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Parking Permits
Most students will purchase and print a ten-day temporary parking permit when they arrive on campus in August. Once the permit has been purchased online, students usually receive the permanent permit in the mail (delivered to their residence hall or local address) within a week.

Everything you've ever wanted to know about parking at OSU is available at http://parking.okstate.edu/

Immunization Reminder
If your child has not submitted proof of immunizations or a certificate of exemption please remind him or her to do so before classes begin in the fall.

Celebrating the 4th Safely

Firework Ordinances
Fireworks are fun, but please remind your student that they are illegal within the Stillwater city limits and fireworks are strictly prohibited on campus. According to the City Code Sec. 12-52, it is illegal to purchase, sell, possess or use fireworks in Stillwater city limits. Persons who violate ordinances of the City of Stillwater are subject to arrest or citation.

Students who are staying in Stillwater are encouraged to attend the annual Boomer Blast at Boomer Lake. Stillwater celebrates the 4th of July with Boomer Blast, featuring a fishing tournament and a Fireworks show at dusk on July 4th. More information can be found at: http://stillwater.org/boomer_blast.php
Family Weekend Information

Family Weekend 2014 will be held on September 13th.

Discount Family Weekend football tickets will go on sale online after August 1st 2014 at the official athletic Website, okstate.com.

* A password will be published in the August Cowboy Parents Newsletter on 7-31-14 that will allow you to purchase these tickets at the discounted rate.

Family Weekend Lodging

There's no question about it, finding a hotel room in Stillwater on any football game day is difficult. It is simply one of the drawbacks of OSU being a large university in a small town. If you are unable to find lodging in Stillwater on these weekends never fear. Many families stay in Guthrie, Edmond, Perry, Oklahoma City or Tulsa instead of Stillwater. While these cities are anywhere from a 30 to 60 minute drive from campus there are distinct advantages to staying outside Stillwater on game days.

- Most hotels in these cities will cost less than half of what hotel rooms in Stillwater will cost on the same days
- There are more dining options in these cities and restaurants are not overwhelmed with game day patrons
- Your child may be looking forward to getting away from campus and residence hall living for a little while. Many students enjoy having a mini vacation from college and use their parent's hotel stay as a way to get off campus and enjoy a little peace and quiet with their family. Staying in a hotel together also conjures fond memories of past family vacations.

Welcome Week Registration

Welcome Week is the fall welcome event at OSU for all new students. This university-wide experience takes place the week before fall classes begin and is designed to help students make friends, learn their way around campus, and kick off a new chapter in their lives. Welcome Week is FREE, but students must register online at: http://welcomeweek.okstate.edu

Remind Your Student to Submit Final High School or College Transcripts

Students should confirm that the office of Undergraduate Admissions has received all final transcripts from high schools and colleges (for concurrent or summer classes) before the semester begins. Students who do not submit final transcripts may have a hold placed on their spring enrollment if it

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is not received by the time enrollment begins in October.

Camp Cowboy Need-based Waivers for Camp 7 (July 18-20) are still available through the Office of the President and the Vice President for Student Affairs. Even if you don't think your child may qualify it is worth it to complete and submit the short, one page application. Visit http://campcowboy.okstate.edu for more details.

Plan Ahead for Residence Hall Purchases

A 2012 study found that spending on back to campus merchandise topped 50 billion dollars and the average spent per student was over $900.00. That's a big expense for most families and many find it easier and more cost effective to plan purchases for their student's room well in advance of move-in day. Students can help the family budget by carefully considering what they will really need on campus and can either collect those items from the things they already have at home, or shop sales throughout the summer.

Bedding, towels, small appliances and décor can usually be found at home or maybe a family member is willing to loan or give the student what they're looking for. Also remember that while a regular twin fitted sheet will not cover an XL twin bed, the top sheets, pillow cases, blankets or comforters that your student already has at home are usually sufficient unless your child is very tall.

Shop wisely - We all know that prices can vary widely depending on where you shop. One store may advertise "bed-in-a-bag" sets for $25.00 while another charges over $100.00 for the same set. With your help, students can learn the importance of planning, budgeting and prioritizing purchases.

Ask your student to price compare the items they will need online or in stores and prepare a budget for what they think they will need. Usually this budget comes in higher than parents expect, so this is also a great way to start a conversation about realistic expenses and expectations.
The OSU Student Union will expand its services this summer with the opening of a UPS Store. The full-service postal facility will be housed in the Student Union basement and will also offer a complete range of printing and copying with expanded evening and weekend hours.

The post office has moved to its new location in 120 Agriculture North.

These changes will not affect students' on-campus mailing addresses which are:

Student's Name
Oklahoma State University
Student's room number, Student's hall name
Stillwater, OK 74077