DAWG CAMP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

WHAT IS DAWG CAMP?

Dawg Camp is an extended orientation program designed to assist students with their transition into the University of Georgia community. These programs allow participants to meet other incoming students and connect with current campus leaders in the spirit of UGA's history + traditions over the course of multiple days.

Dawg Camp provides a foundation for a successful college experience by exposing participants to student life, exploring common transition topics, and engaging in fun and dynamic activities. This is also an opportunity to develop close friendships and meaningful skills to thrive in the first year of college. Each camp has a specific focus that allows students to get the most out of their Dawg Camp experience.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Dawg Camp is to assist incoming students in their transition to UGA by providing dynamic and meaningful experiences that serve as a springboard for successful acclimation and integration into the university community.
DAWG CAMP CLASSIC CITY

5 DAYS  |  1 SESSION (2 SMALL GROUPS)  |  24 STUDENTS  
4 COUNSELORS

Dawg Camp Classic City is open to 24 incoming first year students (12 per small group). This program provides participants with the opportunity to partake in community service projects throughout Athens-Clarke County while gaining a deeper understanding of service work and appreciation for the Classic City. Throughout the week, new students explore campus and beyond to learn about their new home through a service-based lens.

During their selected program, counselors facilitate small group reflections and activities around Athens with their co-counselor. These activities are centered around their special program camp focus.

During the Discovery weekend, counselors serve on the logistics crew for one of the three color groups (red, black, silver) and assist with facilitating logistical components of the weekend.

DAWG CAMP FUSION

5 DAYS  |  1 SESSION  |  15 STUDENTS  
2 COUNSELORS

Dawg Camp Fusion is a weeklong Athens-immersion program for 15 incoming new students that offers a unique understanding of the Classic City and what makes it “home” for students beyond the UGA campus. Throughout the week, students are exposed to Athens by eating at local restaurants, meeting with local alumni, and exploring the thriving art + music scene.

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DAWG® CAMP CONNECT
4 DAYS | 1 SESSION | 12 STUDENTS
2 COUNSELORS

Dawg Camp Connect is a dynamic program built specifically for up to 12 transfer students to help adjust seamlessly into their new university home. Participants will have opportunities to connect with UGA, connect with Athens, connect with valuable campus resources, and most importantly, connect with one another in a meaningful way in order to enhance their networks on campus and their transition into the Bulldog family.

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DAWG® CAMP ADVENTURE
6 DAYS | 2 SESSIONS | 16 STUDENTS
4 COUNSELORS

Dawg Camp Adventure is an outdoors, wilderness-based program open to 16 incoming new students (per session). With the North Carolina mountains as a backdrop, this program gives participants the opportunity to explore the outdoors through camping, hiking, canoeing, and other outdoor recreation activities. Throughout the camp, participants learn more about themselves, form strong bonds with their peers, and learn more about life at UGA!

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DAWG® CAMP INNOVATE

5 DAYS | 1 SESSION (3 SMALL GROUPS) | 40 STUDENTS | 6 COUNSELORS

**CAMP FOCUS** | INNOVATION + ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**INNOVATE** | JULY 12 - 16, 2022
AUGUST 12 - 15, 2022

**Dawg Camp Innovate** is a week long Athens-immersion program for 40 incoming new students that offers a unique opportunity to launch new ideas and think beyond convention. New students participate in projects alongside Athens non-profits, explore innovation, and build relationships with local entrepreneurial leaders. While learning about their new home in the Classic City, participants develop valuable leadership skills, explore UGA's involvement opportunities, and build a sense of community.

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DAWG® CAMP DISCOVERY

3 DAYS | 1 SESSION | 250 STUDENTS | 36 COUNSELORS

**CAMP FOCUS** | SPIRIT + TRADITIONS

**DISCOVERY** | JULY 22 - 24, 2021

**Dawg Camp Discovery** is a three day retreat open to 250 incoming first year students that is centered on UGA spirit + traditions, campus involvement, leadership, and navigating the first year transition. Throughout the experience, participants discover more about themselves and find their place at UGA based on their unique strengths, personality, and skills. Participants will also get to build a strong sense of community among their peers through elements of friendly competition and will be able to go into their first semester with a better understanding of what it really means to be a Georgia Bulldog.

*During the Discovery weekend*, counselors serve on one of the three color groups (red, black, or silver) and facilitate a small group activities + reflections with their co-counselor for 10 - 15 new students.

*During special programs*, Discovery counselors in the Athens-area are invited to programming activities to engage with new students.
DAWG® CAMP
RETURNERS

INFORMATION FOR SECOND-TIME STAFF MEMBERS
Keep your Dawg Camp experience going by re-applying for Dawg Camp Staff! Each year, Dawg Camp invites previous staff members to re-apply for staff and serve an in elevated role as a Returning Counselor.

As a Returning Counselor, you are responsible for serving as a mentor for first-time staff members, facilitating various components of spring staff training, taking on elevated committee roles, and other special tasks and projects as needed. Returning Counselors coordinate Discovery Task committees for projects like Spirit & Traditions Video, Bulldog Nation Video, and Unity Dance.

Not sure you’re ready to return to Dawg Camp Staff? Previous staff members are able to apply directly to the alternate staff pool to be considered for staff should a spot open up during the late spring or summer semester.

Returner applications are due on Sunday, Oct 24 at 11:59 pm.

ALL DAWG® CAMP STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

All Dawg Camp staff members, regardless of their program or position, are responsible for assisting with various projects, committees, and events. This includes assisting with outreach + social media initiatives, fundraising for camper scholarships, and camper recruitment.

All Dawg Camp staff members will create and submit program content, learn about campus resources, develop facilitation skills, and serve as a mentor and resource for their campers for the entire 2022-2023 academic year.

All Dawg Camp staff members are expected to make time to build meaningful + authentic relationships with their fellow staff members outside of staff trainings and meetings.

All Dawg Camp staff members are responsible for attending all trainings, work days, etc. outlined on the Dawg Camp Mandatory Dates sheet. Any and all conflicts with these dates should be communicated in advance.