

Meet some of our 300+ student organizations and learn how you can get involved on campus.

Events continue through Friday, August 21.



YOUR *new* ADDRESS



BLAIR-SHANNON

Your Name
1001 E. Madison Street
B-### or S-###
Springfield, MO 65807



FREUDENBERGER

Your Name
1000 E. Madison Street
Room ###
Springfield, MO 65807



HAMMONS

Your Name
1001 E. Harrison Street
Room ###
Springfield, MO 65807



HEITZ

Your Name
811 S. Holland Ave.
Room ###
Springfield, MO 65806



HUTCHENS

Your Name
1021 E. Harrison Street
Room ###
Springfield, MO 65807



KENTWOOD

Your Name
700 E. Saint Louis St.
Room ###
Springfield, MO 65806



MONROE APARTMENTS

Your Name
1141 E. Bear Boulevard
Apartment #####
Springfield, MO 65807



SCHOLARS

Your Name
1116 E. Cherry Street
Room ###
Springfield, MO 65807



SUNVILLA APARTMENTS

Your Name
833 E. Elm Street
Apartment ###
Springfield, MO 65806



WELLS

Your Name
1132 E. Madison Street
Room ###
Springfield, MO 65807



WOODS

Your Name
1115 E. Bear Boulevard
Room ###
Springfield, MO 65807



ROOM INFORMATION

ROOM LAYOUTS & DIMENSIONS

Scan the QR code for your building to see

- Room layouts
- Room dimensions
- Suggested rug size
- Closet dimensions
- Furniture dimensions and more!

RESIDENCE HALLS

BLAIR-SHANNON



FREDDY



HAMMONS



HEITZ



HUTCHENS



KENTWOOD



SCHOLARS



WELLS



WOODS



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