Family Orientation Schedule
Fall 2013
Revised Edition: 3-12-13

Day One- Tuesday
8:30- 9:45 AM  Family Orientation Check-In
           Location: Laurel Village Conference Room

9:45-10:00 AM  Escort to Orientation Welcome
               Coffee Talk with the Family Association
               Location: Retama Galleria, University Center North

10:00-10:45 AM  Official Family Orientation Welcome
               Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
Start off your day with a UTSA welcome from the Orientation and Family Programs staff and campus leadership and learn about the Family Orientation experience.

10:45-11:45 AM  Financial Aid and Enrollment Services
               Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
Representatives from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Enrollment Services discuss student fiscal responsibilities and financial aid opportunities.

11:45 AM -2:00 PM  Lunch - JPL Food Court
                   Information Fair-Grand Ballroom, University Center South
Enjoy lunch with new Roadrunner parents, and spend time at the Information Fair learning about various UTSA services and departments!

2:00-2:15 PM  Spirit and Traditions
              Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
Do you know who Rowdy is? Do you know the words to UTSA’s Fight Song? Well, now you will! Develop your Roadrunner pride as you learn about UTSA’s spirit and traditions in this presentation put on by your Orientation Leaders!

2:15-2:30 PM  Developing an Academic Game Plan
              Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
The Tomás Rivera Center for Student Success will help you become familiar with their many programs and services designed to help students make a smooth transition to college-level coursework and succeed in the classroom. Topics will include the advantages of and distinctions between Supplemental Instruction, Academic Coaching, and Tutoring Services.

2:30-3:00 PM  Academic Support, the Parent Preview
              Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
The Colleges’ Freshman Advising Center and the Tomás Rivera Center will walk through the course advising and selection process, including core curriculum and degree requirements for your student.

3:00-3:20 PM  Learning Communities
              Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
Learning Communities have consistently helped student improve grades, develop friendships, and make the transition from high school to college. Learn about UTSA’s Learning Communities and find out how your student can be a part of the program this fall!

3:20-3:45 PM  University Career Center: Campus Jobs, Internships, and Beyond Graduation
              Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
The University Career Center will present on how your student can take advantage of the UCC’s resources from freshman to senior year, and beyond!
3:45-4:00PM Team Time  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North  
Get to know your Orientation Leader and your fellow Family Orientation participants! Now is the time to start making those family connections!

4:00-4:50 PM Sociodrama  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North  
Orientation Leaders will perform a dramatic presentation depicting various college situations a student may encounter. Discussion and Q&A led by various university representatives will follow.

4:50-5:20 PM Meet the Dean  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North  
Dr. Kevin Price, Dean of Students, shares his insights on today’s college student.

5:20-5:30 PM Closing Announcements

5:30-7:00 PM Dinner on Your Own

7:00-8:30 PM Housing Reception  
Location: Campus Housing  
Wind down your evening and continue to build your network at this social event. All parents are welcome to attend this evening session as Professional Housing staff members will be available to meet with guests.

**Day Two-Wednesday**

7:30-8:15 AM Family Breakfast, provided by Aramark Catering  
Location: Roadrunner Café  
Good Morning! Start the day off right with a complimentary continental breakfast provided by Aramark in the Roadrunner Café. Meal plan benefits and options will also be discussed.

8:30-8:45 AM Welcome Back to Day II of Family Orientation  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North

8:45-9:30 AM Academic Preview  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North  
Tips from a UTSA professor on what to do both inside and outside of the classroom to be a successful, well-rounded student.

9:30-10:15 AM Campus Tour  
Location: Various  
Navigate the UTSA campus with your Orientation Leader.

10:15-10:30 AM Break and Picture  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North  
Come together as one and let’s take a family picture, just like old times!

10:30-11:00 AM Parent 101  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North  
Become familiar with the Family Calendar and Guidebook as Orientation Leaders discuss important university policies and programs.

11:05-11:15 AM ITC  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North

11:15-11:45 AM Family Association  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center Phase North  
Find out how you can stay informed and involved on campus with your membership in the UTSA Family Association.

11:45-12:00 PM Student Panel  
Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center Phase North  
Ask Orientation Leaders all of your questions regarding student life, advice they wish they had followed freshman year, and how they got involved.
12:00-1:00 PM    Lunch-JPL Food Court
                Enjoy lunch with fellow Roadrunner parents.

1:00-1:30PM     Dessert Reception and University Center Vendor Fair
                Location: Retama Galleria, University Center North
                Join representatives from the Campus Technology Store, Roadrunner Express and UPS Store for a sweet treat and to learn about the services they provide to the UTSA community.

1:30-2:05 PM    UC: What’s in it for You
                Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
                Learn about the services that the University Center has to offer your student!

2:05-2:35 PM    Business Auxiliary Services
                Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center Phase North
                Join us as representatives from Parking, Transportation, Aramark Dining and the UTSA Bookstore answer any questions you might have about their services.

2:35-2:50 PM    Family Orientation Closing
                Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
                Thank you for coming! We hope you enjoyed your Family Orientations experience! Don’t miss the door prize drawing! Closing comments and announcements will be made.

2:50-3:35 PM    Family Masterpiece Theater
                Location: Retama Auditorium, University Center North
                Orientation Leaders will present a series of literary pieces depicting the college journey, from the student and parent points of view. Parents often say this is one of their most memorable parts of Orientation.

3:45-4:00 PM    Orientation Closing
                Location: Grand Ballroom, University Center South
                Re-connect with your student. Announcements pertaining to Thursday’s schedule will be made.

4:05-5:00 PM    Course Selection and Think Tank
                Location: Grand Ballroom, University Center South
                Here’s a great opportunity for the whole family to meet and speak with academic advisors. Join your student and assist them in preparing for academic advising and course registration. Representatives from the Colleges’ Freshman Advising Center, Tomás Rivera Center, Testing Services, and Learning Communities will be available to meet with you and your student.

5:00 PM        Dinner on Your Own