Bridge to Boise State Program 2017

FAQ SHEET

Bridge to Boise State Web Page:
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What are the dates of the Bridge to Boise State Program?
Bridge program with no rafting: August 14th to August 18th
Bridge program and rafting trip: August 11th to August 18th

Registration
The Bridge Program and rafting trip are sold on a first-come/first-serve basis, and payment is due at the time of registration. You may register online at: https://secureforms.boisestate.edu/stem/stem-summer-adventure-and-bridge-to-boise-state-application/

Is financial aid available?
Yes. You can apply for financial aid as part of the main application for the program. If you request financial aid, please do not proceed to the payment site until you have heard back from us. We will let you know if we can give you aid, and if you are awarded aid, we will give you a code that you will use when paying the registration fee on the payment site.

Refund Policy
Refunds are not given, unless the program is cancelled by Boise State University.

Where will the program take place?
Bridge to Boise State is on the Boise State campus.

What is a typical day in the Bridge program like?
Students will stay in the Residence Hall the week before classes start. Each day is filled with opportunities to connect with campus resources, meet current STEM students and peer mentors, and engage with STEM faculty. Days and nights are filled with learning and social activities, and lots of informal time to hang out and get to know other students. Daily learning activities will focus on STEM topics and student success strategies.
Where will we stay during Bridge?
Bridge to Boise State students will be staying in the Barnes Towers residence hall. Students will need to bring bedding and towels.

Do I need to bring my own food?
All food is provided during the program. Dietary Restrictions will be taken into account.

What do I need to bring?
For the Bridge program, you will be walking across campus for morning and afternoon activities. You should bring comfortable shoes and clothing appropriate for the August heat (temperatures in Boise regularly reach around 95-99 F at this time of year). The program will provide pen, paper and a notebook. It is recommended that you bring a backpack or bag to carry these materials with you throughout the day. You are encouraged to bring your own laptop or tablet if you have one. If you do not have a laptop or tablet, one will be provided.

For items needed for the rafting trip: please see the STEM Summer Adventure FAQ.

When does the Bridge to Boise State program start?
Check-in with program staff will be from 5-6 pm on August 14 at the Barnes Towers residence hall where you will be staying during the program. We will be leaving the Residence Hall at 6:00 to walk over to the Welcome Dinner.

*For students participating in the rafting, please review the STEM Summer Adventure FAQ, as your schedule will be different. The rafting trip ends around late afternoon on August 14th, so you will go straight from one program to the other.

When does the Bridge to Boise State program end?
The program ends on the morning of Friday, August 18th. Check out is from 8-10 AM. For those moving into the residence halls, check-in to move into your fall housing assignment is the morning of August 18. Please check the Fall Move-In Day website for your exact check-in time (it varies by residence hall).

Can I store my belongings in my Bridge room before the rafting trip?
Yes, students who will be on the rafting trip can place their belongings in their Bridge room before you leave for the rafting trip. Please contact Housing and Residence Life or STEM Summer Adventure staff for more information. If you are living on campus for the fall, you will need to move your items out of this room and into your fall assignment on the morning of August 18th. You will not be able to access your fall housing assignment before then.

Can I arrive before August 13, 2017?
Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate arrivals before August 14th, as the Bridge to Boise State dorm rooms, nor your fall housing assignment, will not be ready for you to move in until August 18th. The only exception to this is students arriving from out of state who are also attending the rafting trip and will be arriving on August 10th. If this applies to you, please contact us for more details.

I need a place to stay before the trip starts. Which Boise accommodations are near campus?
We can supply you with a list of local accommodations near campus upon request.

What options are there for getting food on campus?
Meals will be provided during the program, including light snacks for breakfast, and full meals for lunch and dinner. Please see the [list of campus food locations](#) for updated hours during the week of the program. If you are living on campus for the fall, your meal plan will start on August 18.

Where should I park my car during Bridge?
If you bring your car, you can park for free on Belmont Street or Vermont Street. If you park on the street, be sure to not block someone’s driveway or park in a 2-hour zone! If you are not comfortable parking on the street, the best option is to have someone drop you off or park in the Brady Parking Garage for $10 a day (see map below). If you have purchased a parking permit for the 2017-2018 academic year, it will take effect August 1, and you can park your car in the designated lot or garage that corresponds to your permit.
Who are the instructors for this program?
The leadership team for this program will include Boise State University Faculty, local STEM professionals, and Student Affairs professionals. Individuals on the leadership team will provide instructional content and activities in their area of specialization.
The Faculty/Instructional Team will include:
- Catherine Bates, Institute for STEM & Diversity Initiatives
- Ann Delaney, College of Engineering SAGE Scholars Program
- Jillana Finnegan, Advising and Academic Support Center
- STEM Peer Mentors

What if I am not a STEM major?
This program was created with first-year STEM majors as the target audience. As such the activities will focus on math, engineering and science elements. If you are undecided about your major, this program may be a method to explore those areas.