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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will welcome the class of 2011 beginning Tuesday, Aug. 21 with its program for first-year and transfer students, titled “Turning Titan: New Student Orientation.” Continuing through Sunday, Aug. 25, orientation will include various activities designed to facilitate academic, residential and social acclimation to campus.

This year’s schedule, which can be found online at <https://www.iwu.edu/orientation/>, will include informational sessions for parents and students, training programs, placement exams, late night social events, volunteer opportunities, and small group discussions on this summer’s [reading program](#) selection *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. Additional key events will include the 2007 New Student Convocation Ceremony, which will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 4:15 p.m. in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington), and a chapel service to welcome the class of 2011 on Sunday Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington).

In previous years, student orientation week was known as “Fall Festival,” a name the Orientation Committee agreed needed to be updated. According to Danielle Kuglin, coordinator of orientation services and director of fraternity and sorority life, the rationale for the name change was based on a desire to have “a more accurately descriptive name for the orientation program. ‘Turning Titan’ is to introduce students to the beginning process of a life-long commitment of being an IWU Titan. ‘New Student Orientation’ is a term that is inclusive of all the incoming students, first-year and transfer students alike.”

The program is sponsored by the Office of Orientation Services, which strives to support new students and their family members during their transition into the Titan community. Returning IWU students comprise the staff of the Titan Orientation Leaders, who serve a variety of needs, including mentoring small groups of students during their first weeks on campus and throughout the academic school year. To become acquainted with the individual 2007 staffers, visit their Web page at <https://www.iwu.edu/orientation/leaders/>.

For additional information, contact the Office of Orientation Services at (309) 556-3749.

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