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Quick Facts

- Winthrop will hold four Orientation sessions: June 6-8; June 13-15; June 20-22; and June 27-29.
- Family members may attend Family Orientation, offered the first day of each Orientation session.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University will welcome freshman students during **four Orientation sessions** this summer.

All freshmen entering in the fall are required to attend one of four three-day, two-night **Orientation** sessions offered in June. Family members are encouraged to take advantage of **Family Orientation**, a program offered concurrently with the first day of each of the student sessions.

Session I is from June 6-8, **Session II** from June 13-15, **Session III** from June 20-22 and **Session IV** from June 27-29. The university potentially may have one of its largest freshmen groups for the sessions.

Orientation is a program designed to assist new students and their families in adjusting to life as a student at Winthrop University. During **Orientation**, new students meet current student leaders, receive information on academic expectations and opportunities for involvement, are advised, and register for classes. In addition, students will be bringing children's books to donate to The Early Learning Partnership of York County. Last year, more than 1,400 books were donated to the program, and the freshmen designed handmade bookmarks to place in each book encouraging reading.

Organizer Michelle Wolf, assistant dean of students, and the student orientation staff have designed programs and activities to engage students in discussions about the **2006 Common Book, "The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell**. The students also will interact with upperclassmen, **Orientation** faculty mentors, first class instructors, key campus personnel and each other to build a web of support for their Winthrop experience.

"**Orientation** is a very important step incoming freshmen must take to prepare for college," Wolf said. "Winthrop expects students to undergo transformation as a learner and engage in life in and out of the classroom and the community. It also gives them the opportunity to learn about the responsibilities they will have as a student and become familiar with the place they'll come to call home over the next few years.

"It makes their transition in the fall a much smoother one," Wolf said. "We want students to leave **Orientation** knowing that there are clearly marked pathways to success as a student at Winthrop, with advocates for their success every step of the way."

Transfer students entering Winthrop in the fall may take advantage of **Transfer Orientations** in July.

For more information, call Wolf at 803/323-2387.

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