Student Preparedness Initiative: Readiness Inspired by Tradition | Summer 2018 Frequently Asked Questions

What is S.P.I.R.I.T?
S.P.I.R.I.T. stands for Student Preparedness Initiative Readiness Inspired by Tradition. SPIRIT is a two-week program that gives incoming first time first-year students a head start at Arizona State University (ASU). You will attend workshops that provide an overview of scholarship search, time management skills, and identify resources for academic success at ASU. Students are given an opportunity to make friends so you know someone prior to roughly 60,000 students moving on or near campus. Programming includes guest speakers, presentations by ASU staff and faculty, including deans, your peers and campus resource representatives. SPIRIT is meant to help students adjust and feel comfortable before the start of your first college academic year.

Why should I join SPIRIT?
First of all SPIRIT was designed just for you! This program is an amazing opportunity for you to make lasting connections before the academic year starts. The program is free and there is so much to gain from SPIRIT. First-hand experience in the classrooms, campus buildings, and interacting daily with staff, faculty, and your peers. The American Indian student organizations are excited to add to your experience!

Can I simultaneously do SPIRIT and another University Summer program (i.e. E², W. P. Carey)?
E²/Camp Carey and SPIRIT will collaborate to make sure SPIRIT participants may enjoy the benefits of both programs. SPIRIT engineering students may participate in E² Sessions 9 (Aug 12-14) & 10 (Aug 20-21).

What do I need?
Bring two weeks' worth of clothing, including: walking shoes—bedding (pillows, sheets, and blankets), snacks (case of water/reusable water bottle, granola bars), toiletries (body wash, shampoo & conditioner), towels (body, hand and washcloth/loofa), miscellaneous items (fan, sunscreen).

Will I move into my fall housing?
While the S.P.I.R.I.T. program occurs on the Tempe campus where you may be regularly housed in the fall, it's important to remember that you will NOT be living in your fall assignment. Your accommodation for the duration of this camp will be a temporary stay. To that end, we advise bringing an easily transportable or move-able amount of personal items for the camp portion and the remainder of your personal items when you transition to your regular fall assignment on Friday, August 10th. You also have the option to participate in your regular assigned move-in experience on either August 11 or August 12, for details on that please reference your MyASU.

SPIRIT program check-in day (July 29th) logistics:
Students from ASU’s Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic, and West campuses, including Tempe living off campus in the fall, will move into conference housing for the two-week SPIRIT program.
Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic and West campus students will return to respective campuses on Friday, August 10, 2018.

**ASU’s Downtown Phoenix campus:** Check-in time is 8:30 a.m. at Taylor Place [https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/taylor-place](https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/taylor-place) and Check-in time is 10:30 a.m. at ASU’s Tempe campus Sonora Center [https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/sonora-center](https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/sonora-center).

**ASU’s Polytechnic campus:** Check-in time is 8:00 a.m. at Century Hall [https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/century-hall](https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/century-hall) and Check-in time at ASU’s Tempe campus is between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Sonora Center [https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/sonora-center](https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/sonora-center).

**ASU’s West Campus:** Check-in time is between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Casa de Oro [https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/casa-de-oro](https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/casa-de-oro) and Check-in time at ASU’s Tempe campus is between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Sonora Center [https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/sonora-center](https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/sonora-center).

**ASU’s Tempe Campus:** Check-in time is between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Sonora Center [https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/sonora-center](https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/sonora-center).

The Sonora Center check-in for the SPIRIT program will be followed by a Welcome Reception at ASU’s Tempe campus Memorial Union (2nd floor; Arizona Ballroom #221) [https://eoss.asu.edu/mu/about/directions](https://eoss.asu.edu/mu/about/directions). The Arizona Ballroom doors will open for the reception at 12:00 p.m.; Lunch will be provided during the overview of the SPIRIT 2-week program.

**How do I apply for housing?**
If you are planning to live on campus for the fall and need to apply for housing please visit, [housing.asu.edu](http://housing.asu.edu/).

**Will meals be provided?**
Lunch and dinner will be provided weekdays (Monday - Friday). Breakfast and weekend meals are not provided.

Visit [sundevildining.asu.edu/hours-and-locations/tempe/pitchforks](http://sundevildining.asu.edu/hours-and-locations/tempe/pitchforks) for more information. Pitchforks, the dining hall inside the Memorial Union, provides an All-You-Care-To-Eat dining experience featuring regional themed food stations including Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, Asian, Baja/South American, Soups and Salads. All of our foods are made from scratch including our homemade desserts!

**Do I need to bring money?**
Yes, funds are necessary. Breakfast and weekend meals are not provided. Students should bring money for textbooks, course-related materials, and other miscellaneous expenditures.

What type of clothing should I wear for the program?
Typically, the program happens during the high temperature season ranging from 100 - 120 degrees. It is highly recommended to wear clothing that keeps you cool and protects you from the sun's harmful UV radiation. For the purpose of this program, dress casually and bring a reusable container for water. It's really important to stay hydrated and we have done our best to make sure we're indoors often and have short distances to walk.

What is a peer ambassador?
A SPIRIT peer ambassador is a current ASU student and possibly a program alumnus. The peer ambassadors are your mentors for the entirety of the program. Peer ambassadors are there to answer any questions you have, they will show you the student perspective, help you navigate campus, and connect you with the support system that you may need. Peer ambassadors were once in your shoes, starting a new year at ASU. Do not be afraid to ask questions.

Do I need a laptop?
Computer access is available in the AISSS lab, while it is not a requirement it can be helpful. Majority of students do bring a laptop and use it throughout the semester for notes, programming, or homework assignments. If you choose to bring electronics they are your responsibility, be sure to keep an eye on your electronics at all times.

Adulting 101
For more ways to transition smoothly to the college student life please visit adulting.asu.edu Topics include: Career, Study, Wellness, Living, Money, and Media

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