

# UB SCOOP

February 2026



Hello Upward Bound! Spring is quickly approaching. Soon we will be basking in the warming sunshine amid the scent of fresh flowers. Then soon after that, summer will be here with the Upward Bound Summer Component! 😊

At Upward Bound, we're planning and preparing for the rest of the Academic year and we are already looking ahead toward Summer.

We are getting so close to the end of the Academic year! We have two more Saturday Academies, on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> and on Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will hold our Orientations for Summer on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>! More information will come in via

email later. We will have Summer Forms packets available for you at our TRIO Day Saturday Academy (Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>). Remember, Summer Forms for Upward Bound are due by the March Saturday Academy on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Summer Session begins on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for all participating non-Bridge students (Bridge will be here that week as well), so get excited UB!!

Now, as we prepare for all our Spring and Summer activities, let's not forget our many newly admitted Upward Bound family members! Upward Bound would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new participants! You have been selected to join Upward Bound

because you have demonstrated a desire to succeed and a willingness to work hard to prepare a bright future for yourselves.

But it doesn't stop there. Now is the time to show that Upward Bound is a priority by being committed to the activities and services that Upward Bound provides, including active participation in Field Tutoring and Saturday Academies. Active participation will show your dedication, while also expanding your horizons with new, exciting experiences alongside many new friends.

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## Special Points of interest:

- Monday, February 23, 2026  
*UBCARED4 – 6:30-7:30 PM*
- Saturday, February 28, 2026  
*Saturday Academy/TRIO Day Celebration*  
8:30am-3:30pm
- Saturday, March 21, 2026  
*Saturday Academy*  
**SUMMER FORMS DUE**
- Monday, March 30, 2026  
*UBCARED4 – 6:30-7:30 PM*
- Monday, April 27, 2026  
*UBCARED4 – 6:30-7:30 PM*
- Wednesday, May 6, 2026 OR Thursday, May 7, 2026  
*Summer Orientation –*  
Location TBD  
6:00-7:30 PM (*all participating students and parents must attend ONE night*)

## 2025-2026 Yearly Upward Bound Checklist

It is important to always make note of upcoming due dates and deadlines. This especially applies to your Upward Bound Student Checklist. Each grade has their own list of tasks to complete by the end of the academic year in May, with the exception of newly admitted students. If you were just admitted to Upward Bound this year, don't worry, you do not have a Checklist yet. ☺ All checklists for seasoned Ubers are on Canvas.

<https://nwmissouri.instructure.com/login/canvas>

If you have not logged in for a while and you must reset your password, use this link <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/compserv/Passwords/index.htm>. Click the link that has a large key on it and says "Self Service Password Reset", then follow the directions given. Finally, if you need additional help, call the Northwest Helpdesk at **660-562-1634**.

Once you have logged in to Canvas, you will see the main screen, or Dashboard, for your Checklist (class). This main page will show you all assignments for your Checklist, as well as dates that each is due. If you would like to see your progress, click on "Grades" on the left-hand side of the screen. This will show you what has been and what still needs turned in. Keep in mind that there are no Grades in Upward Bound. It's just a way to show that we have seen your checklist item completed.

If you have any questions about completing your Checklists, please contact the UB Director or Coordinator of Counseling.

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Upward Bound is committed to providing the necessary resources for your success, so with those resources, your dedication, and your desire to succeed, you will go far in achieving your goals. As our new Upward Bound students prepare for the journey ahead, we have to remember that Upward Bound families also devote energy and make sacrifices for their child's success. We very much understand and respect all that is done so students get the best opportunities. There may be trying times for our students, when they may potentially feel overwhelmed or may be dealing with difficulties. If these experiences are seen as growth opportunities and our families can offer support, this can go a long way to helping participants improve themselves on an academic as well as a personal level. Open communication and support are key to ensuring student success both at home and through Upward Bound.

All of our newest Upward Bound members are listed below. Let's welcome and celebrate them as they embark on the journey toward college! Opportunities await! Welcome to Upward Bound!

JR Andrews	West Nodaway	Gabriel Lawrence	King City
Summer Chitwood	King City	Avery Miller	Tarkio
Gabrielle Christian	Nodaway-Holt	Tristin Needels	Nodaway-Holt
Masen Davis	King City	Jaylee Partridge	West Nodaway
Ryllee Eulinger	Union Star	Jaime Phipps	King City
Mayci Hanig	West Nodaway	Raylin Skinner	King City
Nadine Henning	Tarkio	Madison Wilroy	Rock Port
Emilie Hornback	King City	Alexander Winn	King City
Blake Klaas	Maryville	Lacey Zabel	King City
Hayden Lane	Nodaway-Holt		



# **PARDON OUR PROGRESS**

Updates are happening on the Northwest Missouri State University campus, including some updates on the Administration Building. For Upward Bound, this means a temporary relocation of our Saturday Academy location. For our February Saturday Academy/TRIO Day and March Saturday Academy, we will be in the Garrett-Strong Science building, just across the parking lot from the Administration Building.

The parking lot usually used for Saturday Academies should still be available, with parking in the upper lot only. Please watch your emails for any updates in the coming months and make sure to read all information sent out from Upward Bound, as we could have updates to share with you regarding locations, etc. If there are any questions, please reach out.

# Things to know for summer!

In order to help our summer to run more smoothly, there are a couple of things that we would like to remind students about. Please read carefully.

1. Available spots for students for the Upward Bound Summer 2026 are limited. Students must have participated regularly (or have Excused absences) in Field Tutoring, Saturday Academies, and completed their UB Checklists to be selected to attend the 2026 UB Summer.
2. All summer forms are available on the Upward Bound website. Forms can be found via this link: <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/trio/upwardbound/forms.htm>

Please note: all forms are due by **March 21, 2026**. If forms are not turned in by March 21, Upward Bound must assume that the student will not be participating in the summer component unless prior communication has occurred. If you are unable to print these documents at home, ask your School Counselor to print them for you, OR you can contact UB staff to have a packet of forms mailed to you.

3. Absences during the summer session must be reported before summer begins. This is done in your summer forms packet. Any additional absences must be reported at least 1 week prior to the time you will be absent during the summer. Deduction of stipend and a Student Incident Report will occur if this process is not followed.

It is very difficult to plan for summer activities and expenditures if students are constantly coming and going without us having prior knowledge of those absences. We understand that things come up that you may not currently be aware of. Communication is a definite must in these cases. Students will need to speak with Sheila or Rachel IN PERSON (not via text) if an unexpected absence will occur.

4. Upward Bound promotes healthy habits by encouraging the restriction of consumption of caffeine during our Summer Session. Students may bring a personal water bottle if they choose. Drinking a lot of soft drinks (soda, pop, energy drinks, etc.) and coffee is discouraged during academic hours or during on-campus meals. Many students have stated that when drinking more water and less caffeine during the summer, they felt better and didn't even miss caffeine after maybe a week. We are excited to continue healthy habits this summer!



# IMPORTANT DATES

## Summer Orientation May 6 or May 7, 2026

6:00-7:30 PM

Students and parent(s)/guardian(s) must attend ONE orientation night. You may choose either date. See email for specifics.

You will need to ensure that all forms for the summer component are turned in to the Upward Bound Office by **March 21, 2026**. Forms can be found on our website. <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/trio/upwardbound/Forms.htm>

Please bring information on any additional summer absences that have not already been reported.

## BRIDGE ORIENTATION

Bridge students will move into the UB Residence Hall on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> for Bridge Orientation week. Watch your email for more details; coming soon.

## ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Apr. 11, 2026	Mar. 6, 2026	Mar. 24, 2026
Jun. 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026

**Always use the Upward Bound code: 9713**

\*\*Contact Rachel to obtain an ACT Fee Waiver.

For more information go to <http://www.actstudent.org>

## Important Upward Bound Updates

### ACT FEE WAIVERS

UB offers ACT Fee Waivers. If you are planning to take the ACT, let Rachel know and you may use an ACT Fee Waiver.



2026 UB Summer Session  
June 1-July 10

2026 Summer Educational Experience Trip  
July 14-17

### UB Contact Information

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# Summer

2026



## Summer Calendar 2026

\*Locations may change

### Week 1 – Bridge Week

Monday, June 1	Bridge Students Move-in to Residence Hall and Bridge Orientation
Tuesday, June 2	Bridge Orientation
Wednesday, June 3	Bridge Orientation and Activity Night - TBD
Thursday, June 4	Bridge Orientation
Friday, June 5	Bridge Orientation Check out of the residence halls

### Week 2 – All Students

Sunday, June 7	Move-in to the Northwest residence halls (non-Bridge students) 2:30-3:30pm for SAC 3:30-4:15pm for New Students 4:15-5:00pm for Returning Students 4:15-5:00pm – Bridge weekly Check-in
Monday, June 8	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, June 9	Tutoring in Hall and Family Visitor Night
Wednesday, June 10	Service Learning Activities
Thursday, June 11	Large Group Activity Night- <b>Lied Center</b>
Friday, June 12	Presentations and workshops Job Shadowing/Work Study Check out of the residence halls (11am-12:30pm)

### Week 3

Sunday, June 14	Return to the residence halls for <u>early check-in (5-7pm)</u> Academic Activity
Monday, June 15	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, June 16	Tutoring in Hall and Family Visitor Night
Wednesday, June 17	Service Learning Activities
Thursday, June 18	Large Group Activity – <b>MOERA</b> <u>Early weekly Check Out (5 pm)</u>
Friday, June 19	<b>No UB – Holiday</b>

**Week 4**

Sunday, June 21	Return to the residence halls for check-in (7-9pm)
Monday, June 22	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, June 23	Tutoring in Hall and Visitor Night
Wednesday, June 24	Service Learning Activities
Thursday, June 25	Large Group Activity – <b>Etiquette Dinner and Dance</b>
Friday, June 26	Presentations and workshops Job Shadowing/Work Study Check out of the residence halls (11am-12:30pm)

**Week 5 – Bridge Week – no non-Bridge students this week**

Sunday, June 28	Bridge Students only - return to the residence hall for <u>early check-in (5-7pm)</u> Academic Activity
Monday, June 29	Bridge Classes
Tuesday, June 30	Bridge Classes
Wednesday, July 1	Bridge Classes
Thursday, July 2	Bridge Classes <u>Early weekly Check Out for Bridge Students</u>
Friday, July 3	<b>No UB – Holiday</b>

**Week 6 – All Students**

Sunday, July 5	Non-Bridge students - Return to the residence halls for check-in (7-9pm) Academic Activity
Monday, July 6	Family Group Evening Activities
Tuesday, July 7	Tutoring in Hall and Visitor Night
Wednesday, July 8	Service Learning Activities Bridge Weekly Check In (7:00-9:00pm)
Thursday, July 9	Large Group Activity Night – <b>Steamboat Arabia Museum and New Theater</b>
Friday, July 10	Move-out day & Academic Awards Ceremony - <b>TIMELINE TBD</b>

**Week 7**

Tuesday, July 14	Leave on Educational Experience Trip
Friday, July 17	Return from Educational Experience Trip