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• 2019 Sweet Briar College Orientation Guidebook •
Who’s Who?

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Who’s Who?

Orientation Team

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Emerge • explore • engage • experience • empower

Verb. To come forth or rise up.

7:30 - 10 a.m.  Breakfast  
Prothro Dining Room

8:30 a.m.- Noon  New Student Check-In and Resource Fair  
Florence Elston Inn & Conference Center

Welcome to Sweet Briar! This is your first stop, where you can check in and pick up your keys. Here, you’ll also find staff from many of our campus offices to answer questions about their services. Please do not unpack belongings from your vehicle until you have been through check-in and received your room keys.

11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  Lunch  
Prothro Dining Room

After you enjoy lunch in Prothro, please take time to change into your white semi-formal attire. You’re about to experience the first of many Sweet Briar traditions, for which white attire is typical. Reflect on the path that led you to Sweet Briar and meet your classmates outside Benedict at 12:45 p.m.

1 - 2 p.m.  Daisy Ceremony and Class Photo  
Quad (outside of Memorial Chapel)  
Rain location: Memorial Chapel

Led by President Meredith Woo and Student Government Association President Cailey Cobb ’20. Please join us as the Sweet Briar community formally welcomes you. A class photo will be taken on the Benedict Hall steps at the conclusion of the ceremony. This session is open to new students, parents and families.

2 - 3 p.m.  Parent and Family Welcome  
Memorial Chapel

During this informational session on Sweet Briar’s departments and initiatives, parents and families will have the opportunity to meet President Meredith Woo and her cabinet. Additional presentations and introductions by Dean of the College Teresa Garett and Dean of Students Marcia Thom-Kaley. This session is open to parents and families only.

2 - 2:30 p.m.  Students change out of their Daisy Ceremony attire

Students, please take this time to change into something more casual and comfortable before continuing today’s programming.

2:30 - 3 p.m.  Student Life Welcome  
Josey Dining Room, Prothro

Join Director of Student Life Vic Lindsay and Assistant Director of Student Life Jess Austin for a welcome to orientation week and an introduction of student staff members. This session is open to new students only.
Parents Council Presentation
Mary Helen Cochran Library

Chris and Lisa Clough, parents of Melissa Clough ’12, serve as Sweet Briar’s Parents Council national co-chairs. In this session, families will get an introduction to the organization and learn about ways to get involved! Membership in the Parents Council is free and open to all parents and family members.

Orientation Group Meetings and Traditions Walk
Quad

Get ready to jump into orientation week by meeting your orientation leader (OL), who will help you acclimate to college life. You’ll spend some time getting to know your group before embarking on a walk around campus to learn more about Sweet Briar’s traditions and history.

Optional: Sweet Briar Traditions and Architecture
Mary Helen Cochran Library

Join SGA President Cailey Cobb ’20 in a tour around Sweet Briar to learn about our beautiful architecture and history. This session is open to parents and families only.

Optional: Welcome Dinner
Prothro Dining Room

Join us for a community meal where you can mingle with the President’s Cabinet and first-year mentoring/advising team members. This session is open to new students, parents and families. This concludes all orientation programming for parents and families.

Optional: Float at the Boathouse
Boathouse

Sweet Briar students have been floating at the boathouse for decades. Come take a dip or simply lounge on the dock. Complimentary inflatables and Kona Ice snow-cones will be provided. This session is open to new students only.

First Hall Meeting
Your residence hall floor

Get to know your hallmates and learn more about creating a healthy community from your resident advisor, who lives on the floor with you! This session is open to new students only.

DO YOU HAVE A CLASS T-SHIRT?

The class T-shirt has been a staple of Sweet Briar students’ wardrobes for generations. Students wear the shirt to Step Singing, Rock and Hitching Post Fight, hanging their class banner, or simply to show class pride throughout the year. If you haven’t purchased yours yet, no worries. For a limited time, you can order one in the Book Shop. Today the Book Shop is open from 8:30 a.m to 4 p.m. Make sure to get yours because orders close Sept.1.
Explore verb. To travel through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about or familiarize oneself with it.

7:30 - 10 a.m.  Breakfast  Prothro Dining Room

8 - 8:30 a.m.  Private Horse Owners’ Meeting  Shuttle departs from post office
This is a meeting for any student who is boarding a personal horse. Shuttle departs at 7:50 a.m.

8:30 - 11 a.m.  Placement Rides and Riding Center Job Fair  Shuttle departs from post office
If you have any prior riding experience, you should participate in the placement rides. Placement rides are scheduled by your last name. See shuttle schedule above for departure times. The job fair is a great way to learn about student work opportunities at the stables.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.  Unpacking Time and Optional Shopping Shuttles  Shuttle departs from post office
Take a trip to Walmart to pick up last-minute items. Shuttles will run continuously during this time. The last shuttle will leave Walmart at 10:30 a.m.

9 - 10:30 a.m.  Optional: Guided Hike on Sweet Briar’s Trails  Meet in Student Commons Courtyard
Join Outdoor Program Instructor Bailey Goebel ’20 and Professor Gary Canfield on a hike across Sweet Briar’s trails. Make sure to wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes, sunscreen and bring a water bottle.

11 a.m. - Noon  Academic Introduction  Josey Dining Room, Prothro
Dean of the College Teresa Garrett will provide an introduction to academic services and academic life at Sweet Briar.

Noon - 12:45 p.m.  Lunch  Prothro Dining Room

Noon - 12:45 p.m.  Pre-Professional Program Lunch Meetings
Engineering: Josey Dining Room, Prothro
Pre-Med: Johnson Dining Room, Prothro
Pre-Vet: Daisy’s Cafe, Prothro
Education: Burnett Dining Room, Prothro
Pre-Law: Student Life Conference Room (Second floor, Prothro)
12:45 - 2 p.m. Common Reading Seminar: Part One
Meet in Student Commons Courtyard
Your faculty facilitators and OLs will join you in a discussion of the summer reading curriculum for "Circe" and "The Odyssey."

2 - 3 p.m. Residence Life and Campus Safety
Memorial Chapel
This session will introduce you to residential living and safety on campus. Director of Student Life Vic Lindsay will introduce key features and policies of residence halls and highlight residential support systems. Director of Campus Safety Brian Marker will orient you to the basics of our emergency response procedures and the resources available in emergency situations.

3 - 4 p.m. Honor Code Presentation
Memorial Chapel
With a special introduction from President Meredith Woo, join Student Judicial Chairwomen Cassidy Bodkin '20 and Audrey Malone '21 to learn about the Honor Code and its role in promoting an inclusive and respectful community on our campus. You will be asked to share your knowledge of the Honor Code on Monday.

4 - 5 p.m. Class Culture
Josey Dining Room, Prothro
You play an important role in setting the culture you want to see on campus. Join Director of Student Life Vic Lindsay to talk about the values you share and how you'll lift up, and hold accountable, classmates as part of the world you create.

5 - 5:30 p.m. Giving to Sweet Briar
Josey Dining Room, Prothro
Join Alumnae Relations and Development staff to learn about the importance of giving back during and beyond your collegiate career.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner with First Year Mentors
Prothro Dining Room
Join your mentor group for dinner and conversation on how they can support your transition to Sweet Briar.

6:30 - 7 p.m. Orientation Group Meeting
Individual location established by your orientation leader
Please bring socks and any additional supplies you may need for skating as you will leave directly from this meeting to attend skate night.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sweet Briar Skate Night
FunQuest Lynchburg
Enjoy a private night at FunQuest with the orientation team! Admission and skate rental is covered. Concessions and arcade games available for additional cost.
MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Engage

Verb. To participate or become involved in.

7:30 - 10 a.m.
Breakfast
Prothro Dining Room

9 a.m. - Noon
Academic Advising Appointments
Faculty offices
Refer to your orientation folder for information on your assigned advisor. It is up to you to ensure that you are on time for your assigned advising time slot. Please reach out to an OL or student life staff member if you need assistance.

Noon - 12:15 p.m.
Honor Code Assessment
Josey Dining Room, Prothro
This short, written assessment ensures that you understand and will uphold all that it means to be a Sweet Briar woman.

12:15 - 1 p.m.
Time Management Table Talk
Josey Dining Room, Prothro
Academic success requires more than brains. Budget your time to complete work, while leaving time for relaxation and a good night’s sleep. Join Professor John Morrissey to discuss effective time management. Please bring your lunch into this session.

1 - 2:15 p.m.
Common Reading Seminar: Part Two
Meet in Student Commons Courtyard
Your faculty facilitators and OLs will join you in discussion of the summer reading curriculum for "Circe" and "The Odyssey."

2:15 - 4 p.m.
Leading Lives of Service
Fitness and Athletics Center
Sweet Briar is honored to partner with Amherst Cares, a local organization supporting Amherst County Public Schools, to collect supplies for children in need. Please wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing.

4 - 6 p.m.
Academic Advising Appointments
Faculty offices
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Learning on the Land

These optional activities are designed to introduce students to the captivating environment Sweet Briar offers. Activities range from exploring the natural wonders of campus to enriching the mind with creative exploits.

**Option 1:** “Living with Art” and Gallery Open House, Pannell

Living with Art is an initiative that allows students to host works of art in their residence hall rooms. Join Professors Annie Labatt and Shawn O’Connor to learn about the program and preview pieces from the collection that could be yours for the school year.

**Option 2:** “Butterflies, Bees and Wildflowers, Oh My!”, Train Station

Join Professor Linda Fink at one of the campus’ prettiest spots for a hands-on introduction to Sweet Briar’s butterflies. Find out about our new wildflower meadow and honey bee apiary. Wear hats and sunscreen.

**Option 3:** Faculty Presentations, Haskell Learning Studio

Faculty from across the college will present short talks on their research or creative work. Come learn about the exciting work that faculty are engaged in and how you can become involved during your time at Sweet Briar. Topics for today will be:

- Professors Meredith McCool and Rebecca Dilling: “Happy Hour with the Habits of Mind”
- Professor Medford Taylor: “Photographing the Natural World of Sweet Briar College”
- Professor Carrie Brown: “The Art of Empathy” which will focus on her novel in progress and include a short reading.

**Option 4:** Open House, Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center

Shuttle departs at 4 p.m. from behind the Chapel. This session is open to all students, even if you are not planning to ride this semester/year. This tour is designed to allow new students to become familiar with all the ins and outs of riding at Sweet Briar.

6:15 - 8:30 p.m.

**Dinner at Home**

Various faculty and staff homes

Meet your OL in Student Commons Courtyard to walk to dinner at a faculty or staff home. There is no need to dress up, casual attire is encouraged. Come as you are.

8:30 - 9 p.m.

**Orientation Group Meeting**

Individual location established by your orientation leader

9 - 11 p.m.

**Optional: Outdoor Movie – "Legally Blonde"**

Sweet Briar House Lawn

Rain Location: Fitness and Athletics Center

Join the orientation team for a movie and frozen treat on Sweet Briar House lawn.
Experience *experience*

Verb. To encounter or undergo an event or occurrence.

**Tuesday, August 20**

7:30 - 10 a.m.  
**Breakfast**  
Prothro Dining Room

9 - 10 a.m.  
**Academic Advising Appointments**  
Faculty offices  
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10 - 11 a.m.  
**Financial Aid and Registrar Talk**  
Josey Dining Room, Prothro  
Join Director of Financial Aid Wanda Spradley, Assistant Director of Financial Aid LeAnn Burnley and Registrar Kim Wood for information on their offices and services.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Sweet Briar Scavenger Hunt and Picnic Lunch**  
Meet in Josey Dining Room, Prothro  
Gather with your orientation group to set out on a hands-on hunt to learn about Sweet Briar’s offices, services and buildings to better acclimate you to campus. Rack up the points and may the best team win!

1 - 5 p.m.  
**Academic Advising Appointments**  
Faculty offices  
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4 - 6 p.m.  
**Learning on the Land**

**Option 1:** Canoe Certification, Boathouse  
Join Outdoor Program Instructor Bailey Goebel ‘20 to earn certification that grants access to Sweet Briar’s outdoor water equipment such as canoes and paddleboards. Portions of the training will be conducted in the water.

**Option 2:** “Butterflies, Bees, and Wildflowers, Oh my!”, Train Station  
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- Professor Erin Pitt: “Ancient Pompeii: New Stories from the Ashes”
- Professor Melora Kordos: “Moment Work” discussing design thinking, devised theatre, and her theatre company, Catenate
4 - 6 p.m.  
**Learning on the Land (continued)**
- Professors Bethany Brinkman, Hank Yochum, Kaelyn Leake and TC Scott: "Lasers, Water, and Cars: Exciting Facets of Engineering"
- Professor Erica Trabold: "Writing Lyric Essays and Landscape"

**Option 4: Open House, Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center**
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6 - 7 p.m.  
**Dinner**
Prothro Dining Room

6 - 6:15 p.m.  
**Honor Code Assessment Retake**
Prothro Burnett Dining Room

6 - 7 p.m.  
**First-generation Student Dinner**
Josey Dining Room, Prothro
Are you the first in your immediate family to attend college? What does it mean to be first? Bring your dinner and meet other first-generation students, as well as faculty and staff who were first-generation. You are not alone, and this session will allow you to make connections, ask questions and build your network of support as you begin this exciting journey.

8 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Orientation Group Meeting**
Individual location established by your orientation leader

8:30 - 11 p.m.  
**Optional: Vixenpalooza**
Fitness and Athletics Center
Meet and mingle with the returning upperclasswomen while enjoying a night of games, music and giant inflatables!
Empower

Verb. To be a Sweet Briar woman.

**7:30 - 10 a.m.**
**Breakfast**
Prothro Dining Room

**10 - 11 a.m.**
**Wellness in College**
Josey Dining Room, Prothro

The transition to college can be rough. Changes in schedule, diet and sleeping habits call for more intentional self-care. Join the Sweet PEAs (Peer Health Educators and Advocates) to learn tried-and-true tips from upperclasswomen who have survived the transition. (Yes, really!)

**11 a.m. - Noon**
**Getting Involved: Clubs, Community Service, and More**
Josey Dining Room, Prothro

Join Assistant Director of Student Life Jess Austin, Orientation Chairwomen Arlen Pippin ’20 and Madeleine McAllister ’21, and SGA Electoral Officer Bailey Goebel ’20 to discuss campus involvement and how to optimize your college experience through extracurricular activities.

**Noon - 1:30 p.m.**
**Lunch**
Prothro Dining Room

**1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**
**Opening Convocation**
Murchison Lane Auditorium

Convocation marks the official beginning of the academic year. Join President Woo, staff, faculty and returning students in welcoming the new year! Hosted by the dean’s office, a social with delicious Homestead Creamery ice cream will immediately follow. New students, please wear white attire to this session.

**3 - 4 p.m.**
**Honor Code Pledge Signing Ceremony**
Memorial Chapel

Having shown your knowledge of the Honor Code, you can now display your commitment to upholding integrity on campus. All new students will sign the pledge canvas that corresponds with their class year. New students, please wear white attire to this session.
4 - 6 p.m.  
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**Option 2:** Birds of Sweet Briar, **Guion Science Center**

Outdoor Program instructor and Audubon Society President Bailey Goebel ’20 will lead a walk to spot some of Sweet Briar’s most common bird species.

**Option 3:** Faculty Presentations, **Haskell Learning Studio**

Faculty from across the college will present short talks on their research or creative work. Come learn about the exciting scholarly and creative work that faculty are engaged in and how you can become involved during your time at Sweet Briar. Topics for today will be:

- Professor Scott Hyman: “Searching for Pulsars and Transient Radio Emissions from the Galactic Center”
- Professor John Gregory Brown: "Art – When Words Fail"
- Professor Josh Harris: “Sound on Screen” discussing his recent film work. He will be offering a course of the same name in Spring of 2020.

6 - 7 p.m.  
**Dinner**

**Prothro Dining Room**

6 - 7 p.m.  
**Transfer Student Dinner**

Josey Dining Room, **Prothro**

Bring your dinner and meet new and returning transfer students. This session will allow you to make connections, ask questions and build your network of support as you begin this exciting journey.

7 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Orientation Group Meeting**

Individual location established by your orientation leader

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Roommate Bonding**

Josey Dining Room, **Prothro**

Learning to live together will play a crucial role in your happiness this year. Director of Student Life Vic Lindsay will get you thinking about what’s important and what you need from each other to feel happy and at home. You’ll also complete your roommate agreement while you’re together.

8:30 - 9:45 p.m.  
**Optional: SGA Social**

**Student Commons Courtyard**

Join the **Student Government Association** as they host an array of social activities to introduce you to each committee on the SGA. You’ll be able to meet upperclasswomen leaders from across campus!

9:45 p.m.  
**Optional: “Scream Night” Demo**

In front of **Memorial Chapel**

Join upperclasswomen to celebrate the end of orientation in this tradition designed to release stress.