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PREPARING FOR THINK

What to expect and a schedule sneak peak



THINK PREVIEW

Academics

By now you know what THINK courses you will be taking this summer, and we hope you are as excited as we are! The college courses you selected are the primary focus of THINK. Morning classes run from 8:30am to 11:30am and afternoon courses run from 2pm to 5pm. Courses take place across the UNR campus.



Dorm Life

Announcement!



Due to building availability on campus, we are unable to be housed in Peavine Hall for THINK this year as previously announced. For this summer, students will be housed in [Argenta Hall](#) again and we are excited to be in our home away from home!

Rooms will include a private bathroom, desks, chairs, dressers, and bookshelves. Each student will have a single oak bed. While students must bring their own sheets (80" mattress) or sleeping bag, pillow, pillow case, and blanket, we encourage students to bring enough comfortable items to help them feel at home!

Meals

All meals will be at the [Downunder Cafe](#). Food is served buffet style, and while our staff will be supervising, students independently make food selections.

Visit the [Downunder Cafe's](#) website for sample menus, information on [special dietary options](#), and more.

FAQ: Can my student bring personal snacks for the dorms?

A: Yes! Students are welcome to bring their favorite nonperishable snacks from home. In your snack selection, please be mindful of other student's potential allergies and avoid items with nuts.

Activities

After weekday dinners, students typically spend time doing homework, studying, and getting outdoors for a break! Evening options include opportunities such as going to study at the [Knowledge Center](#), visits to the [E.L. Wiengand Fitness Center](#), games at the [Quad](#), [Watermelon on the Quad](#), visits to the [Wolf Shop](#), student requested activities, and more!

Special Friday activities are also hosted each week. Students vote on which activities the group will do, and then arrive Friday evening for the fun!

Optional Sunday activities are highly guided by student choice. These could include: visits to local coffee/ice cream shops, the Knowledge Center, local museums, and more!



Field Trips

Lake Tahoe Day (7/20)

Visit Burnt Cedar Beach at the beautiful Lake Tahoe! At Burnt Cedar, students can enjoy swimming, volley ball courts, paddle board and kayak rentals, a clubhouse with a pool and water slide, snack bar, and more. Be prepared for a great day at the lake!



A Day off at the Movies (7/27)

Students will enjoy a day off from studying and visit the Riverside movie theater. Two movie options will be selected the week prior and students can pick which one they would like to see. Don't forget your cash for popcorn and treats!

FAQ: What field trips and activities are mandatory? Why?

A: Field trips and Friday evening activities are mandatory, but other activities are optional. One of the goals of THINK is to foster social connections among intellectual peers. We believe that teaching balance and self-care is important. With a potentially stressful college course load, making time for fun and laughter is an important part of the THINK experience!

Digital Devices at THINK



At THINK, we foster a "fully connected" community. Being fully connected means focusing on academics and making connections with other participants without the distractions of electronic devices. Participants may bring cell phones to THINK but use will be limited to the residence hall only. Specifically, participants will only be permitted to carry and use cell phones, smart phones, or other devices capable of voice and/or text communication while in their dorm room or on our designated floor in Argenta Hall.

NEW THIS YEAR:

To support being fully connected, students will place cell phones in a locked room prior to leaving for class each weekday (at 8am and 1:30pm).

Please keep in mind that students will not be able to be reached via their cell phones on week days from 8am- 12:30pm and from 1:30pm to 6pm. In an emergency, you can reach our staff via the emergency phone number to be provided in the June Newsletter.



SCHEDULE SNEAK PEAK

Weekdays:

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.- Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.- Morning Classes
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Dorms/Free Time
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Afternoon Classes
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner
6:00 p.m. - Lights Out- Dorms/Studying/Free Time/Evening Activities*

Saturdays: Field Trip Day

Check out the information on the previous page regarding where we will be going this year. In addition to field trips, students can look forward to getting some much needed R&R in the dorms or around campus.

Sundays:

Early morning- 11:00 a.m. - Continental breakfast in the dorms (optional), religious services (optional and upon student request)
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.- Parent Visits (optional)
11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - Brunch
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Optional activities*/[DC Store](#)
5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.- Dinner
6:00 p.m. to Lights Out- Dorms/Studying/Free Time

*Check out the information on pages 2-3 to read about activities and field trips



HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT: GUESTS AND LEAVING CAMPUS

The THINK Summer Institute is intended to offer participants a full-immersion academic and residential summer experience. Each participant is a vital part of an academic learning team and social community. As such, visits from family outside of the pre-scheduled times on Sundays can significantly reduce the quality of the experience for all participants.

To address the issues surrounding being away from home and temporarily separated from family members, program staff will remain in close contact with both participants and parents throughout the program. It is anticipated some participants will experience some level of homesickness, as this is a natural part of a residential program experience. Our staff receives training on how to support students while at THINK, and we work as a team to address any issues of missing home that may arise.

Parents are welcome to request a short visit during the mornings of Sunday, July 21st and Sunday, July 28th. Due to dorm security, all visits need to be arranged in advanced. To arrange a time to pick up your THINKer, please complete the following [Parent Sunday Visit Form](#) (in your online portal) or email THINK@davidsongifted.org no later than 24 hours prior to these dates.



FAQS: TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE SUPPLIES

Do I need to purchase textbooks before the program?

No. Textbooks are provided by THINK for each course. Students will receive them at THINK during the course orientations.

What do I need to do to prepare for my course? Will I have homework prior to the start of the program?

Some instructors will have you do some pre-reading before the first day of class, but generally, you do not need to do any homework or prep before THINK begins.

What supplies do I need to bring for my courses?

We will provide you with a laptop, backpack with laptop sleeve, textbooks, a notebook for each course, pens, pencils, highlighters, and a folder for each course. **Students in MATH 176 are required to bring a graphing calculator.** You may bring other supplies if you would like (planner, etc.) as well as any other school supplies typically helpful to you (index cards, pens for color coding, extra erasers, etc.). Please see the full list of items to bring or leave at home on the [Packing List](#) (under "What to Bring").

Questions? Email THINK@davidsongifted.org