New Student Orientation • Fall 2017

** Indicates mandatory sessions

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017

9:00am – 12:00pm:  Check-in, Pollock Hall **
Grab your welcome packet and residence keys. Submit computing & technology services (CTS) and health forms. Talk with Student Financial Services. Community organizations and local businesses will be present to welcome you to the community.

10:00am – 1:00pm:  Free Yard Sale: Withey Garden *(Rain Location Withey Lobby)*
Forgot something at home? No problem! Head to the free yard sale in Withey Garden where you can browse through residence hall and school supplies and take whatever you need – for free! Sponsored by your friendly Sustainability Office.

9:00am – 12:00pm:  Student IDs and Parking Permits, Withey Hall Basement
Come down and meet the campus security team! Bring your smile and your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance if you need a parking permit.

12:00 – 1:30pm:  LUNCH, Withey Dining Hall  *BRING YOUR COLLEGE ID*

10:00am – 2:00pm:  Self-Paced Computer Orientation for New Students, Griswold Library
Get logged-in and connected to Moodle, MyGMC, and your campus e-mail. Visit Computing & Technology Services (CTS) while you are in the library for help with Wi-Fi.

2:00pm:  President's Welcome, The Labyrinth ** *(Rain location Ackley Theater)*

2:30 – 4:00pm:  Open Houses, Various Locations
Learn about the support network and opportunities that can help you thrive at Green Mountain by visiting open houses around campus (Parents Welcome!) Attend four open houses or more and receive a free GMC swag bag.  *See the attached card for more details.*

4:00pm:  Parent Departure
Thanks for coming! We hope to see you at Family & Friends Weekend on October 20-22, and don't forget to check out the GMC First Year Parent Orientation course at [https://moodle.greenmtn.edu/](https://moodle.greenmtn.edu/).

4:30 – 7:00pm:  Images Dinner, Meet in Withey Garden ** *BRING YOUR COLLEGE ID*
This is your first class meeting at GMC! Meet your Images of Nature professor and your peers for dinner as you begin to explore your selected Images topic for the semester. Please bring your own water bottle or mug.

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Times and event details are subject to change.
4:30 – 7:00pm:  Communal Dinner, Meet in Withey Garden ** *BRING YOUR COLLEGE ID*
New students not enrolled in Images of Nature will have a special dinner with faculty, staff, and orientation leaders. Please bring your own water bottle or mug.

7:00pm:  Orientation Play - Ackley Auditorium
Enjoy a night at the theater for a comedic presentation sharing information about life at Green Mountain.

9:00 – 11:00pm:  Dodgeball, Waldron Athletic Center

9:30pm – Midnight:  Evening Social Activities, Outside the Waldron Athletic Center
Take a night hike with the Orientation Leaders, chill at the campfire and enjoy ice cream & lawn games. *Guitars & drums are welcome and encouraged.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

7:30 – 8:30 am:  Healthy Morning Activities, locations TBD
Activities will be offered to get you off to healthy and happy start at GMC.
  *Yoga:* Moses Lawn (Rainout: Bogue Movement Studio)
  *Labyrinth Walk:* The Labyrinth/Outdoor Classroom
  *Qigong:* Ames Circle (Rainout: The Waldron Athletic Center)

8:00 – 9:00am:  Breakfast, Withey Dining Hall  *BRING YOUR COLLEGE ID*
Worried about where to sit in the dining hall? Meet Peg Gregory and student leaders at 8:30 am in the Wellness Center located in Richardson, walk to Withey and have breakfast with a supportive group.

8:30 – 10:00 am:  Math Placement, Griswold Library, 2nd Floor
*Check your folder to see if this is recommended for you.*

10:00 – 11:00am:  Presentation: Your Personal and Community Responsibility:
  *Drug & Alcohol Education, Withey Hall Gorge **
As a member of the GMC community it is your responsibility to learn how to keep yourself safe around alcohol and other substances. See if you know what "one drink" is and learn how to identify and respond to someone who is under the influence.

11:00 – 11:30am:  Dining Services Tour, Withey Dining Hall
Meet the people behind the food, hear about how the mission is lived through dining at GMC and ask questions about specific dietary concerns.

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11:30am – 12:30pm: Town Tour, Meet in Withey Lobby
Get to know key places and people in the community, while you bike or hike with orientation leaders around the village of Poultney.

11:00am – 1:30pm: Individualized Campus Tours, CAT Center
Bring your schedules and your questions. Our orientation leaders will give you the lowdown on it all, to make your first day of class run smoothly.

11:30am – 12:30pm: Transfer Student Advising Session, Terrace 122
Meet with Faculty member Jim Harding and the Registrar’s Office staff to discuss your class schedules and review what it takes to earn a degree from Green Mountain College.

12:00 – 1:30pm: LUNCH, Withey Dining Hall BRING YOUR COLLEGE ID
Not sure where to sit? Consider eating with students and staff that work in the Sustainability Office. Look for the GMC pennant.

1:30 – 3:00pm: Meet-ups, Withey Hall, 1st Floor
Start forming your GMC family by meeting up with other members of the community who share similar backgrounds or interest.
Meet up groups include:
- Writers/ Creative Arts
- From the South East US
- The Western US
- Musicians
- Outdoors Enthusiast
- Non-Traditional Student
- From The Midwest US

3:00 – 4:30pm: Presentation: Social Sustainability Living the Mission, Withey Hall Gorge**
We will gather together to explore what it means to be a member of the Green Mountain College community by talking about the beliefs, commonalities, and differences that shape us and will shape this community as we learn together. As a college, we take seriously the opportunity to engage with important and challenging issues of our time. This gathering is the beginning.

4:30 – 6:30pm: Bluegrass & BBQ, Cree Lawn BRING YOUR COLLEGE ID
Join faculty, staff, and returning students for a campus-wide BBQ and local bluegrass music performed by the Poultney Bluegrass Society.

7:00 – 8:00pm: Residence Hall Floor Meetings, Your Hub **
Meet your floor mates and share your thoughts about what you want your community to be.

7:00 – 8:00pm: Coffeehouse is OPEN for Commuter Meet-Up
Meet upperclassmen that commute and get info about how to stay connected, wellness and veterans benefits.

8:00 – 9:00pm: Presentation: Sex: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, Withey Gorge **
What do you expect and what counts as respect in relationship to sex? What roles do alcohol and drugs have in these decisions? This interactive presentation will discuss freedom, risk, respect, and consent, topics that each of us need to be aware of while a part of the Green Mountain College Community.

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9:00 – 11:00pm:   Evening Activities
                  Game Night, Griswold Library
                  Fitness Center, Waldron Athletic Center
                  Open Mic, Coffeehouse - Moses Basement

10:00pm          Residence Hall Quiet Hours

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017
Classes Begin

7:30 – 8:30am:   Healthy Morning Activities
                  Two mile jog on the Poultney Rail Trail: Meet in Withey Lobby
                  Fitness Room Open, Waldron Athletic Center

7:30 – 9:30am:   Breakfast, Withey Dining Hall  BRING YOUR COLLEGE ID

9:30 – 11:30am:  Natural Areas Walk & Invasive Species Removal, Meet in Withey Lobby
                  Did you know that most Green Mountain College land is classified as a natural area? Come
                  learn about the vital role students play as stewards of the land through leave-no-trace principles
                  and get your hands dirty pulling invasive species.

11:30– 2:00pm:  Cerridwen Farm Meet-Up, The Farmhouse/ Solar Harvest Center
                  Want to get involved with food and farming at Green Mountain College? Take this opportunity to
                  learn about GMC’s own Cerridwen Farm and meet other students interested in food and
                  farming.

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1:00 – 3:00pm:   Safe(r) Zone Training, Coffeehouse, Moses Hall Basement
                  Interested in being a visible ally for queer and LGBT Green Mountain community members?
                  Safe(r) Zone is a community support system in which participants are provided with the
                  knowledge and information necessary to help those in search of more information on topics
                  related to gender and sexuality.

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