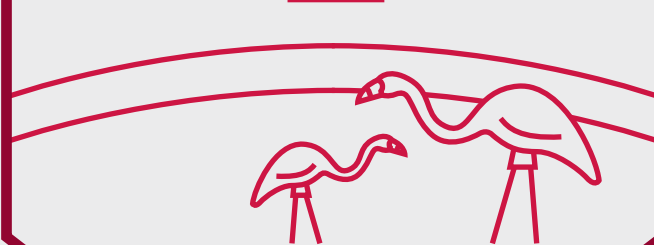


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# WELCOME TO UW-MADISON!

Thank you for making a reservation to attend Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). Please see the enclosed confirmation letter to ensure that your SOAR session and date are correct. If you need to modify your SOAR reservation, please contact the SOAR office at 608-262-4707 or [soar@studentlife.wisc.edu](mailto:soar@studentlife.wisc.edu).

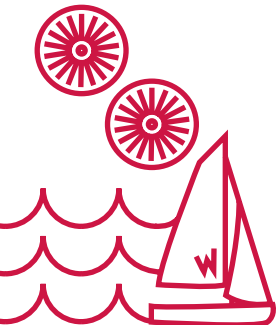


## PRE-ARRIVAL Get Ready

- Complete your scheduled placement tests prior to attending SOAR.
- Review the enclosed letter, which includes your SOAR session date. Make any necessary changes online at least one week prior to your session.
- Pay your SOAR fees. Two weeks before you arrive, you will receive an email with your complete invoice and payment instructions. No fees were collected at the time you made your SOAR reservation.
- Complete the “Preparing for SOAR” module in MyUW prior to your SOAR session.
- Plan to attend all activities during SOAR. If you leave SOAR early, you won’t be able to enroll in courses.
- Get social. Connect with the UW on social media, [#uwnewstudent](https://twitter.com/uwnewstudent).

## Bring with You

- A government-issued photo ID (passport, driver’s license, or state ID card). You’ll need this to obtain your Wiscard (student ID).
- Know your Net ID and password. (You will need this info to register for classes.)
- A pencil or pen and a notebook to take notes.
- Any academic/scholarship information you have received that relates to your course enrollment.
- Score reports for AP, IB, or other college-level tests and unofficial transcripts of college classes you have participated in.



## What to Wear

- SOAR programming takes place at several different campus locations; please wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Check the weather forecast before attending; you may want to bring an umbrella or rain jacket. SOAR takes place rain or shine!
- The temperature in campus buildings can vary. We recommend bringing a sweatshirt or light sweater to help keep you comfortable.

## ARRIVAL @ SOAR

Please note that UW-Madison is a large campus, and it can take more time than you expect to move between program locations and parking. Plan your travel accordingly!

## Where to Park

- If you requested parking, the gate code and parking instructions are enclosed in this packet.
- If you didn’t reserve a parking space and anticipate needing to park on campus, a list of lots with real-time vacant stall counts can be found at [transportation.wisc.edu/parking/lotinfo\\_occupancy.aspx](https://transportation.wisc.edu/parking/lotinfo_occupancy.aspx).
- Parking costs \$15 per day.

## Where to Check-in

Arrive between 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. at Union South (1308 West Dayton Street).

## Where to Stay

Need to stay overnight in Madison? There are many local places to stay in the Madison community for a list of on-campus hotels offering competitive rates and private hotels offering discounts to SOAR participants, visit [soar.wisc.edu/hotels](http://soar.wisc.edu/hotels).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Participants with Disabilities

Disability accommodations for SOAR are available for students and their parents/guests with either permanent or temporary disabilities. During the program, students will walk up to 2.1 miles per day on gentle (0–6 percent) and moderate (6–9 percent) grades. Students who may need assistance traveling this route should contact the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

### Changes/Cancellations

Any changes to your SOAR reservation must be made at least one week prior to your attendance. SOAR will not grant refunds for changes or cancellations made within one week of your attendance, except in extreme circumstances.

## CONTACTS

### SOAR Office Contact Information

608-262-4707

The phone is answered 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. CDT, Monday–Thursday, and 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. CDT on Friday.

[soar.wisc.edu](http://soar.wisc.edu)

[soar@studentlife.wisc.edu](mailto:soar@studentlife.wisc.edu)

### McBurney Disability Resource Center

608-263-2741 (voice) / 608-225-7956 (text)

[mcburney.wisc.edu](http://mcburney.wisc.edu)

For disability accommodations during SOAR, please call the SOAR Information Line at 608-262-4707.

### Testing & Evaluation Services (Placement Testing)

608-262-5863, [testing.wisc.edu](http://testing.wisc.edu)

### Undergraduate Admissions

608-262-3961, [onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu](mailto:onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu)

### University Housing

SOAR housing: 608-262-5576, [soar.housing@housing.wisc.edu](mailto:soar.housing@housing.wisc.edu)

Academic year: 608-262-2522, [AssignMe@housing.wisc.edu](mailto:AssignMe@housing.wisc.edu)

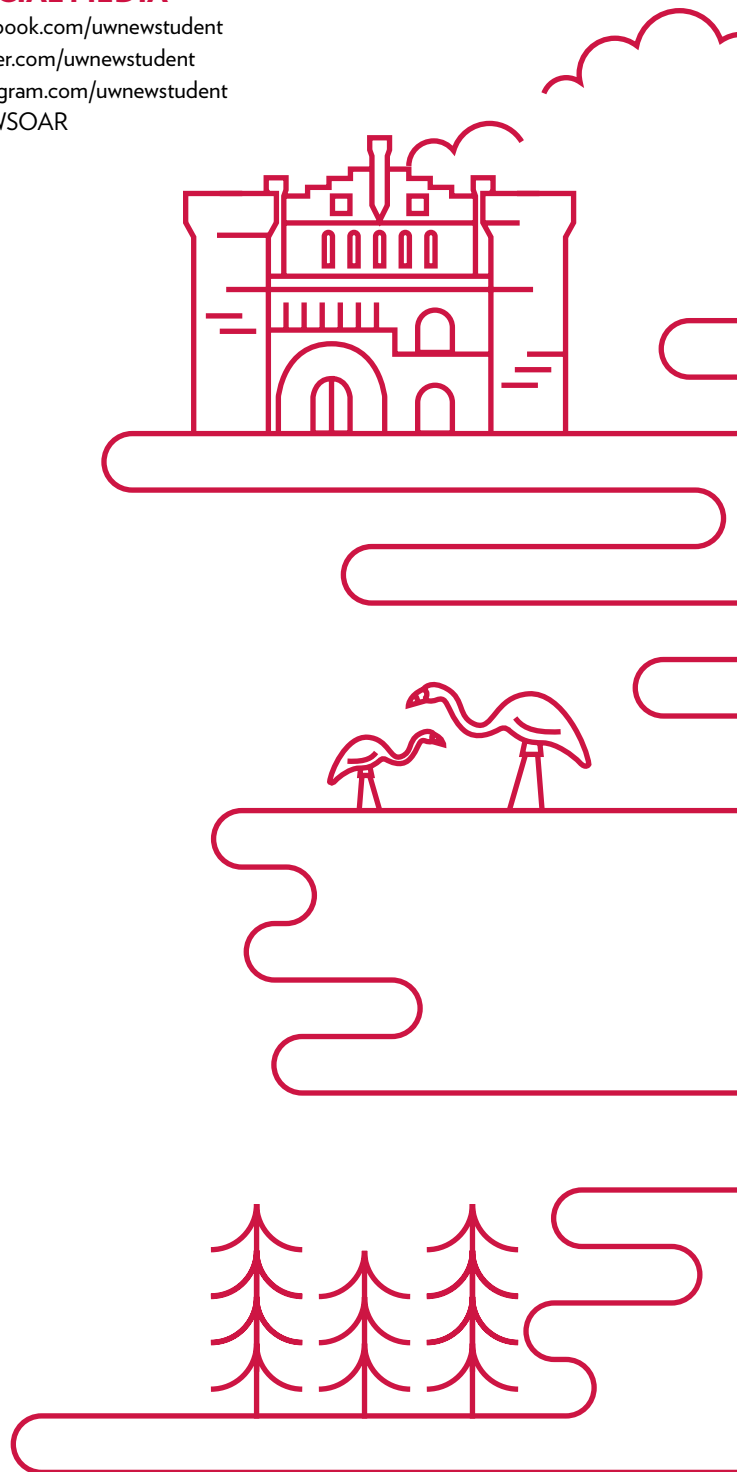
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## STUDENT PROGRAM

Download a detailed SOAR schedule at [go.wisc.edu/soar2019](http://go.wisc.edu/soar2019)

### Check-In

**8–9:15 a.m.**

In addition to checking in for the SOAR program, we recommend that you get your Wiscard, the official campus ID card, on the first floor of Union South (open 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.)

### Welcome and Introduction to the Wisconsin Experience

**9:15–9:30 a.m.**

Current students and staff members will welcome you to SOAR, provide an overview of the program, and introduce the Wisconsin Experience.

### Academic Advising

**9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Throughout the day, you will work with your advising group to review transfer credits and previous coursework, learn about academic course requirements, and work to develop a first-semester course plan. You will work with a variety of individuals, including peer and professional academic advisors. Starting in the afternoon, once you are ready, you will be able to enroll in your fall courses with the assistance of the SOAR advising staff.

### Lunch

**11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**

**Rheta's Market, Chadbourne Residential College**

### Campus Life Presentation & New Transfer Student Social

**1:30–3 p.m.**

**Rm 110, Middleton Building**

Come hear from faculty and staff about the support provided both in and out of the classroom to help students succeed academically. Then enjoy the Transfer Engagement Center, get crafty with Revel, and meet other new and current transfer students. Light refreshments will be available.

### Campus Tour (optional)

**Leaves from Union South First Floor Info Desk**

**3:30–4:30 p.m.**

## PARENT & GUEST PROGRAM

Parents and guests are strongly encouraged to attend our program in order to learn about campus resources available to your student. Registration is required and is part of the student's SOAR reservation process. While younger siblings are welcome at the program, we do not offer any programming for younger Badger family members. The full SOAR schedule can be downloaded at [go.wisc.edu/soar2019](http://go.wisc.edu/soar2019). Schedule is subject to change.

### Check-In

**8:30–9:15 a.m.**

We know you are excited to get to campus, so plan to come early! Check-in is located on the 2nd floor of Union South.

### Welcome and Introduction to the Wisconsin Experience

**9:15–9:40 a.m.**

Current students and staff members will welcome you to SOAR, provide an overview of the program, and introduce the Wisconsin Experience.

### Your Student's Academic Journey

**9:40–10:10 a.m.**

UW–Madison advising staff are committed to your student's success. Attend this session to understand how these professional advisors are a valuable resource for your student during SOAR, throughout college, and after graduation.

### Campus Safety

**10:20–10:50 a.m.**

Learn about the UW–Madison Police Department (UWPD) and its full range of services to campus. UWPD members will discuss safety topics on campus, including theft and alcohol.

### Community Standards

**10:50–11:20 a.m.**

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards is here to help your student understand these responsibilities in order to set them up for success in and out of the classroom. We will review non-academic misconduct such as underage

alcohol, illegal drug use, and sexual violence in addition to academic misconduct found in the classroom such as plagiarism and cheating on academic exercises.

### **Supporting Your Student Through Transition**

**11:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m.**

Learn about the transition to UW–Madison, explore ways to support students as they adjust to life on a new campus, and hear from current transfer students about their experiences and strategies for adjustment.

### **Lunch**

**12:10–1:00 p.m.**

**Union South, First Floor**

### **University Health Services**

**1–1:30 p.m.**

Join University Health Services staff to learn about ways to support students' health and well-being while they're on campus. Voted #1 College Health Service in 2016 and 2017 by the Princeton Review, UHS's integrated offerings will help support your student. The session includes resources and recommendations for how to talk with your student about choices around alcohol and sexual violence (both preventing it and supporting survivors) and how to support your student's mental health. An overview of clinical services and recommendations for how to get ready for a healthy semester will also be shared.

### **Managing Finances—Financial Aid and Paying Tuition**

**1:30–2 p.m.**

Jointly, staff from the Bursar's Office and Student Financial Aid will share details about the cost of attendance, the tuition billing process, payment methods and refunds and provide an overview of the financial aid process and resources. Staff will be available to answer individual questions immediately following the session.

### **Building Community for Off-Campus Students**

**2:10–2:40 p.m.**

Learn how the university supports students living off campus.

### **Living on Campus in University Housing**

**2:10–2:40 p.m.**

Learn about the experiences, programs, and resources that University Housing provides to create an environment built for student success.

### **Careers and Internship Services**

**2:50–3:20 p.m.**

Your student's career development should start during the first semester on campus. Learn how you can help your student achieve career success at this informative session.

### **Parent and Family Closing**

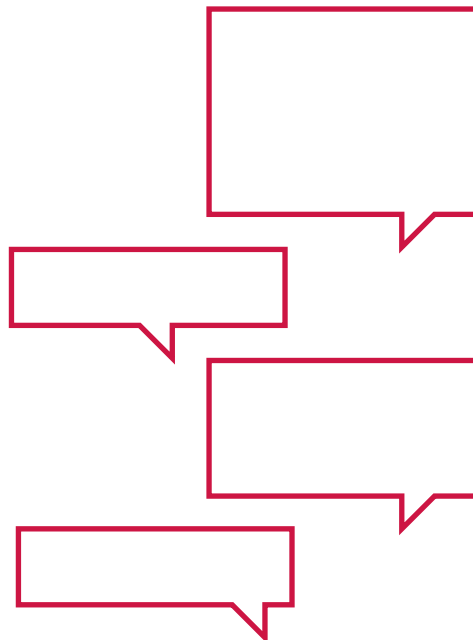
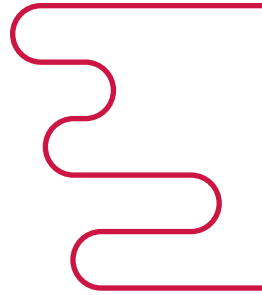
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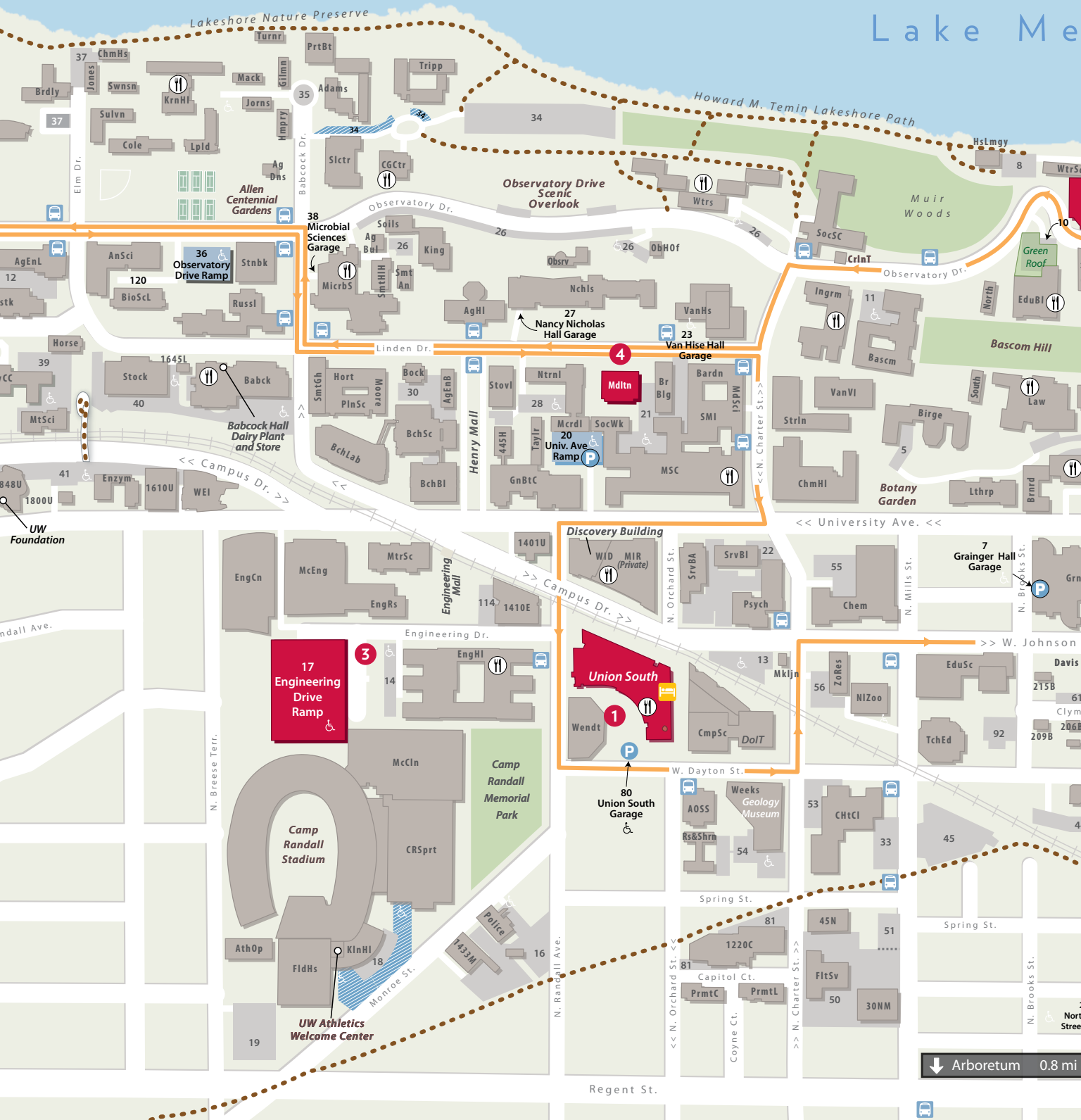
Are you wondering who to contact after your SOAR session? Do you have a final question you'd like to ask? The Parent and Family Program will share how they connect parents and families to campus, information on Family Weekend and other events, and answer any questions you may have.

### **Campus Tour (optional)**

**Leaves from Union South First Floor Info Desk**

**3:30–4:30 p.m.**





Lakeshore Nature Preserve

Howard M. Temin Lakeshore Path

Observatory Drive Scenic Overlook

Muir Woods

36 Observatory Drive Ramp

27 Nancy Nicholas Hall Garage

23 Van Hise Hall Garage

Babcock Hall Dairy Plant and Store

Discovery Building

17 Engineering Drive Ramp

Union South

80 Union South Garage

Camp Randall Stadium

UW Athletics Welcome Center

Arboretum 0.8 mi



## SOAR SITES

- 1 **Union South**  
1308 West Dayton Street
- 2 **SOAR Advising (students only):  
College Library**  
600 North Park Street
- 3 **Parking: Lot 17  
(prepaid SOAR parking)**  
1525 Engineering Drive
- 4 **Middleton Building**  
1305 Linden Drive, Room 110  
Transfer Engagement Center

## TRANSPORTATION

-  Bike Trails & Footpaths
  -  Bus Route 80 (Free)
  -  Bus Stop
- Complete bus schedule:  
[mymetrobus.com](http://mymetrobus.com)*



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